## **D.A.V. PUBLIC SCHOOL**

No. 19, Sitaram Nagar, Velachery, Chennai – 42

## **REPORT ON THE OBSERVANCE OF WORLD AIDS DAY FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2024 - 25**

Date: 04.12.2024

Timing: 08.40 a.m. to 09.15 a.m.

## Theme: "Take the Right Path: My Health, My Right!"

World AIDS Day, observed every year on 1 December, stands as a global initiative uniting people worldwide to raise awareness about HIV/AIDS and demonstrate international solidarity in the face of the epidemic. The day serves as a poignant reminder of the ongoing challenges posed by HIV/AIDS and underscores the need for sustained collective action.

On World AIDS Day people around the world unite to show support for people living with and affected by HIV and to remember those who lost their lives to AIDS. To make the younger generation aware of this, D.A.V. Public School, Velachery observed 'World Aids Day' on 04 December, 2024 in the school premises. The vibrant programme was presented by the students of Classes VII, VIII and IX emphasizing on the awareness and educating students about HIV/AIDS.

Lakshita M. from IX C and Jiya Sarawathi from IX E were the anchors for the day.

The programme began with the Class IX Choir chanting the auspicious **"Gayatri Mantra"**. This was followed by the **Welcome Speech** accorded by Nithyasree of IX-D.

The first event was presented by Swetha B of IX B who discussed the significance of AIDS Day through "An Articulation on sensitising the crucial role of AIDS Day Observance."

Dharshanaa D. from VII E introduced this year's theme, **"Take the Right Path: My Health, My Right"**, focusing on health rights and awareness.

The duo, Anu Harshita Yadala and Deeksha Ramani highlighted education's role in combating the stigma in their programme, "Laughing in the face of AIDS: Awareness, Action and Absurdity". The two actors highlighted the importance of education, awareness and prevention in a light-hearted yet impactful way.

Renowned Orthopaedic, **Dr. Prashant Madan Mohan**, from Prashanth Hospitals provided deep and important insights into HIV prevention and care. He also mentioned the danger of contracting HIV infections through infected needles during tattooing or even during surgeries or blood transfusion. He also mentioned that AIDS could not be contracted by merely hugging or touching a person.

Sreenanda Gireesh of IX A proposed the **Vote of Thanks** and expressed gratitude to the participants of various programmes and the audience for their participation in a befitting manner.



The Anchors Introduce the Significance of the World AIDS Day - 2024



Introducing the Theme - "Take the Right Path: My Health, My Right"



Awareness

Dr. Prashant Madan Mohan, Donates Books – Food for the Brain