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Report on
AIDS Day Observation and Awareness Programme
Organized by
National Service Scheme, Maynaguri College

Date: December 1, 2018

Introduction:

On December 1, 2018, Maynaguri College witnessed a significant event organized jointly by the National Cadet Corps (NCC), National Service Scheme (NSS), and Red Ribbon Club (RRC) to observe AIDS Day and raise awareness about HIV/AIDS. The event aimed to educate the college students community about the importance of HIV prevention, treatment, and destigmatization.

Number of Students: 121 ([Click to View](#))

Objective:

The primary objective of the event was to:

1. Raise awareness about HIV/AIDS prevention, transmission, and treatment.
2. Address stigma and discrimination associated with HIV/AIDS.
3. Promote HIV testing and counseling services.
4. Mobilize support for people living with HIV/AIDS.
5. Engage the College community in discussions and activities related to HIV/AIDS.

Activities:

1. **Awareness Campaign:** The programme commenced with an awareness campaign conducted by NSS volunteers. They distributed informational pamphlets, posters, and brochures containing facts about HIV/AIDS, prevention methods, and available support services.
2. **Guest Lecture:** A renowned healthcare professional specializing in HIV/AIDS was invited to deliver a lecture on the current status of HIV/AIDS, transmission routes,

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prevention strategies, and advancements in treatment. The lecture provided valuable insights and dispelled myths and misconceptions surrounding the disease.

3. **Interactive Sessions:** Following the lecture, interactive sessions were conducted where students could ask questions and engage in discussions about HIV/AIDS. This encouraged open dialogue and facilitated a deeper understanding of the issues related to the disease.
4. **Testimonials:** Individuals living with HIV/AIDS were invited to share their personal experiences and challenges. Their testimonials aimed to foster empathy, reduce stigma, and highlight the importance of support and acceptance for those affected by the disease.
5. **Candlelight Vigil:** In the evening, a candlelight vigil was held to honor the memory of those who lost their lives to AIDS-related illnesses. Participants lit candles and observed a moment of silence, reflecting on the impact of HIV/AIDS and the ongoing efforts to combat the disease.

Outcomes:

1. **Increased Awareness:** The programme succeeded in increasing awareness about HIV/AIDS among college students and the community. Participants gained a better understanding of the disease, its transmission, and prevention methods.
2. **Reduction of Stigma:** By sharing personal stories and engaging in discussions, the event helped reduce stigma and discrimination associated with HIV/AIDS. Participants expressed empathy and solidarity with people living with the disease.
3. **Empowerment:** The programme empowered participants with knowledge and information, enabling them to make informed decisions about their sexual health and well-being. It also encouraged them to advocate for HIV/AIDS prevention and support initiatives.


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Conclusion:

The AIDS Day Observation and Awareness Programme organized by the National Service Scheme at Maynaguri College was a resounding success. It not only educated participants about HIV/AIDS but also fostered empathy, solidarity, and support for those affected by the disease. Moving forward, it is essential to sustain these efforts and continue raising awareness to combat HIV/AIDS effectively.

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