



THE ICFAI UNIVERSITY, JAIPUR

NATIONAL SERVICE SCHEME

WORLD AIDS DAY



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AIDS DAY+**



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**Embrace Love, End Stigma, and Unite for a  
World Without AIDS**

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### **Introduction**

The NSS Unit of ICFAI University, Jaipur, organised an awareness campaign on the occasion of World AIDS Day, observed annually on December 1st, to educate students about HIV/AIDS, eliminate stigma, and encourage informed and responsible behaviour. The event was marked by a series of awareness sessions conducted by NSS volunteers across various classrooms.

### **Objectives**

1. **To raise awareness** about HIV/AIDS among students and faculty.
2. **To dispel myths** and misconceptions related to the transmission and prevention of HIV.
3. **To foster empathy** and reduce stigma associated with HIV-positive individuals.
4. **To encourage youth participation** in social awareness campaigns and community health issues.

### **Activity Details:**

The NSS student volunteers organized and conducted engaging classroom awareness sessions during regular class hours, aiming to educate their peers and faculty about the importance of understanding HIV/AIDS. These sessions were designed to be interactive, ensuring that students remained engaged and actively participated in the discussion. The volunteers provided evidence-based content from reputable sources like the World Health Organization (WHO), ensuring that the information shared was accurate and up-to-date.

One key resource used in the sessions was the official WHO fact sheet on HIV/AIDS, which highlights crucial information about the virus, its transmission, prevention methods, and the global impact of the epidemic. Students were encouraged to explore this resource further to deepen their understanding. For more details, students were provided the link to WHO's comprehensive fact sheet:

<https://www.who.int/news-room/fact-sheets/detail/hiv-aids>

By presenting information from credible sources like the WHO, the volunteers aimed to provide reliable, factual knowledge that could help debunk common myths and misconceptions about HIV/AIDS. Through this, they hoped to foster an environment of open dialogue, where students could ask questions, share thoughts, and challenge misconceptions about the virus and its impact on individuals and communities.

### **Outcomes**

- **Increased Awareness:** NSS Volunteers actively participated in classroom sessions, gaining a clearer understanding of HIV/AIDS.
- **Reduced Stigma:** Discussions around myths helped reduce the shame and prejudice associated with HIV-positive individuals.

### **Conclusion**

The observance of World AIDS Day 2024 at the ICFAI University, Jaipur, was a meaningful and impactful initiative by the NSS Unit. Through peer-led awareness sessions, the event succeeded in educating the student community, breaking stigma, and encouraging proactive health-seeking behaviour. It highlighted the role of youth as change-makers in promoting inclusive, healthy, and informed societies.

Ms. Sugandha Verma, Programme Officer, NSS coordinated and conducted the event. Dr. Rani Sharma, Mr. Vijit Singh, Ms. Chahana Chaturvedi and Dr Surbhi Jain, faculty coordinators from each department of the university provided active support.

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## Glimpses:



