

## **Indian Epilepsy School 2013 report**

The residential Indian Epilepsy School was organized jointly by Indian Epilepsy Society (IES) and Indian Academy of Neurology (IAN) under the aegis of Commission of Asian Oceanian Affairs (CAOA) and Asian Epilepsy Academy (ASEPA), International League Against Epilepsy and was held at Hotel Atrium, Surajkund, Faridabad (NCR) in a peaceful location from 13<sup>th</sup> November to 16 November, 2013 (Wednesday thru Saturday). **The theme of the school was “Enhancing Clinical acumen in Epilepsy Management”.**

We had 5 foreign faculty i.e. Professor Lim Shih-Hui (Singapore), Derrick Chan (Singapore), M.S. Gopinath (Australia), John Stern (UCLA) and S.B. Hong (South Korea) and 54 national as well as local faculty during Epilepsy School. Total 116 delegates from different parts of India, participated in Epilepsy School (Figure 1).

A total of fourteen sessions were held spread over four days of residential school. The details of sessions were as follows: Differential diagnosis of epilepsy-fits, faints & funny spells, Approach to a person with new onset epilepsy, Epilepsy Video Presentation Quiz by faculty, Benign epilepsy syndromes, Treatment decisions, When to stop AEDs? Non-epileptic paroxysmal, Morbidity & mortality in epilepsy, Epilepsy surgery, Video and case presentations by the faculty and delegates.

ASEPA Part II examination was also conducted during Epilepsy School on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2013. The Examiners were Professor Lim Shih Hui, Derrick Chan and Man Mohan Mehndiratta. Professor Manjari Tripathi was invited as an observer. One Candidate Dr. Umesh Kalane from Pune appeared in the ASEPA part II examination.

On the request of faculty members and delegates, morning nature walk of Tughlaqabad Fort, stretching across 6.5 km, built by Ghiyas-ud-din Tughlaq, the founder of Dynasty, was also arranged by the organizers without disturbing the session of Epilepsy School and this change was very much appreciated by all who could get up early for this nature safari (Figure 2).

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**Figure 1. Group Photograph of Participants of Epilepsy School**



**Figure 2: Photograph with the ruins of the fort on the background**