
Report on World Antimicrobial Resistance Awareness Week (WAAW)-2024 observed by Faculty of Pharmacy

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A Brief Report on World Antimicrobial Resistance Awareness Week (WAAW)-2024 observed by Faculty of Pharmacy, Integral University, Lucknow, from 18 to 24 November, 2024

The World Health Organization observes **World Antimicrobial Resistance Awareness Week (WAAW)** every year from **November 18 to 24** in order to apprise the community on global antimicrobial resistance. This year the theme for World Antimicrobial Resistance Awareness Week is **“Educate. Advocate. Act now.”** We must improve the global prescribing and use of antibiotic and antifungal drugs and invest in global prevention actions across the health of humans, animals, plants, and the environment. It promotes the dissemination of knowledge in order to prevent and minimize resistance. In this context, the Faculty of Pharmacy successfully observed World Antimicrobial Resistance Awareness Week (WAAW) in compliance with SDG 3,6,12 through various events. Faculty and students from various Institutes in the city participated in several awareness competitive events. The following program was successfully observed:

Events/Activities**Slogan Writing Competition**

Slogan writing competition was conducted on 18.11.2024 (Monday) on the theme *“Fighting Antimicrobial Resistance Takes All of Us”*. It was a remarkable competition with novel ideas and appealing content. All the students participated with confidence and sincerity, and finally Ms. Sania Asma Parveen & Mr. Ahmad Qamar (Pharm.D., III year), Mr. Sameer Ahmad Khan (D.Pharm., II year) and Ms. Jasmin Mehdi (M.Pharm. Pharmaceutics, II year) secured the first, second and third position and was awarded with cash prize of Rs. 1200/-, 1000/- & 800/- accordingly. The faculty coordinators for Slogan Writing include Prof. (Dr.) Poonam Kushwaha, Dr. Reshu Tiwari, Dr. Farogh Ahsan, Ms. Gazala Noor, Ms. Rukhsar Anwar, and Mr. Shyan Khan.

**Debate Competition**

Debate competition was conducted on 19.11.2024 (Tuesday) on the theme *“Global Antimicrobial Resistance”*. All the students participated with confidence and sincerity, and finally Ms. Alkusha Naim (Pharm.D., IV year), Mr. Tufail Hussain (Pharm.D., II year) and Ms. Sania Asma Parveen & Mr. Ahmad Qamar (Pharm.D. III year) secured the first, second and third position and was awarded with cash prize of Rs. 1200/-, 1000/- & 800/- accordingly. The faculty coordinators for the Debate Competition include Prof. (Dr.) Shazia Usmani, Dr. Mohd. Javed Ansari, Mr. Ranjan Kumar, Dr. Mohd. Muazzam Khan, and Ms. Zeba Masoom.



Civil Hospital Visit

As a part of an awareness drive for healthcare professionals and patients, a hospital visit was organized in Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Civil Hospital which is a Government Hospital in Hazratganj, Lucknow on 20.11.204 (Wednesday). The main focus of the visit was to raise awareness among physicians, health care specialists, patients, and the general public regarding the rational use of antibiotics. As medical experts, pharmacists, also counsel patients on the proper way of storage and administration of antibiotics and advise the duration of treatment as part of the “*Human Health & Antimicrobial Resistance*” an effort by the WHO to raise awareness about the importance of safe antibiotic prescribing and use. The faculty coordinators for Civil Hospital Visit include Dr. Irfan Aziz, Dr. Md. Azizur Rahman, Dr. Faheem Haidar, Dr. Mohammad Monawwar, Ms. Nargis Ara, and Ms. Manvi.



Nukkad Natak (Street Play)

The street play (Nukkad Natak) was performed by the student participants on the theme “*Human Health & Antimicrobial Resistance*” in the adopted village Behta on 20.11.2024 (Wednesday). Soon after, the students clarified the doubts of the spectators. It was an interesting event and attracted the attention of spectators towards the prevention of antimicrobial resistance and the use of the right medicine at the right time with the right dose from the qualified health care professional. The drive also includes the distribution of pamphlets to the local public in their native language, and sensitizing the general public about the proper usage of antibiotics. It was a door to door campaign. The faculty coordinators for Nukkad Natak include Dr. Shom Prakash Kushwaha, Dr. Asad Ahmad, Ms. Arnica F. Lal, Mr. Anas Islam, Ms. Aditya Singh.



Essay Writing Competition

An essay writing competition was conducted on 21.11.2024 (Thursday) on the theme “*Animal Health & Antimicrobial Resistance*”. It was a healthy competition among the participants across the city and finally Mr. Sahil Qamar (B.Pharm. IV year), Mr. Priyam Kumar Rai, (B.Pharm., III year, Hygia Institute of Pharmacy) and Mr. Mohd Tauhid Hussain (Pharm.D., IV year) secured the first, second and third position and awarded with cash prize of Rs. 1200/-, 1000/- & 800/- accordingly. The faculty coordinators for essay writing competition include Prof. (Dr.) Kuldeep Singh, Dr. Mohd. Aftab Siddiqui, Ms. Shabana Khatoon, Ms. Rufaida Waseem, Mr. Abdur Rahman, Mr. Govind Kumar.

Poster Presentation

A poster presentation competition was conducted on 22.11.2024 (Friday) on the theme “*Antimicrobial Resistance in Agriculture and the Environment*”. It was a remarkable competition with novel ideas and appealing content. All the students participated with confidence and sincerity, and finally Mr. Md. Shad Raza, Mr. Md Rehan, Mr. Mazhar Jamil (Pharm.D. V year); Ms. Chahat Jaiswal, Mr. Priyam Kumar Rai, Mr. Dushyant Singh (B.Pharm., III year, Hygia Institute of Pharmacy); Ms. Ayeza Sarwar Kalam, Mr. Akhlaqur Rahman, Mr. Divyadarshan Lohani; Ms. Sandra Mary Anyanga (B.Pharm. III Year), Ms. Elizabeth Verenga (Pharm.D. IV year) secured the first, second and third position and was awarded with cash prize of Rs. 1200/-, 1000/-, 800/- & 800/- accordingly. A consolation prize of Rs. 800/- was awarded to Ms. Maryam Fatima. The faculty coordinators for poster presentation include Prof. (Dr.) Mohd. Khushtar, Dr. Abdul Hafeez, Mr. Md. Sohel Akhter, Dr. Asad Jamal Ansari, Ms. Ambareen Fatima, and Mr. Zainul Khan.



Seminar

A seminar was successfully held on 23.11.2024 (Saturday) on the theme “*One Health Approach to Antimicrobial Resistance*” in Seminar Hall, Faculty of Pharmacy. More than 100 participants across the city participated in the seminar. Prof. (Dr.) Syed Misbahul Hasan, Dean, Faculty of Pharmacy presented the introductory remark highlighting the importance and need of prevention of antimicrobial resistance also elaborated on the topic and enlightened the audience about this issue of serious concern. Dr. Asad Ullah Khan, Professor, Interdisciplinary Biotechnology Unit, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh delivered a wonderful talk on the topic “*Antibiotics Resistance: A Silent Pandemic: What to do?*”. Prof. Asad Khan then discussed research aspects of antimicrobials emphasizing the molecular aspect of antimicrobial resistance and its preventive measures. The session was very interesting and interactive. The second guest speaker Dr. Huma Mustafa, Joint Director (Biotechnology), Council of Science & Technology, Uttar Pradesh (UPCST) delivered a talk on the topic “*The role of Government in adopting One Health Approach against Antimicrobial Resistance*”. Dr. Mustafa talked about the government approaches to tackle the antimicrobial resistance highlighting the regulatory aspect of antimicrobial resistance. It was followed by vote of thanks proposed by Prof. (Dr.) Juber Akhtar, Head, Department of Pharmacy. The seminar concluded with the playing of the National Anthem. The faculty coordinators for seminar include Prof. (Dr.) Javed Akhtar Ansari, Mr. Syed Mehdi Hasan Zaidi, Dr. Md. Nematullah, and Ms. Aimen Salman.



Quiz Competition

An online quiz competition was organized on 24.11.2024 (Sunday). The overall quiz competition was a joyous activity with all the students. All the students participated dedicatedly and performed well in the competition and finally Ms. Ayeza Sarwar Kalam (B.Pharm. IV year), Mohd. Abdullah (B.Pharm. IV year), and MD Rehan (Pharm.D. 5 year) secured the first, second and third position and were awarded with cash prize of Rs. 1200/-, 1000/- & 800/- accordingly. The faculty coordinators for quiz competition include Prof. (Dr.) Badruddeen, Dr. Mohammad Ahmad, Dr. Mohd. Ajmal, Dr. Ahsan Ahmad Khan, Ms. Ayesha Javed.

Convener of the World Antimicrobial Resistance Awareness Week (WAAW)-2024 were Prof. (Dr.) Syed Misbahul Hasan, Dean, Faculty of Pharmacy, Prof. (Dr.) Juber Akhtar, Head, Department of Pharmacy, and Prof. (Dr.) Javed Akhtar Ansari, Program Coordinator, Pharm.D., Faculty of Pharmacy and Co-Convener were Dr. Mohd Arif, Principal, College of Pharmacy, Dr. Irfan Aziz, Principal, School of Pharmaceutical Sciences.

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