

## CHAI

### World TB Day Celebration on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2010 at Corporation Hall, Bangalore

Catholic Health Association of India (CHAI) celebrated World TB Day through its member institutions in all the 7 districts of Karnataka viz., Bangalore City, Bangalore Urban, Bangalore Rural, Kolar, Mandya, Mysore and Hassan with financial assistance from USAID / UNION.

Every year World Tuberculosis Day is observed to make people aware about the epidemic - Tuberculosis as it is considered still in some parts of the world. Tuberculosis causes nearly 1.6 million deaths every year around the planet. World Tuberculosis Day has been celebrated on March 24 each year. In 1882 Dr Robert Koch thunderstruck the scientific community by announcing that he had discovered the cause of tuberculosis, the TB bacillus on March 24. World TB Day is about commemorating the lives and stories of people that are affected by TB and has taken a treatment for it; nurses; doctors; researchers; community workers who has put in global fight against TB.

Bangalore City, Bangalore Urban and Bangalore Rural have been celebrated as one flat form in collaboration with State TB Office in Bangalore. The programme began at 11.30 pm at Corporation Hall, Bangalore. The programme was inaugurated by BMP Commissioner Dr. Bharat Lal Meena. The guest of honor was Dr.Kumaraswamy Lal who is the Joint Director of TB, Dr.Jayarajan from Delhi, Dr.Prahalad Kumar from IDI and Dr.Remana Reddy Health Minister of Karnataka was also present.



In other districts of the project (Mysore, Mandya, Hassan, Kolar) the World TB Day is celebrated in collaboration with District TB offices and organized rallies, street plays etc. In the programme DOTS workers services were appreciated and acknowledged by the dignitaries.

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