



WEBINAR: HIV/AIDS AWARENESS

Date: - 19th January 2024

Time: - 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM

Place: - Webinar on Google Meet

Platform: - Online

January 19th, 2024, Mumbai.

The National Service Scheme (NSS) Council of Fr. CRCE organized a comprehensive HIV/AIDS awareness webinar on 19th January. The primary objective was to dispel misconceptions surrounding HIV/AIDS and foster a better understanding of the virus among the student community. The event aimed at promoting awareness, eradicating stigma, and emphasizing the importance of preventive measures. The NSS unit event coordinator, Ronak Raut delivered opening remarks, also overviewed the agenda, and set the tone for the webinar.

The session commenced with an introduction to the prevalence and impact of HIV/AIDS globally by our keynote speaker Dr. Priyansha Yadav, setting the stage for a detailed exploration of common myths and misconceptions. Firstly, she briefed us about modes of transmission, emphasizing that HIV cannot be transmitted through casual contact. Highlighting the role of education and awareness. The session was highly interactive throughout, with all volunteers showing enthusiasm and interest in the topic.

Dr. Priyansha also explained why the vaccine for HIV is not yet made. Moreover, she also cleared dispelling fears related to the side effects of antiretroviral therapy (ART) and highlighted the potential for leading a healthy life with proper treatment. She shared personal stories from individuals living with HIV/AIDS to humanize the impact and challenge stereotypes. The webinar effectively dispelled myths surrounding HIV/AIDS, contributing to a more informed and compassionate community. The event inspired participants to actively engage in local HIV/AIDS awareness campaigns.

Post-webinar feedback reflected a positive response, with participants expressing increased awareness and a changed perspective on HIV/AIDS. Many acknowledged the importance of breaking down societal barriers and pledged to contribute to destigmatizing HIV/AIDS in their communities.

Dr. Priyansha addressed queries, ensuring participants left with accurate information. This HIV/AIDS awareness webinar organized by the NSS Council was successful in achieving its goal of dispelling myths and fostering a more informed and compassionate community. Moving forward, the NSS Council remains committed to organizing similar initiatives to address pressing health issues and contribute to the overall well-being of the college community.

A Report by Mansi Chache, Secretary

An Insight into the Program:

