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**Department of Microbiology**  
**in Association with**  
**NSS, and Under DBT-STAR College Scheme**

**Report on “World No Tobacco Day Awareness Programme 2024”**

**Event Summary**

On 31st May 2024, the Department of Microbiology, in collaboration with the National Service Scheme (NSS) and under the auspices of the DBT-STAR College Scheme, successfully conducted an awareness programme in recognition of World No Tobacco Day. The event took place at Mathikere Market, Bengaluru, Karnataka, from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM.

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**Participants:**

The Programme saw the active participation of approximately 30 students, comprising both undergraduate (UG) and postgraduate (PG) students from the Microbiology Department. The enthusiastic involvement of the students contributed significantly to the success of the event.

### **Event Highlights:**

#### **Public Awareness Sessions:**

Students and faculty members conducted informative sessions highlighting the dangers associated with tobacco use. These sessions were aimed at educating the public about the health risks and societal impact of tobacco consumption.

#### **Educational Materials and Resources:**

Various educational materials, including brochures, pamphlets, and posters, were distributed among the attendees. These resources provided valuable information on the harmful effects of tobacco and guidance on cessation strategies.

#### **Interactive Discussions:**

Interactive discussions were held with the public, where participants could ask questions and engage in conversations about tobacco use and its repercussions. These discussions facilitated a better understanding and reinforced the message of the dangers of tobacco.

#### **Outcomes:**

- **Increased Awareness:** The event successfully raised awareness among the local community about the adverse effects of tobacco use.
- **Student Engagement:** The involvement of students in organizing and conducting the programme fostered a sense of responsibility and provided them with practical experience in public health advocacy.
- **Community Interaction:** The interactive nature of the event allowed for meaningful exchanges between students, faculty, and the public, enhancing the overall impact of the awareness campaign.

#### **Conclusion:**

The World No Tobacco Day awareness Programme was a resounding success, thanks to the dedicated efforts of the Students of Department of Microbiology, the support from the NSS, and the backing of the DBT-STAR College Scheme. The collaborative effort not only educated the public on the perils of tobacco use but also inspired a collective commitment towards a healthier, tobacco-free future.

**Glimpse of the Events**

