

Report on the Observance of World Sickle Cell Day 2025

CRCSRE-Guwahati organized a **two-day observance of World Sickle Cell Day** on **19th & 20th June 2025** at its premises under the insightful leadership and supervision of **Dr. P. K. Lenka**, Director, CRCSRE-Guwahati. The program aimed to raise awareness about **Sickle Cell Disease (SCD)**, promote early detection, and discuss rehabilitation and self-advocacy strategies.

Day 1: 19th June 2025

The observance began with an interactive discussion session led by Dr. Mantu Paul (PT), Lecturer (Physiotherapy), focusing on the clinical symptoms of Sickle Cell Disease. The session engaged students of CRC-Guwahati and laid the foundation for deeper understanding and dialogue on SCD.

Day 2: 20th June 2025

An **Awareness Seminar** was organized based on the global theme: **“Global Action, Local Impact: Empowering Communities for Effective Self-Advocacy.”**

- The session began with a **Welcome Address** delivered by **Shri Ravi Kumar**, Assistant Professor (Speech and Hearing).
- **Dr. Mantu Paul**, Program Coordinator, introduced the **guest speaker, Dr. Jina Bhattacharyya**, Professor and Head, Department of Haematology, Gauhati Medical College & Hospital (GMCH), Guwahati.
- A **token of felicitation and gratitude** was presented to Dr. Bhattacharyya in recognition of her valuable presence.
- Dr. Bhattacharyya conducted the **technical session**, focusing on:
 - Early detection and clinical management of Sickle Cell Disease
 - Strategies for long-term care and rehabilitation
 - Empowerment and advocacy approaches for affected individuals and families
- A **lively interactive session** followed, allowing participants to seek clarifications and engage in meaningful discussions on SCD-related concerns.

The event witnessed active participation with **73 attendees**, including patients, caregivers, students, faculty members, and staff. Dignitaries in attendance included:

- **Shri Ranjan Das**, Former Officer In Charge cum Nodal Officer, CRCSRE-Guwahati
- **Dr. Damodar Das**, Assistant Professor, Department of Haematology, GMCH
- **Dr. Dhanjit Haloi**, Registrar, Department of Haematology, GMCH

The seminar concluded with a Vote of Thanks delivered by Dr. Mantu Paul (PT).

Conclusion

The two-day observance was highly informative and impactful, promoting community involvement and enhancing awareness on the early diagnosis, management, and rehabilitation of individuals affected by Sickle Cell Disease. CRCSRE-Guwahati remains committed to addressing the needs of persons with disabilities through inclusive awareness initiatives and capacity-building programs.

