

**World Breast feeding week Valedictory ceremony – Velammal Medical
College Hospital, Madurai**
**Gold rings, Cash awardes, Compliments for all Students and Sarees for all
the womens who are participate the function**

First week of August is being celebrated as Breastfeeding since 1992 all over the world to emphasize to importance of breastfeeding. Breast feeding has all the essential nurtrients for a growing child in the first six monthe of life. Many studies have shown the breast fed infant have lesser incidence of allergic symptomns, gastroenteritis, underweight compared to bottle fed babies. Hence it is essential to educate the mother and public about the benefits of breast feeding and thereby improve the health of baby. This year, the department of Paediatrics in Velammal Medical College Hospital conducted various competitions for staff nurses, Medical students, out patients and school childrenst to create the awareness about significance of breast feeding.

The valedictory function of the breastfeeding week was presided by the honourable Chairman of the Velammal Educational trust, Sri.M.V.Muthuramalingam. Dr.Jeyabalaji , Professor , Department of Paediatrics welcomed the gathering. Dr..S.Balashankar, Professor of Paediatrics, Government Rajaji Medical College was the chief guest and he gave a wonderful guest lecture on the importance of breastfeeding. Dean of Velammal MedicalCollege,Dr.R. M.Raja Muthaiah, Head of Department of Paediatrics, Dr.Mathevan, Professor Sundarapandian, Head of the Department of OG Dr. Raja Rajeswari, Vice Principal of the College, Dr.Mohanthy also honoured the occasion.

Healthy baby contest for the children under 2years who were born in Velammal Medical College Hospital and first three winners awarded with golden rings. Drawing competition for school children (5-12years) also be conducted on the same day and first 3 winners awarded with golden rings. The winners of the quiz programme conducted for the public were given cash award. Dr.Nataraja Rathnam, Professor, Department of Paediatrics delivered the vote of thanks. The programme was well attended by faculties of various Departments, medical students and general public.

Photo foot note: The Chairman, Velammal Educational Trust Mr.M.V.MuthurRamalingam presented Gold rings for the winners of Healthy baby contest. Dr..S.Balashankar, Professor of Paediatrics, Government Rajaji Medical College, Dean of Velammal MedicalCollege,Dr.R. M.Raja Muthaiah.