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Extension Activity Report

Date: 25th September 2024

Venue: Govt. Higher Primary School, Bommanahalli, Nagamangala Taluk, Mandya District Organized by: Department of Biochemistry in association with Department of Community Medicine, AIMS, BG Nagara, and Rotary Club, BG Nagara (RI District No – 3192)

> Theme: "Beyond the Table" Occasion: National Nutrition Month – 2024 Beneficiaries: 60 students, 8 teachers

In celebration of National Nutrition Month 2024, the Department of Biochemistry, in association with the Department of Community Medicine, AIMS BG Nagara, and Rotary Club, BG Nagara, organized an extension activity at Govt. Higher Primary School, Bommanahalli. The program aimed at educating school children about nutrition and healthy eating under the theme **"Beyond the Table,"** addressing both mental and physical nourishment through balanced diets.

The event commenced with the traditional lighting of the lamp by the dignitaries. Ms. Asfiya, a B.Sc. MLT student from AIMS, rendered an invocation song, setting a serene tone for the event. Following this, Mr. Somashekar GN, Assistant Professor, Department of Biochemistry, welcomed the attendees with a heartfelt speech. The awareness sessions comprised insightful presentations:

- 1. **"Nourish Your Body, Feed Your Mind"** by **Dr. Rajeshwari A**, Associate Professor, Dept. of Biochemistry, focused on the connection between nutrition and cognitive health.
- 2. **"Unhealthy Diet, Unhealthy Life: A Closer Look"** by **Dr. Namitha D**, Associate Professor, Dept. of Biochemistry, highlighted the adverse effects of poor dietary choices.

A role play performed by 6th Semester B.Sc. MLT students creatively demonstrated the benefits of consuming fresh fruits and vegetables while emphasizing the health risks of junk food. This interactive performance captivated the students, effectively reinforcing the day's key messages.

The event was attended by the students, Head Master, and teachers of Govt. Higher Primary School, alongside faculty members from the Departments of Biochemistry and Community Medicine, AIMS BG Nagara.

The vote of thanks was delivered by Dr. Raghavendra S K, Associate Professor and HOD, Department of Community Medicine. The program, organized under the leadership of Dr. Asharani N (Organizing Chairperson, Prof & HOD, Dept. of Biochemistry) and Dr. Rajeshwari A (Organizing Secretary, Assoc. Prof, Dept. of Biochemistry), was appreciated by all attendees for its valuable contribution to the students' understanding of nutrition. At the conclusion of the program, the students were treated to healthy food items sponsored by the Department of Biochemistry and Rotarian Manjegowda J K, further reinforcing the event's theme. The extension activity was a great success, with positive feedback from all participants. It successfully raised awareness about the importance of healthy eating among young students, leaving a lasting impression on their nutritional choices.

Outcomes: The program has laid the foundation for long-term behavioral changes in students' dietary habits. By combining education with engaging activities and practical examples, the children were motivated to adopt healthier lifestyles, which could lead to improved health outcomes in the future.





Organizing and role play team with staff of school

All are cordially invited