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Epilepsy care centre launched at AIMS

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KOCHI: The Centre for Epilepsy and Sleep Medicine was inaugurated at the Amrita Institute of Medical Sciences, Kochi, on Thursday by International League Against Epilepsy president Solomon Moshe.

The centre will offer comprehensive care for patients with epilepsy and sleep disorders, like sleep apneas and parasomnias. The epilepsy care services include facilities for prolonged video EEG, pre-surgical evaluation and surgical management, apart from regular medical management of patients suffering from epilepsy.

"Management of complex childhood epilepsy cases will be one of the thrust areas in this centre," said Moshe.

Very few centres in India do have the expertise to manage such children.

The centre will be supported by fully equipped neuroimaging services, with all the latest structural and functional imaging modalities like high resolution MRI, SPECT and PET.

The sleep centre will offer polysomnography, multiple sleep latency tests for excessive daytime sleepiness and CPAP for sleep apneas.

The centre plans to provide comprehensive sleep care with support from the departments of pulmonology, ENT, facio-maxillary surgery, endocrinology, gastrointestinal surgery and general medicine, all under one roof.

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