## World Antibiotic Awareness Week 2018 -Report

Every year in the month of November, World Antibiotic Awareness Week (WAAW) is observed to increase awareness worldwide about antibiotic resistance and to encourage best practices among the general public, health workers and policy makers to avoid the further emergence and spread of antibiotic resistance.

School of Pharmaceutical Sciences (SPS), Integral University, Lucknow on the theme "Change Can't Wait. Our Time with Antibiotics is **Running Out**" given by World Health Organisation observed the WAAW on 15th of November 2018.

The programme started with the inaugural ceremony. The opening speech was given by Mr. Irfan Aziz (Principal, SPS), in which he focused on strengthening the knowledge of medicines and improve awareness and understanding of antimicrobial resistance through education and training.

The chief guest of the ceremony was Dr. (Prof.) Syed Misbahul Hasan (Dean, Faculty of Pharmacy, Integral University, Lucknow). He in his speech explained how antibiotics served as the cornerstone of modern medicine. He also advised the students and the staff about the safe use of antibiotics and when and how these drugs are to be prescribed so that the global problem of antibiotic resistance can be tackled with ease.

During the programme, a faculty member Ambreen Shoaib gave a presentation on the safe use of antibiotics, in which she explained the students about the antibiotic resistance, persistent overuse and misuse of antibiotics in human and animal health. A poster presentation competition was organised for the students on the theme of WAAW 2018. Students participated in the competition with enthusiasm. This competition was judged by Dr. (Prof.) Syed Misbahul Hasan and Mr. Irfan Aziz. The winners of the competition were Vishwas Singh, Taufeeq Alam and Vineet Kushwaha.

The programme concluded with the prize distribution to the winners of the competition and vote of thanks.





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