

Despite epilepsy, lead a full life; patients show you how

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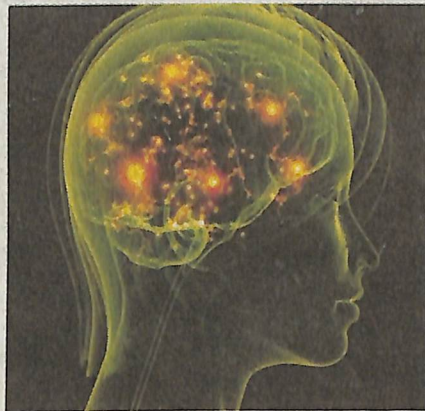
Epilepsy awareness programme

When

Sunday, November 17 at 5.30pm

Where

Yashwantrao Chavan Prathishthan, near Mantralaya, Nariman Point



For details, see www.epilepsyfoundationindia.com

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Forcing a person experiencing seizures to sniff footwear is not the right treatment, contrary to what many think. The patient, very likely an epileptic, might need proper medical help.

Such nitty-gritty of epilepsy, among other socio-medical information, is what 20 teams of epileptic patients from across the country will give out through song and dance and skits this Sunday. Their aim is to create awareness about epilepsy. Epilepsy, a

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chronic neurological disorder, is characterised by seizures.

The awareness campaign titled 'We Got Talent' aims to educate people about the disorder on the occasion of National Epilepsy Day on November 17.

It is for the first time that the Epilepsy Foundation, an NGO, will join hands with the National Rural Health Mission to raise awareness.

This programme will help raise funds to conduct free tests called Electroencephalography or EEG, which records the brain's electrical activity.

Founder-trustee and chairman of Epilepsy Foundation Dr Nirmal Surya, a neurophysician at Bombay Hospital, says that there is a lot of misconception about epilepsy.

"Many do not know it is

treatable and can be controlled. There is need to educate people about it. At times, general practitioners, or family doctors as they're called, are unable to diagnose it," says Surya, cautioning that if it's not treated in time, it could prove life-threatening.

Besides state officials and elected representatives, film personalities are expected to be attend the function. "Through this show, we also want to encourage patients. With proper treatment, many are controlling it," says Surya.

