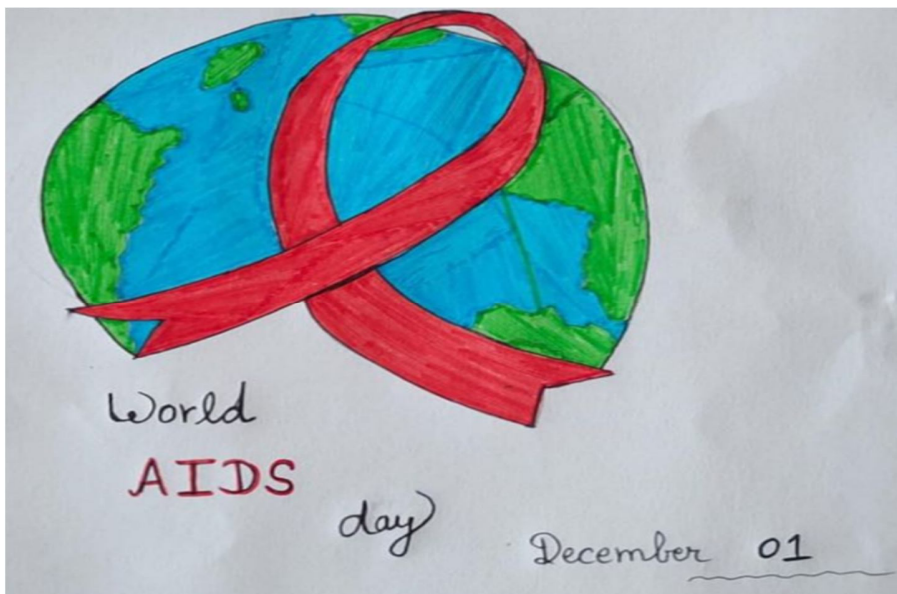


World AIDS Day

On 1st December 2023, the Faculty of Law at Baba Mastnath University observed World AIDS Day by organizing a guest lecture to spread awareness about HIV/AIDS. The event, convened by Dr. Parmila, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Law, and co-convened by Dr. Seema Devi, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Law, was designed to educate participants on the pressing social and legal issues surrounding HIV/AIDS. Esteemed speakers included Mr. Rajbir Kashyap, representative of the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), Rohtak, and Ms. Kusum, Ms. Deepali, and Ms. Ritika, counselors from the Health Department, Government of Haryana.



The lecture commenced with an insightful address by Mr. Rajbir Kashyap, who shed light on the legal rights of people living with HIV/AIDS (PLHIV) under Indian law, emphasizing the role of the legal fraternity in ensuring non-discrimination and equal access to healthcare. Following this, the health department counselors—Ms. Kusum, Ms. Deepali, and Ms. Ritika—delivered engaging sessions on the medical aspects of HIV/AIDS, the importance of early detection, and the significance of maintaining confidentiality and dignity for PLHIV.



The speakers highlighted the multifaceted challenges of combating the HIV/AIDS epidemic, including societal stigma, inadequate awareness, and the need for robust legal frameworks to protect vulnerable populations. The program also included interactive discussions, where students actively participated, raising pertinent questions and reflecting on the role of law in addressing public health concerns.



The observance of World AIDS Day served as a critical reminder of the ongoing battle against HIV/AIDS and the societal barriers that exacerbate its impact. By fostering awareness and

educating future legal professionals, the event aimed to reduce stigma and promote the inclusion of PLHIV in mainstream society.

This initiative aligns with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly SDG 3 (Good Health and Well-Being) and SDG 16 (Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions). The event emphasized the need for accessible healthcare and strong institutional frameworks to ensure justice and equity for those affected by HIV/AIDS. It underscored the importance of a collaborative approach between healthcare professionals and legal practitioners in addressing the epidemic effectively.

The guest lecture saw enthusiastic participation from law students and faculty members, who gained valuable insights into the intersection of law, health, and social justice. The event empowered participants to contribute meaningfully to creating an informed and inclusive society by fostering a sense of responsibility to advocate for the rights of marginalized groups.



The Guest Lecture on World AIDS Day was a significant step toward bridging gaps in understanding and addressing HIV/AIDS from both social and legal perspectives. By promoting awareness, reducing stigma, and emphasizing the role of law in public health, the event reaffirmed Baba Mastnath University's commitment to social justice and the empowerment of communities. Such initiatives not only educate but also inspire individuals to work toward a society that upholds equality, dignity, and well-being for all.

