

AIDS awareness campaign and special lecture organized in Sundarrao More College

Poladpur Dated 1st December 2022 On the occasion of World AIDS Day and Week celebrated on December 1st Shivai Shikshan Prasarak Mandal, Mahad Sanchalit Sundarrao More College of Arts, Commerce and Science by National Service Scheme Department in collaboration with Rural Hospital Poladpur Integrated Counseling and Testing Center (ICTC Centre) A special lecture and awareness round was organized under the guidance of Mrs. Bhagyarekha Patil, Medical Superintendent of Rural Hospital under the Red Ribbon Club. At the beginning of the program, Program Officer of National Service Schemes Department, Prof. Dr. Ram Barkule and Prof. Dr. Jayashree Jadhav-Patil welcomed the dignitaries present, Mrs. Sita Jadhav, Laboratory Technician of Rural Hospital and ICTC Department, Mr. Kunal Khutval, Mr. Roshan Pahalkar of Saksham Migrant TI, a social organization.

On this occasion, Mr. Kunal Khutval of Saksham Social Organization expressed the opinion that it is necessary for the young generation to get proper scientific information about AIDS, a disease that is a challenge to mankind, and take the initiative to create public awareness among all sections of the society based on it. At the end of his talk, Mr. Khutval expressed the need for the youth to take initiative to remove the misconception that HIV i.e. AIDS is widespread in the society.

Mrs. Sita Jadhav, Laboratory Technician on behalf of the Rural Hospital Poladpur ICTC Center, gave a detailed guidance to the students present on this occasion about HIV infection, various tests, symptoms of HIV infected patients, treatment available for the patients. On behalf of the Maharashtra State AIDS Control Institute, ART treatment and counseling are provided free of cost to HIV-infected patients through ICTC centers of various government hospitals in the context of HIV and AIDS. Ms. Sita Jadhav said that it is very important for every person to self-test for HIV if they get proper treatment and if HIV-infected pregnant women get treatment at the right time, the unborn child can be saved from HIV infection. He also informed everyone how to get more information about HIV/AIDS treatment through the toll free number 1097. The participants were guided through issues such as equal treatment of HIV positive patients, celibacy before marriage and one wife vow after marriage and use of condoms to prevent STDs.

In the event, Assistant Program Officer of NSS Prof. Dr. Ram Barkule expressed the need for the young generation to insist that the intended bride and groom get their health check-up and especially the HIV test done instead of looking at pamphlets while deciding on marriage.

While expressing his presidential message in this program, the Principal of the college, Dr. Deepak Raverkar, said that such programs are useful in order to remove the misunderstandings in the society about AIDS and HIV infection and to inform the young generation about the modern treatments available in this regard. Specially appreciated. At the end of his speech, Dr. Raverkar said that it is necessary to treat HIV patients with equality and cooperation rather than looking at AIDS as a stigma.

Prof. Dr. Vasant Dongre and Prof. Dr. Shailesh Jadhav of NSS anchored the program and gave a vote of thanks.

