

## Oriental Education Society's Oriental College of Education & Research

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**NAAC Accreditation 'B' Grade** 

## Report on HIV and AIDS Special Assembly

Date: 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>rd</sup> March

**Time:** 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM

**Venue:** Oriental College of Education and Research (Andheri)

Organized by: Guidance and Counselling Cell of Oriental College of Education of Research

(Andheri)

## **Objectives of the Event:**

- To understand HIV and AIDS.
- To create awareness about the preventive measures of HIV and AIDS.
- To use education as a medium to reduce the stigma attached to HIV and AIDS.

Introduction: On 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> March, Oriental College of Education and Research (OCER, Andheri) conducted a special assembly on HIV and AIDS, which was organized by the Guidance and Counselling Cell. The special assembly, conducted from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM, aimed to understand HIV and AIDS and its prevention and to create awareness. In the session, the signs and symptoms of HIV and AIDS, transmission routes, and treatment were discussed.

## **Program Highlights:**

- 1. **Prayer:** The special assembly commenced with prayers by Faiza and Shifa.
- 2. **Presentation:** Next, Afsana discussed the significance of the day. **March 22** is celebrated as **Bihar Diwas** (or **Bihar Day**) to mark the formation of the state of Bihar. It is also celebrated annually as **World Water Day**. Adila presented the national and international news of the day. Eshika explained tips to manage health. Aarti introduced HIV and AIDS.

Eshika discussed the main signs and symptoms of HIV. Zainab explained the effects of HIV on the human body, with focus on infection and replication, immune system destruction, stages of HIV, opportunistic infections, and complications. Sejal discussed the transmission modes of HIV, which included unprotected sex, sharing needles, and transmission from mother to child. Ritu discussed the importance of early testing. Next, Shivam discussed the prevention of HIV and AIDS, including safe sexual practices, preventing sharing of needles, and other medical interventions. Shivam also discussed HIV awareness and prevention. Shifa explained the treatment and care for HIV infected patients, as well as the myths and misconceptions associated with HIV. Ritu explained the role of education and awareness in reducing the stigma associated with HIV. Some successful initiatives included the **Red Ribbon Campaign**, **World Aids Day**, and **Peer Education Programs**. Faiza discussed the advances in HIV Research, including long-acting treatments, broadly neutralizing antibodies, gene editing (CRISPR-Cas9), mRNA vaccines, etc. Lavita gave a vote of thanks. The assembly ended with the National Anthem.

Impact and Feedback: The session was successful in providing important information about HIV and AIDS, its signs, symptoms, treatment, and its preventive measures. Participants appreciated the informative session. The Guidance and Counselling Cell of **Oriental College of Education and Research** (Andheri) is acknowledged for organizing this session for promoting awareness about HIV and AIDS.

Conclusion: The HIV and AIDS session conducted at Oriental College of Education and Research (Andheri) was a resounding success. This session not only raised awareness about HIV and AIDS but also inspired students to end the stigma associated with HIV and AIDS through education.

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