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## Press Release

### The Red Ribbon Club, GDC Nowshera celebrated “WORLD AIDS DAY”.

World AIDS Day remains as relevant today as it has always been, reminding people and governments that HIV has not gone away. There is still a critical need for spreading awareness among the people to end the stigma and discrimination against the HIV infected persons. Keeping the same thought in mind, Red Ribbon Club, GDC Nowshera in collaboration with J&K AIDS Control Society, Department of Health & Medical Education and Higher Education Department, J&K organized a couple of activities to celebrate the World AIDS Day, 2022 with the theme “**Equalise: Achieving Equity to End HIV/AIDS**”. Dr. K.K. Sharma, Principal of the college was the Chief Guest on this occasion.

The programme started with Welcome Address by Prof. Pooja Devi, Nodal Officer, Red Ribbon Club. She welcomed worthy Principal and other faculty members present on the occasion. While addressing the gathering, Prof. Pooja Devi threw light on the history and significance of celebration of World AIDS Day and laid focus to end the HIV/AIDS Stigma in the society. The programme was carried forward by students of Sem I, Nikhil Syal and Nitish Sharma.

To mark this day, two different events were organized i.e. “**Poster making competition**” and “**Speech Competition**”. In the Poster making contest, 10 students participated with great zeal and enthusiasm. A Jury Team comprising of Prof. Inam Ul Haq, Dr. Akhil Khajuria and Dr. Gowhar Ahmed evaluated the posters made by the students. **Nitish Sharma** (B. Sc.- I) secured First place, **Gagandeep Kour** (B. Sc.-V) stood Second and **Jasbir Kour** (B. Sc.-I) bagged Third position.

In the Speech competition on the theme “**Equalise: Achieving Equity to End HIV/AIDS**”, a total of 8 participants expressed their views regarding the causes and prevention of this deadly disease. **Manisha** (B.Sc.-V) bagged First position, the second place was claimed by **Archana Choudhary** (B.Sc.-V) and **Gagandeep Kour** (B. Sc.-V) stood Third in this event. Mr. Rakesh Verma and Mr. Sajad Ahmed Dar were the judges in Speech contest. Prof. Joginder Singh (HOD, Physics) also expressed his views on this occasion.

In his address, Dr. K.K. Sharma, Principal of the college emphasized on the need to spread awareness regarding the causes and preventive measures of this fatal disease. He said that we all should unite to show support for people living with HIV/AIDS and remember those who died of this disease.

As many as 80 students including the RRC Volunteers attended the programme in Smart Classroom of the college. Prof. Pooja Devi, Nodal Officer Red Ribbon Club organized this programme under the guidance and supervision of Dr. K.K. Sharma, Principal of the College. The top three positions in each event were provided “**Certificates of Appreciation and Momentos**”. Other participants were provided “Certificate of Participation”.

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