

TILAK MAHARASHTRA VIDYAPEETH

INSTITUTE OF NURSING EDUCATION AND RESEARCH, PUNE.

NAME OF THE EVENT- World Epilepsy Day

ORGANIZER- Tilak Maharashtra Vidyapeeth, Nursing Department

PARTICIPANTS- ThirdYear Basic B.Sc. Nursing Students.

ORGANIZERS- Dr. Perpetua Fernandes

VENUE- TMV', Institute of Nursing Education and Research, Pune

THEME- '*Stigma*' to put light on the challenges faced by people living with epilepsy.

Every year the second Monday of February is observed as International Epilepsy Day, and this year it is celebrated on 13 February. The day spreads awareness and educates people about the true facts of epilepsy and the urgent need for improved treatment, better care, and greater investment in research. According to World Health Organisation Around 50 million people worldwide have epilepsy, making it one of the most common neurological diseases globally. Nearly 80% of people with epilepsy live in low- and middle-income countries.

The Medical Surgical Nursing Department celebrated the World Epilepsy day on 20th February 2023. The seminar was organised by the Head of Department. Prof Dr. Perpetua Fernandes. The third year Basic B.Sc students participated in the Seminar. Dr. Perpetua Fernandes covered following points :-

- The theme
- Epilepsy and its causes
- Pathophysiology and treatment of epilepsy
- First aid in Seizure
- Myths and what NOT to do.
- When to call for an ambulance
- How to help

The information regarding the Epilepsy centres in India was also shared. After the session a slogan writing competition was conducted. The students prepared slogans in English and Marathi. They also prepared an information booklet.

After the session students gave positive feedback regarding the session and the programme was concluded.

