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## EVENT NO.: 1

### POST EVENT REPORT

<b>Name of the Event</b>	:	Drug Abuse Awareness Rally
<b>Name of the Cell</b>	:	Unnat Bharat Abhiyan
<b>Programme Officer</b>	:	Mrs.M.Kavitha
<b>Date</b>	:	25.06.2024
<b>Venue</b>	:	Rayapalayam Village

### **OBJECTIVES**

- To shed light on the growing issue of drug abuse, particularly among youth and to emphasize the importance of prevention and rehabilitation.
- To create a sense of urgency and responsibility within the community, highlighting the collective role that villagers, families and local leaders can play in combating this issue.

### **REPORT**

On June 25, 2024, a Drug Abuse Awareness Rally was organized at Rayapalayam village, under the auspices of the Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA) of Vellalar College of Education. The rally aimed to raise awareness about the dangers of drug abuse and its devastating impact on individuals and the community. With the support of local residents, students, and faculty, the rally sought to educate the youth and the broader community on the harmful consequences of substance misuse and to encourage the adoption of healthy, drug-free lifestyles.

The event was not only a march through the village but also an opportunity to initiate an open dialogue about drug addiction, its signs, and effective prevention strategies. Through this initiative, the college aimed to create a lasting impact in the community and empower individuals to make informed decisions about their health and well-being.

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The rally began with an enthusiastic procession through the village, with participants holding up banners, posters, and chanting powerful slogans such as “Stop Drug Usage, Start a New Life” and “Say No to Drugs, Say Yes to Life.” The students took the lead, marching in unison while shouting these phrases aloud, drawing the attention of residents, and engaging them in the cause. Their energetic participation and the bold messages displayed on the posters helped convey the seriousness of the issue, making a strong statement against the use of drugs.

The rally served as a public demonstration of the community’s commitment to preventing drug abuse. As the procession moved through the village, the visibility of the event and the impactful slogans spread the message of drug-free living to every corner of Rayapalayam, encouraging local families to talk about the harmful effects of drugs.



***The Drug Abuse Awareness Rally is flagged off in Rayapalayam village, led by UBA volunteers from Vellalar College of Education***

Following the rally, an informative session was conducted where experts on drug abuse prevention shared valuable insights with the participants. The session provided detailed information on the signs of drug abuse, the physical and mental consequences of drug misuse, and the importance of early intervention. Local health professionals and counselors highlighted

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preventive strategies such as community engagement, mental health support, and creating safe spaces for youth to discuss their concerns.

The session also focused on providing information about rehabilitation resources available to individuals struggling with addiction, ensuring that the community was aware of the support systems in place for those in need. By addressing both prevention and rehabilitation, the event encouraged a holistic approach to tackling the issue of drug abuse.



***Students of Vellalar College of Education, under UBA, march through Rayapalayam village to raise awareness about the dangers of drug abuse and promote a drug-free society***

The Drug Abuse Awareness Rally was well-received by the villagers, who expressed their gratitude for the timely and important initiative. Many community members appreciated the open discussion on such a sensitive issue and acknowledged the need for greater awareness and action. The rally also fostered a sense of unity, as villagers came together to support the cause of a drug-free environment for their children and families.

The involvement of students and faculty from Vellalar College of Education reinforced the college's commitment to social responsibility and its role in promoting community health and well-being. The rally successfully sparked important conversations about the dangers of drug abuse, as well as the significance of education, prevention, and rehabilitation in combating substance misuse.

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The Drug Abuse Awareness Rally held on June 25, 2024, in Kathirampatti village was a highly impactful event that not only raised awareness about the dangers of drug abuse but also encouraged the community to take collective action in creating a drug-free environment. Through the passionate participation of students, faculty, and local residents, the rally served as a powerful reminder of the importance of prevention, education, and support systems in addressing the issue of substance abuse. The informative session further reinforced the message of the rally, providing valuable tools and resources for individuals and families to combat drug misuse. The event successfully fostered a greater sense of community responsibility and contributed to the ongoing efforts of the Unnat Bharat Abhiyan in promoting the health and well-being of rural communities.

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## EVENT NO.: 2

### POST EVENT REPORT

<b>Name of the Event</b>	:	AIDS Awareness - Street Play
<b>Name of the Cell</b>	:	Unnat Bharat Abhiyan
<b>Programme Officer</b>	:	Mrs.M.Kavitha
<b>Date</b>	:	12.07.2024
<b>Venue</b>	:	Pavalathampalayam Village

### **OBJECTIVES**

- To educate the villagers about HIV/AIDS and its transmission while challenging the prevailing stigmas and misconceptions surrounding the disease.
- To encourage the villagers to adopt healthier lifestyles and seek medical advice or support when needed.

### **REPORT**

On July 12, 2024, an AIDS Awareness Street Play was organized at Pavalathampalayam village as part of an effort to educate the community about the prevention, treatment, and impact of HIV/AIDS. The event, conducted under the guidance of the Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA) of Vellalar College of Education, sought to raise awareness and eliminate the stigma surrounding HIV/AIDS. Through this creative approach, the students and faculty aimed to foster a deeper understanding of the disease and promote healthy practices within the community.

The street play format was chosen to engage the community in an interactive and impactful manner. It provided an opportunity to discuss important topics related to HIV transmission, prevention, and regular testing in an entertaining yet educational way. The performance was followed by an informative session where health experts addressed misconceptions and highlighted essential preventive measures.

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The street play featured a group of students performing a series of scenes that portrayed common misconceptions about HIV/AIDS, the consequences of unsafe practices, and the importance of getting tested and seeking treatment. The play was designed to break down barriers of fear and ignorance that surround the disease, using humor and drama to engage the audience while also delivering critical health messages.



***Our students raise awareness about HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment through a street play in Pavalathampalayam village.***

The students performed skits that demonstrated how HIV is transmitted, the importance of safe sex practices, and the role of support systems for people living with HIV. They also highlighted the significance of regular testing and early diagnosis in managing the disease effectively. The play also included a segment that focused on the impact of stigma and discrimination, emphasizing the need for compassion and empathy toward people living with HIV/AIDS.

The villagers were actively engaged during the performance, reacting to the scenes and participating in discussions, which helped reinforce the play's messages and foster a sense of shared responsibility for health and well-being.

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After the street play, an informative session was conducted, where health experts addressed common questions and misconceptions about HIV/AIDS. The experts explained the various preventive measures available, such as safe sexual practices, needle exchange programs, and the importance of education in reducing transmission rates. They also highlighted the significance of antiretroviral therapy (ART), which can help people living with HIV maintain a healthy life and prevent the transmission of the virus.



## ***A powerful street play by UBA students educates Pavalathampalayam on HIV/AIDS prevention***

The session also focused on the resources available for those living with HIV/AIDS, including counseling services, treatment centers, and support groups that provide care and assistance. The health experts encouraged the villagers to seek regular testing and to visit local healthcare facilities for more information and guidance.

The AIDS Awareness Street Play had a significant impact on the community. Many villagers expressed their appreciation for the initiative, as it provided them with accurate and

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accessible information about HIV/AIDS in a manner that was engaging and easy to understand. The performance helped remove some of the fear and misunderstanding that often surrounds the disease, and it opened up important conversations about prevention and treatment options.

The event also fostered a more compassionate and supportive environment in the village, encouraging people to treat those affected by HIV/AIDS with greater empathy and understanding. By addressing the issue through a street play, the initiative reached a wide audience, including those who might not have attended a formal health seminar, ensuring that the message was spread throughout the community.

The AIDS Awareness Street Play held on July 12, 2024, in Pavalathampalayam village was a highly successful initiative in raising awareness about HIV/AIDS, its prevention, and treatment. Through an engaging and interactive performance, the villagers were provided with accurate information while also being encouraged to eliminate stigma and adopt safer health practices. The post-performance session with health experts further solidified the key messages and provided the community with access to essential resources for both prevention and support. This initiative exemplified the commitment of the Unnat Bharat Abhiyan to public health and community welfare, ensuring that villagers were better informed and more equipped to make health-conscious decisions for themselves and their families.