

## **Epilepsy Awareness Expo dispels myths, holds talks and contests**

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***RAISING AWARENESS: Commissioner of Police G. Nanchil Kumaran looking at posters providing information about epilepsy at the Epilepsy Awareness Expo in the city on Saturday. Founder of EPICENTTRE Prithika Chary is in the picture.***

CHENNAI: National Epilepsy Day on November 17 was marked by competitions for children and the coming together of concerned women in the city on Saturday.

The Epilepsy Institute and Centre for Treatment, Training, Research and Education (EPICENTTRE), founded by neurophysician and neurosurgeon Prithika Chary, had organised an Epilepsy Awareness Expo, in association with the FICCI Ladies Organisation and the Duchess Club.

One of 150 people in the world has epilepsy, said Dr. Chary.

Onset is commonly at an early age and more than 60 per cent of cases were of unknown origin, she said. South

African cricketer Jonty Rhodes is a famous sportsperson who lives with epilepsy, she pointed out.

Commissioner of Police G. Nanchil Kumaran felicitated Dr. Chary for her selfless service, and recalled moments that showed him that several needy people simply required a friend and appropriate counselling.