

Activity-I

Title : AIDS Awareness Campaign: St. Joseph's and Divya Disha Fight the 'Stigma, Shame and Silence'

Date : 1 December , 2015

Time : 9.00 am to 1.00 pm

Venue : slums of Arundathi Nagar and Bheema Maidan

Coordinator : Dr Sangeetha M

Resource Person: In collaboration with Divya Disha

Target Group : Residents of the Slum area

About the Activity : St. Joseph's Degree and Pg College in collaboration with Divya Disha ,an NGO, held an AIDS Awareness Campaign in the slums of Arundathi Nagar and Bheema Maidan on December 1 2015 to coincide with World AIDS Day.

As part of the Program, the students of St. Josephs ,under the guidance of Prof. P. Visveswar Rao and Dr.Sangeetha took out a Rally across the streets of Lower Tankbund Road, Gandhinagar and Ashoknagar to spread awareness about AIDS-its Prevalence and Prevention. The Rally saw a massive participation from the students, who through catchy slogans and distribution of pamphlets gave vital information about AIDS to people along the way.The rally converged in the slums of Arundathi Nagar and Bhima Maidan wherein a Day long program on AIDS awareness was conducted for the residents of the slums in collaboration with Divya Disha Coordinators and the slum leaders.

The Awareness campaign was rendered effective as the students, accompanied by drum beats and folk songs on AIDS, visited every door to personally interact and educate the slum dwellers. The program culminated in a formally arranged event wherein MLA Dr. Laxman addressed the gathering and urged the people to maintain ethical values to prevent the spread of AIDS ,Dr. Ajay Kumar, UPHC Medical Health Officer ,also shared insights about the preventive measures, the early symptoms, HIV tests and health care available for the AIDS patients. The enlightening talk by the eminent speakers was however greatly complemented by the messages given by the students which aimed at sensitizing people towards AIDS patients by clearing their misconceptions about the

disease. The Program concluded on a promising note as all the participants took a Pledge to stay committed to the cause of AIDS Awareness and Prevention until its total eradication.

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Activity-II

Title : Joy of Giving Week-Christmas Celebrations -2015

Date : 19 December to 23 December, 2015

Venue : Main Campus

Coordinator : Dr Sangeetha M

Resource Person :Department of English

Target Group : U.G and P.G students of St Joseph's College

About the Activity : The Department of English rang in the true spirit of Christmas by celebrating 'The Joy of Giving Week' from Dec 19 to 23, saw the entire Josephite family reaching out to flood victims by donating in cash and kind. The eve of Christmas on Dec 23 was a variety fare which warmed every heart with Christmas cheer. The carnival was a colorful fare, complete with food, dance, horse ride and of course as the carnival reached out to the people on the streets with carols and greetings, the smiles multiplied. This was followed by a formal program with Mr. Elvis Stevenson MLA as the chief guest whose Christmas message read "The true spirit of Christmas has to be celebrated by embracing forgiveness." The highlight of the program certainly was the Nativity scene soulfully enacted by Don Bosco Navjeevan Street Children. The charity sale of the Christmas cake baked and sold by the street children brought in added festivity to Christmas cake cutting. The management spread the joy of Christmas among its staff by distributing gifts among teaching and non-teaching staff.

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