

**St. Joseph's Degree & PG College**  
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**DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH**

**Aids Awareness Rally**



Josephites fight Stigma, Shame & Silence Josephites in collaboration with Desire Society, an NGO working for the wellbeing of AIDS affected children, participated in the AIDS awareness program on December 1, 2016 to coincide with World AIDS Awareness Day. Under the guidance and leadership of Prof. P. L. Visweswar Rao and Dr. Sangeetha 126 students from St. Josephs joined hands with various corporate houses ,like Rotorac, Raddison Dell,etc in zealously participating in the AIDS Awareness rally and other awareness programs conducted by the Desire Society(a home for HIV affected well being).

The AIDS Awareness Rally which was flagged off by DIG Prasad started with a Walk from Shilparam to Botanical Garden along with Desire Society HIV affected Children spreading the message of "Handup for #HIV Prevention". Josephites zealously raised their voices to shout slogans against discrimination of AIDS victims. This was followed by a formal program wherein several eminent persons from NGOs to corporate heads and medical officers educated the participants on various issues concerning AIDS like the prevention, the taboos, the facts and the medical care available. The Awareness program also included a Quiz on AIDS and Josephites were awarded for their excellence with all the three prizes First, Second and the Third.

The highlights of the program included enthralling performances by the HIV affected children who are the inmates of Desire society which takes care of their education, medical care and all round development. The sensitisation program concluded with students coming forward in a spirit of brotherhood for the final segment- 'Selfie with the children.