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## **WORLD AIDS DAY 2017** **Department of Microbiology**

World AIDS day is observed on 1<sup>st</sup> December each year. This day is an opportunity for people worldwide to unite in fight against HIV, to show support for people living with HIV/ AIDS and to commemorate those who have died from AIDS related illness.

Founded in 1988, World AIDS day was the first ever global health day . Worldwide there are about 36.7 million people infected with HIV and despite the virus only being identified in 1984, more than 35 million people have died of HIV/AIDS.

World AIDS day reminds the public and govt. that HIV has not gone away. There is still a vital need to raise money, increase awareness to fight prejudices. The main theme of the World AIDS day 2017 is 'Right to Health' in which WHO is highlighting the need for all people living with HIV/AIDS & those who are vulnerable and affected by pandemic to reach goal of 'Universal Health Coverage' with the slogan 'EVERYBODY COUNTS' .

In RMLH, World AIDS day was celebrated with great fervour by Dept. of Microbiology. The department organised essay and poster competition on this burning issue of HIV pandemic for the whole hospital & prizes were given for the same .Apart from this, awareness lectures on transmission of HIV and its prevention along with treatment facilities (ART) available were organised. All participants were given pre-conference questionnaires which were then discussed at the end of the session to assess the level of awareness generated before and after this programme.

So on this 'World AIDS day 2017', hospital took a moment to celebrate the progress made so far & educate the hospital staff (100-120) which included doctors and nursing staff on what still need to be done to see the end of this epidemic .



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