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Name of Activity

HIV Awareness Drive

Date of Conduction

30-01-2020

Organized by

Mahatma Gandhi Adhyasan Kendra

Student Participated

50

Brief Report

Mahatma Gandhi Adhyasan Kendra at Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University (BAMU) organized a comprehensive HIV Awareness Camp on Hutatma Divas, aiming to educate students and the community about HIV/AIDS, promote preventive measures, and combat stigma associated with the disease. The camp was attended by a diverse audience, including university students, faculty, and local community members, reflecting a collective commitment to raising awareness and promoting public health. The objectives of the event were to raise HIV awareness, promote public health, combat stigma, engage the community in health awareness initiatives, and honor martyrs. Pre-event preparations included planning and coordination, resource allocation, communication and outreach, community engagement, volunteer recruitment, and training and orientation.





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Glimpses of HIV Awareness Event



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The event began with an inauguration ceremony, where the Vice-Chancellor of Dr. BAMU inaugurated the event, emphasizing the significance of HIV awareness and public health. Shrimati Ratnamalatai Jadhav delivered the keynote address, discussing the basics of HIV/AIDS, modes of transmission, prevention methods, and the importance of early testing and treatment. She shared her experiences from Jamkhed and the positive impact of grassroots health initiatives in reducing HIV prevalence and supporting affected individuals. Educational presentations, such as pamphlets, posters, and brochures, were set up to provide educational materials on HIV/AIDS. Interactive displays and visual aids were used to illustrate the transmission and prevention of HIV, making the information accessible and engaging. HIV counselling, were offered to participants, and trained counsellors provided support and information on HIV prevention, testing, and treatment options. Community engagement activities included an awareness march and a signature campaign to gather support for ongoing HIV awareness and education initiatives. Feedback and evaluation were collected from participants to assess the event's impact and gather suggestions for improvement. An evaluation report was prepared, documenting the activities, outcomes, and lessons learned from the HIV awareness camp. The HIV Awareness Camp organized by Mahatma Gandhi Adhyasan Kendra at Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University, Aurangabad, was a significant initiative that successfully raised awareness about HIV/AIDS and promoted public health. The event provided participants with valuable knowledge about HIV/AIDS, its transmission, prevention, and the importance of testing. It also encouraged positive behavioural changes and a greater willingness to engage in preventive measures. The event promoted public health through free health screenings and counselling services, promoting early detection and treatment of HIV. Participants were educated on preventive measures, such as safe sex practices and the importance of regular testing. The event addressed common misconceptions about HIV/AIDS, helping to reduce stigma and discrimination against affected individuals. The interactive sessions and personal stories fostered a supportive environment for those affected by HIV. Community engagement and involvement were also highlighted through active participation from the local community. The event strengthened relationships between the university and the local community, promoting a shared commitment to health and well-being. Positive feedback and testimonials from participants expressed satisfaction with the event, appreciating the opportunity to learn about HIV/AIDS and engage in health awareness activities. Recommendations for future initiatives include organizing regular health awareness camps, expanding health screenings, enhancing community outreach, and collaborating with health organizations to provide comprehensive and effective health education and support. Overall, the HIV Awareness Camp was a significant success in raising awareness about HIV/AIDS and promoting public health.



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