

RLD AIDS AWARENESS PROGRAMME"

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Organizer: Red Ribbon Chib RRO Govt. Degree College Vailoo Larnoo (J&K)

Collaborators: 1. J&K AIDS Control Society (JKACS)

2. Health & Medical Education (H&ME) Department

The Red Ribbon Club (RRC) of Government Degree College Vailoo Larnoo, in collaboration with the J&K AIDS Control Society and the Health & Medical Education Department (J&K), organized a week-long World AIDS Awareness Programme from 3rd to 6th December 2024. The programme aimed to spread awareness about AIDS, address the societal challenges associated with it, and promote ethical behaviour towards individuals affected by HIV/AIDS.

Inauguration Ceremony

The event started on 3rd December 2024 and Mr. Sayed Aaqib Qadri (Incharge RRC) outlined the week-long activities planned for the programme. The proposed list of activities was streamlined to three key events, viz., debate competition, poster making competition and awareness rally.

Prof. Faroog Ahmad Pandith (Principal GDC Vailoo Larnoo), in his inaugural address, emphasized the importance of such initiatives in educating youth and society about AIDS prevention and care. Mr. Shabir Ahmad Ganie, Department of Education, highlighted the role of ethics in combating the stigma surrounding AIDS and fostering a compassionate society.

Day 2: Competitions

On 5th December 2024, the programme witnessed enthusiastic participation in two competitions: debate competition and poster making competition. In the debate competition, the students passionately expressed their views on the causes, prevention, and societal implications of AIDS. The 1st, 2nd & 3rd position was bagged by Mr. Owais Manzoor Mehroo (3rd Sem), Ms. Shubeena Bano Lone (3rd Sem) and Mr. Muhammad Adil Sheikh (1st Sem) respectively.

In the poster making competition, the participants used art and creativity to portray their thoughts on AIDS awareness. The 1st, 2nd & 3rd position was bagged by Ms. Muskan Nisar (3rd Sem), Ms. Shubeena Bano Lone (3rd Sem) and Ms. Gazala Rashid (1st Sem) respectively. The competitions served as a platform for students to express their awareness and creativity, fostering an environment of learning and advocacy.





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Day 3: Awareness Rally

On 6th December 2024, the programme culminated with a mass awareness rally. The students, faculty, and staff marched through the market area around the college, raising slogans to spread awareness about AIDS prevention and treatment. The rally concluded at the Public Health Centre Larnoo, where the participants interacted with the local community to reinforce the message of the campaign.

Closing Ceremony

The event concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Dr. Gousia Yasin, Department of Sociology. She expressed gratitude to all stakeholders, including participants, organizers, and collaborators, for their efforts in making the event a success. Dr. Gousia also highlighted the societal issues associated with AIDS and emphasized the need for behavioural change towards individuals living with HIV/AIDS.

Conclusion

The week-long programme was a resounding success, creating awareness and sensitizing the college and local community about the importance of AIDS prevention, ethical behaviour, and the need to combat the stigma. Such initiatives reaffirm the college's commitment to societal well-being and youth empowerment.











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