

**THE TAMILNADU DR.M.G.R. MEDICAL UNIVERSITY**

**DEPARTMENT OF EPIDEMIOLOGY**

**WORLD TB DAY – 2018 (24.03.2018) @ PAZHAYERKADU**

Every year 24th March is commemorated as World Tuberculosis Day.

The Theme for World TB Day - 2018 is '**WANTED - LEADERS FOR A TB-FREE WORLD. YOU CAN MAKE HISTORY. END TB**'

Department of Epidemiology, The Tamilnadu Dr.M.G.R. Medical University responded to the Theme by conducting a series of awareness campaign programs for the village community at Pazhaverkadu, Tiruvallur district.

The Program started at 10.00 AM with a Rally around the streets of Pazhaverkadu with TB Awareness slogans and distribution of pamphlets on TB Awareness.

Then awareness meeting was conducted for the masses of Pazhaverkadu. **Mr.Rajendra Babu**, BDO and **Mr.Gyankumar**, Panchayat President were the notable local participants in the program. Special addresses were delivered by **Dr.G.Srinivas, MD**, Professor and Head of Epidemiology on the '**Purpose of World TB Day**' and **Ms.Sujatha**, REACH on '**Role of Community in TB**'.

A skit on **TB Stigma** was orchestrated by the students of Omaiya Achi College of Nursing. Then TB Awareness pamphlets were distributed door-to-door.

The day ended with a vote of thanks by **Dr.Kalpana**, Research Officer, Dept of Epidemiology.

The staff members and post-graduate students of Department of Epidemiology, Faculty and Students from Omaiya Achi College of Nursing and volunteers from REACH Organization participated actively in this event with good support from the people of Pazhaverkadu.