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Write-up on Antimicrobial Awareness Celebration 2026

As part of the World Antimicrobial Awareness Week initiative, the Department of Microbiology organized “*Antimicrobial Awareness 2026*” on the 8th of January 2026. The event aimed to create awareness regarding antimicrobial resistance (AMR) and the importance of prudent antibiotic use among medical students and faculty. The program, conducted between 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM, witnessed enthusiastic participation from Phase 2 MBBS students and faculty members.

The event featured a variety of creative and educational competitions, including **Poster Presentation**, **Collage Making**, and **Rangoli Design**, each centred on themes that emphasized the global threat of AMR and the role of healthcare professionals in addressing it. The themes included “*Act Now: Protect Our Present, Secure Our Future*” for the poster competition, “*Why One Health Matters in AMR*” for the collage activity, and “*Bacteria, Antibiotics and Antimicrobial Resistance*” for the rangoli designs. A **Pledge Wall** was also set up for students and faculty to make a formal commitment toward combating antimicrobial resistance.

All students from Phase 2 MBBS participated actively, showcasing impressive creativity and depth of understanding. Groups were divided based on roll numbers, with each group preparing one entry each for the poster, collage, and rangoli competitions. Faculty members from various departments graciously served as judges for the event.

The results of the competitions were as follows:

- **Poster Competition:** 1st Place – *Group P5*, 2nd Place – *Group P1*, 3rd Place – *Group P4*
- **Collage Competition:** 1st Place – *Group C5*, 2nd Place – *Group C4*, 3rd Place – *Group C9*
- **Rangoli Competition:** 1st Place – *Group R7*, 2nd Place – *Group R4*, 3rd Place – *Group R6*

The event saw colourful displays, creative artwork, and thoughtful presentations by the students. All participants were appreciated for their efforts and awarded participation certificates. During the program, both faculty and students took the **AMR Pledge** and walked through the "*Hall of Frames*", where all posters, collages, and rangoli artworks were exhibited. The theme colour for the event was **blue**, symbolizing the global campaign "*Go Blue for Antimicrobial Resistance*", and all participants dressed accordingly.

The event successfully combined innovative teaching and experiential learning, aligning with the NMC Phase 2 Microbiology competencies and highlighting the importance of the *One Health* approach in AMR control. It not only enhanced student engagement but also encouraged interdepartmental collaboration and community awareness.

The Department of Microbiology extends heartfelt gratitude to the Management, the Principal, and the Medical Superintendent for their continuous support in making this event a success. A special note of appreciation goes to all our esteemed judges—*Dr. Vasanth Kumar, Dr. Santhosh Kumar M., Dr. Mahesh Kulkarni, Dr. Shingati Mohammad Hashim, Dr. Manjula A. Patil, and Dr. Manjula K. S.*—for dedicating their valuable time and encouragement to inspire our students.

This event served as a meaningful step in fostering awareness, responsibility, and proactive behaviour among students and faculty toward combating antimicrobial resistance.