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**A Seminar on
“HIV/ AIDS and Blood Donation Awareness”
on Friday’ 21st Feb. ‘ 2014**

A seminar on “HIV/ AIDS and Blood Donation Awareness” was organized by IIPS-NSS Unit under Red Ribbon Club on 21st Feb.’ 2014 at IIPS-DAVV. The seminar was inaugurated by District CMHO Dr. Ashok Dagariya, District Nodal Officer for AIDS Dr. Vijay Chhajlani, District ICTC Supervisor Mr. Alok Ranjan Mourya and Director, IIPS-DAVV Dr. Anand Sapre. The seminar included expert lectures on AIDS awareness, prevention, early symptoms, treatment options, quality of life and life-expectancy.

Main speaker Dr. Ashok Dagariya said ‘more than 10,000 people are registered with anti-retro viral therapy (ART) centres in the city. Indore has topped the list of number of HIV patients in MP’. Dr. Vijay Chhajlani said ‘mainly because of blood transfusion, a person comes in contact with HIV’. He added that HIV attacks CD4 cells of the human body and weakens the immunity of the person. The person is unable to fight with the diseases and becomes seriously ill. Mr. Mourya said ‘lack of awareness among youth is a cause of spread of AIDS’. Dr. Sapre said prevention is the only cure of AIDS.

NSS Program Officer, Dr. Kapil Jain reported that the main objective of the seminar was to raise awareness amongst young people about HIV/AIDS epidemic as well as promote tolerance, and acceptance for people living with HIV/AIDS. A video film on the subject under the seminar was demonstrated. The participants revealed deep interest and desire to learn and attend such kind of seminars in future to be aware of HIV/AIDS issues to minimize the risks and tackle the problems. The seminar also facilitated increase of student’s awareness on the importance and need of Blood Donation. Students from all the programmes participated in the seminar and asked questions on HIV/ AIDS.

The seminar concluded with the Vote of thanks proposed by Dr. Anand Sapre.

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