

International Dwarfism Awareness Day

REPORT



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**“Genetics Made them Small
but they Stand Tall and Proud”**

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The International Dwarfism Awareness Day was commemorated on 25th October 2024 at National Institute for the Locomotor Disabilities, Kolkata organized by Department of Prosthetics and Orthotics with great enthusiasm and participation. The event was organized to raise awareness, celebrate the achievements of individuals with dwarfism, and challenge prevalent misconceptions.



The event began with a poster competition followed by a seminar focusing on the role of dwarfism in media and culture. A total of 149 participants attended the event, including students, faculty members, officials, staff, persons with disabilities, and other esteemed guests.

The program was inaugurated by Dr. Lalit Narayan, Director of the National Institute for Locomotor Disabilities (NILD), Kolkata. His guidance and support were instrumental in making this event possible. The primary objective of the event was to raise awareness about dwarfism, celebrate the achievements of individuals with dwarfism, and challenge the misconceptions surrounding the condition. The program aimed to foster a more inclusive and understanding society.

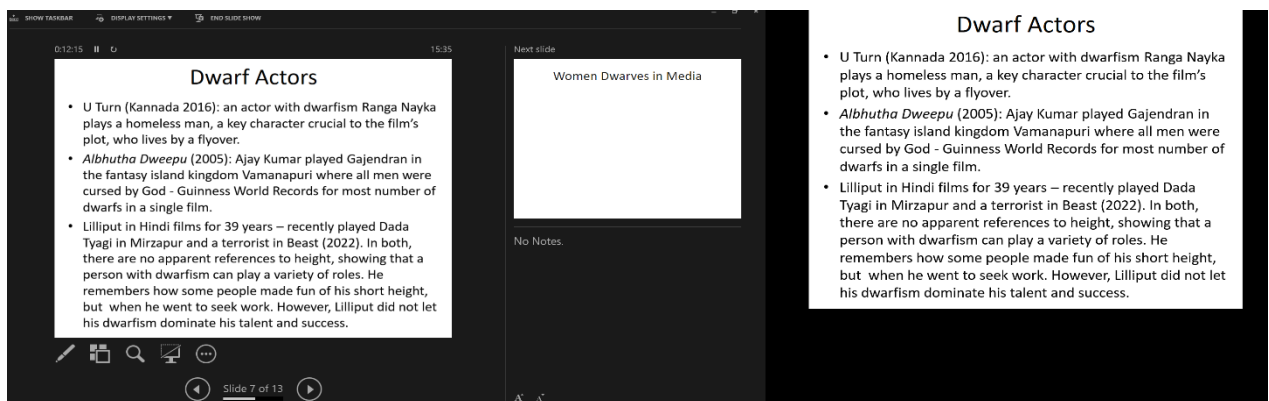
The Prize distribution ceremony, honoring the efforts and creativity of the participants in poster competition was done in the inaugural session. Dr. Lalit Narayan, Director, NILD, distributed prizes to the Participants. Total 42 Participants Participated in the Poster Competition. Following are the Prize winners:

1. Ms. Ankita Adak- 4th Year- First Prize
2. Ms. Shreya- 1st year student – Second Prize
3. Mr. Md. Miraj Ali- 1st year student- Third Prize

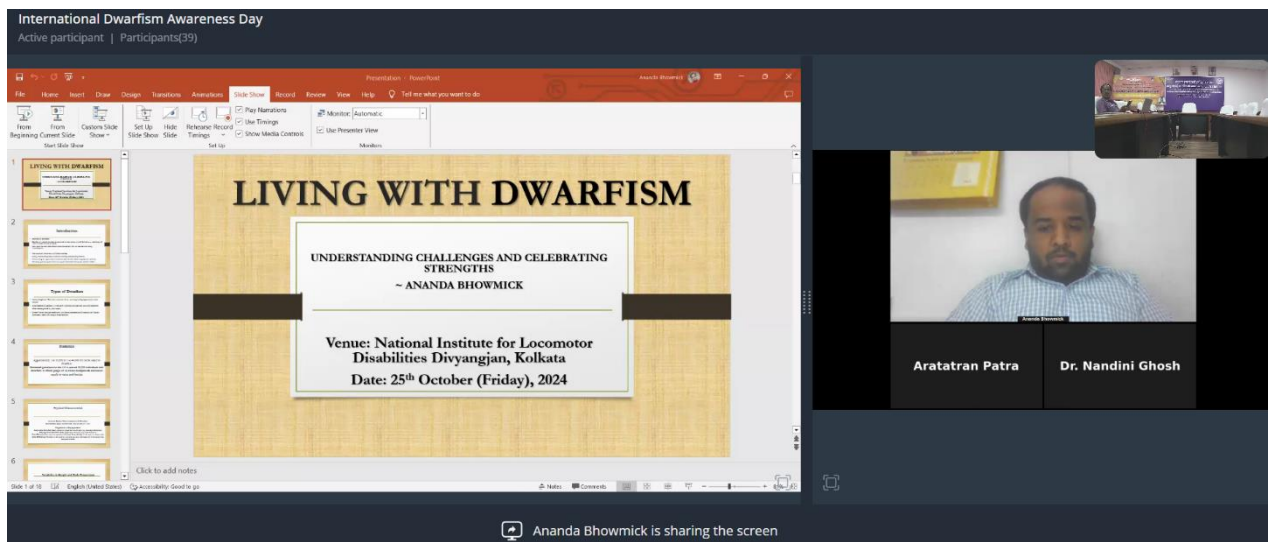


Mr. Aratratran Patra, Program Coordinator welcomed the Resource persons and others participated in the Program.


The seminar featured an insightful presentation by Dr. Nandini Ghosh, Assistant Professor at the Institute of Development Studies, Kolkata. Dr. Ghosh highlighted the representation and portrayal of dwarfism in media and its impact on cultural perceptions.



Mr. Ananda Bhowmick, a social worker with Love Justice International, shared his personal experiences and challenges of living with dwarfism. His story was both inspiring and enlightening.



The event concluded with a valedictory session. The International Dwarfism Awareness Day was a resounding success, thanks to the active participation and support from all attendees. Special thanks to our faculty members Mr. Dhruti Sundar Das, Ms. Poly Ghosh, Ms. Sai Prabha Mishra, Mr. Prakash Sahoo and Mr. Tanmay Pany for their overwhelming support. Thanks to Mr. Swarnadip Manna, IT expert for IT coordination. Events like these are crucial in promoting awareness and understanding, and we look forward to organizing more such events in the future.



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