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University Institute of Health Sciences organises a Conference on Worlds Aids Day titled Past, Present and Future of HIV.

The Guest of Honor at this event was Registrar Dr. Anil Yadav and the keynote lecturer was Dr. Rahul Mishra, Specialist in HIV/AIDS Medicine; Secretary-General, HIV-Welfare Society of India.

Beginning the lecture session, he said that breaking the stigma about HIV is crucial. Everyone should try to get their HIV Status known. This can help contain the virus. Addressing the Student of Health Sciences, he said that the Hospital fraternity must be more vigilant towards HIV as screening is the key to containing the spread of this virus and defined HIV as a chronic manageable disease. Apart from that he also advised the students that while in the profession, they should always screen for HIV in cases where they see an amalgamation of various diseases. Like in tuberculosis patients, the chances of HIV is extremely high if it is accompanied by some other disease.

Furthermore, in his presentation, he made the students aware of the various symptoms that could lead to HIV and discussed the case history of patients and said adherence to medicine can Stop HIV from transforming into AIDS and is a key to eradicating the virus. Adding to the knowledge of students he said there is always a higher chance of transmission of HIV from males to females. Furthermore, he said that new drugs in the market can help reduce transmission and lastly said that only an aware society can eradicate HIV.

The guest of honour Registrar Dr, Anil Yadav said in his speech that Knowledge is the ultimate weapon to defeat HIV and said that awareness campaigns should be organised regularly so that more and more people can learn about the insights of HIV. He also praised the presentation given by Dr. Rahul Mishra and awarded him a certificate on behalf of the University.

Dr. Praveen Katiyar Head of Department, University Institute of Health Sciences said that we have been conducting HIV/AIDS Awareness campaign since 2010 and every year our attempt is to aware the youth about HIV but it's alarming that still 15 lakh people are getting infected with the virus. He emphasised that there is an immediate need to find the actual scenario of the diseases as right now it is just the tip of the disease that we are dealing with because only 13% Indians know about their HIV status.

A question-and-answer session was also organised at this lecture and several students and faculty from Health Sciences put their doubts in front of Dr. Rahul Mishra regarding HIV which he answered. At this awareness campaign Dr. Vivek Sachan, Dr R.K. Awasthi, their faculties and students of health sciences were also present.