

Faculty of Pharmacy, Integral University organized Antibiotic awareness week in collaboration with Interdisciplinary Biotechnology Unit, Aligarh Muslim University, from 18th November through 24th November.

The World Health Organization observes a week every year from Nov. 18-24 in order to increase awareness of global antimicrobial resistance. It promotes the disseminating of related knowledge and ways to prevent and minimize resistance. In this context, Faculty of Pharmacy observed World Antimicrobial Awareness Week from November, 18, 2021 through November, 24, 2021 in collaboration with Interdisciplinary Biotechnology Unit, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh.

Hospital visit/Rural visit: The awareness drives in adopted villages and hospital visits which included IIMS&R, Integral University and Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Hospital - Civil Hospital. The main focus of the staff and students of Pharmacy is to raise awareness among physicians, health care specialists and general public on the rational use of antibiotics through visiting hospitals and rural areas.

The motive was to request the Health Care specialists on prescribing the right antibiotic and only if needed, encouraging school children on importance of hand and oral hygiene, advising general public on proper nutrition and getting recommended vaccines to prevent infections. It was aimed at spreading awareness about use and misuse of antibiotics in the community. As a medicine expert, the pharmacists are also counseling the patients on the proper way of storage and administration of antibiotics, the right time and advised duration of treatment as part of the *Be Antibiotics Aware*, an educational effort by Center for Disease Control to raise awareness about the importance of safe antibiotic prescribing and use.



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