

INTERACTIVE SESSION ON 'PREVENTING THE YOUTH FROM TOBACCO USE' ON THE OCCASION OF ANTI-TOBACCO DAY

Date: 31st May 2023

Venue: Panchayat Bhawan, Garhi Wazidpur, Sohna

Event Type: Extension Activity

Mode of Activity: Offline

Target Group: Students of KRMU and Villagers of Garhi Wazidpur

Resource Person: Dr. Niranjan Naik, Fortis Hospital Gurugram, Haryana 122002

Coordinators: Dr Neeraj Kumari

Organized by: NSS, K R Mangalam University, Gurugram

Introduction:

Every year, World No Tobacco Day (WNTD) is observed all over the world on 31 May. It is also known as Anti-Tobacco Day. According to WHO, 60% of people want to quit the use of tobacco but only 30% of world population have to quality to quit it. Therefore, to celebrate World No Tobacco Day and to raise awareness, NSS K R Mangalam University organized an interactive session on 'Preventing the Youth from Tobacco Use' on the occasion of Anti-Tobacco day in Garhi Wazidpur village. Objectives:

The main objectives to organize the session were:

- 1. To spread awareness among the youth and wean away the youth from the use of tobacco.
- 2. To raise awareness on the harmful and deadly effects of tobacco use.
- 3. To increase awareness on the link between tobacco and cardiovascular disease (CVD) and promote feasible actions and measures to reduce the risks to heart health posed by tobacco

Content:

The International Anti-Tobacco Day was celebrated by NSS, K R Mangalam University at Panchayat Bhawan, Garhi Wazidpur on 31st May 2023. The session was started by Mr Abhay Barwal, NSS volunteer where he briefed about the motive of the session. He welcomed all the guests and gave the introduction of resource person among participants.

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Dr Niranjan Naik from Fortis Hospital discussed about the use of tobacco all over the world. He said that Adolescent smoking is a serious public health concern, and the role of personnel in reducing students'tobacco use has been proven. Tobacco use in early life has been shown to negatively impact physical (e.g. pulmonary and cardiovascular diseases)1 or psychological (e.g. depression and anxiety disorders) health both immediately and in the future3. It also increases the likelihood of smoking later in adulthood. He further informed the participants that cardiovascular disease kills more people than any other cause of death worldwide, and tobacco use, and second-hand smoke exposure contribute to approximately 12% of all heart disease deaths. Tobacco use is also the second leading cause of CVD, after high blood pressure. He discussed different types of cancer that occurred due to the use of tobacco. In the last, Dr Naik suggested to improve the diet taken by individual and focused on the physical exercises.

Conclusion: The program ended with a vote of thanks which was given by Dr Neeraj Kumari, NSS coordinator. She thanked all the participants and guests and encouraged the participants to take oath for quitting the use of tobacco.

Outcomes: However, not only smokers are at risk, but second-hand smoking also causes 1.2 million deaths per year. Every participant appreciated the efforts of guests and organizers to conduct the event and they agreed that quitting smoking is one of the most important actions people can take to improve their health.

Future prospects: This type of session helps the people to improves their health status and enhances quality of life by reducing the risk of premature death and can add as much as 10 years to life expectancy.

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Photo 1: NSS Volunteers discussed about the motive to commemorate Anti-Tobacco Day to villagers

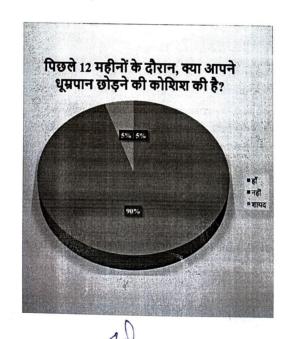


Photo 2: A group photograph with villagers and students

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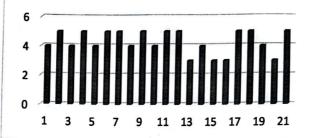


Photo 3: Dr Naik discussed about different types of cancer caused due to the use of tobacco



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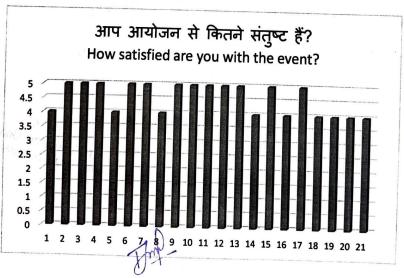
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