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## Believe you can overcome physical disability by mental strength and positive mindset'

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COMBATORE: Thirty-six children affected by Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (DMD) and Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA) and their parents took part in the World Duchenne Awareness Day observance here on Sunday.

The children were thrilled by fun-filled events such as toy car race organised by Molecular Diagnostics, Counselling, Care and Research Centre (MDCCRC) Coimba-

Magic show and balloon show were also organised to entertain the children from in and around Coimbatore who participated in the one-day event.

Parents Lealayathi of Kuniyamuthur and Rachakrishnan of Vadavalli were overjoyed to see their children happy with many such children of their age group. Children were happy and forgot pain and disnoility that always dominate their minds.

Managing Trustee of Swar-23 Foundation J. Swarnalatha delivered a motivational speech for children.

She asked them to identify their skills and strengths and



Children participating in the World Duchenne Awareness Day observance in Coimbatore on Sunday.

work towards excellence.

She said that everyone should take care of them- pital K.C. Ramasami said that selves and be happy. Managing Director of Arya Vaidya Pharmacy P.R. Krishnakumarji was also present during set. The doctor said that it

the event.

Chairman of Karinji Hoschildren affected by DMD and SMA and their parents should have a positive mind-

was important that they are not weakened by negative thinking "Believe that you can overcome physical disability by mental strength and positive mindset," he said.