

NWTWS (Nilgiris Wynaad Tribal Welfare Society)

World TB Day 2010 celebrated at Nilgiris Wynaad Tribal Welfare Society, Ambalamoola, in this programme, Dr. P.J. Vasanthan, Deputy Director of Medical Services (TB) Nilgiris, Dr. Krishnaraj, Block Medical Officer, Gudalur, Dr. Lokesh, Medical Officer, NWTWS

Ambalamoola, Mr. A.K. Soman, Programme Coordinator, NWTWS Ambalamoola. Among the participants were about 100 cured and under treatment tribal patients and community DOT providers. Addressing the gathering, the

Deputy Director of Medical Services (TB), Dr. P.J. Vasanthan told, especially tribals residing in the remote areas of the district not to ignore symptoms of TB. He explained symptoms of TB such as cough with expectoration for more than 2 weeks, evening temperature, lose of weight, loss of appetite and blood in sputum. He told that people should seek medical attention immediately if they suffer these symptoms.

TB can be



diagnosed by doing sputum microscopic examination at the designated Microscopic Centers and treatment will be provided free of cost to the patients nearest to their home by a community volunteer under direct observation. TB is a curable disease by taking medicine regularly for 6 to 9 months under direct observation.

