

Report on Day of Immunology 2022 ACTREC-MIG

Day of Immunology 2022 ACTREC-MIG was conducted at Madhyamik School of Children's Aid Society at Mankhurd on 2nd May, 2022. Event was conducted under leadership and support from Dr Sudeep Gupta, Director, ACTREC, Mr Vijay Kshirsagar, Chief Officer and Mr. Tushar Bilavekar, Superintendent, Children's Home, Chembur, Mankhurd. Event was inaugurated by Superintendent, Chembur Children's Home and Dr Jyoti Kode, Event organizer, ACTREC at 11.15am. Dr Kode spoke about Day of Immunology being celebrated across world on this day. She described activities conducted by her team for college students and teachers for increasing awareness on immunology topic amongst all.

Event was attended by 50 students of 8th to 10th standard students, Child Welfare Officers Mr. Pravin Chaudhary, Mr. Amol Shirore; House Masters Mr. Prakash Salvi, Mr. Andhe and Teacher Christina Mokale.

For Creative Mind Contest, around 25 students had submitted paintings on topic "Vaccines and vaccination". Top three paintings were awarded as first, second and third prize while three more were selected for encouragement awards.

Ms Bhagyshree Tillu compered the event. Two teams from ACTREC performed live drama skits on topic "Benefits of Vaccination". First Drama was written and directed by Mr Dhanajay Kawle, Dutt Lab, ACTREC. Team included Ms Shruti Kandekar (Kode Lab & HBNI), Ms Manasi Nagare (Kode Lab & HBNI), Ms Akhila George (Kode Lab & HBNI), Mrs Trupti Pradhan (Kode Lab), Mrs Bhagyshree Tillu (Medical Administration) and Dr Ojaswini Upasani (Project Cell and Admisnistration). This drama demonstrated importance of vaccination for tetanus, jaundice, covid, polio, etc. Second drama included importance of Dendritic Cell vaccines and how it regulates cancer cell growth and mechanisms involved. Drama was written and directed by Dr Albeena Nisar (CAR-T & Cell Therapy Centre). Team included Ms Priya Mahato, Ms. Sadiya Showkat, Ms Deepali Pandit, Ms, Khushali Pandit, Dr Shailendra G. (CAR-T & Cell Therapy Centre) and Mr Rudransh S. (Dutt Lab & HBNI). After each session Child Welfare officers explained and summarized each drama for better understanding of students. This was followed by short quiz session. Dr Kode and Child Welfare officers conducted short quiz. Those answered question correctly, got chocolates as prizes. Next session was short talk by Dr Jyoti Kode on "Mental Immunity: Concept and role of vaccines". Dr Kode explained concept of Mental Immunity, how do we get bad ideas or mind parasites. How do they infect minds and spread bad ideas like infection? How far we retain bad ideas and how do we get rid of bad ideas and thoughts. This was interactive session and many students contributed enthusiastically to questions asked on what could be possible vaccines for Mind Immunity or strengthening mental health. Those answered correctly, got sketch pen set as prizes.

Event supporters included Mumbai Immunology Group, Indian Immunology Society, ACTREC Alumni Association, Mr. Zarin Desai, Mr. Khitij Hirlekar, Mr Madan Barkume, ACDSF, Mrs Trupti Pradhan, Kode Lab and Mrs Sadaf Kazi, Sorab Lab. Special acknowledgment and deep appreciation goes to Social Worker Mrs Sandhya Kale, Trustee, King's Pratisthan for introducing Children's Home Team to ACTREC Team and for excellent coordination to make this event successful.

Contest entries were judged by review committee members Mr Shyam Chavan and Ms Shamal Vetale. Winners were felicitated by CAS authorities and ACTREC Team.

Ms Priyanka Patil, Ms Pallavi, and Ms Arti Patil helped enthusiastically in administrative matters. Mr. Subrata Sen captured activities and moods as photo and video glimpses.

As a token of encouragement, all the participants were given certificates and on consideration of demand from the children, ACTREC team donated sports material like cricket bats, balls, tennis balls, badminton rackets, football, volleyball, indoor games etc. and program was concluded by distribution of cakes to all inmates.

Event ended with Vote of thanks delivered by Dr Ojaswini Upasani, Event Coordinator at 1.15pm.