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**Report on World AIDS Day -2022**

World AIDS Day is commemorated on the 1<sup>st</sup> of December every year throughout the world. The Department of Biotechnology and Bioinformatics, School of life sciences, JSS Academy of Higher Education & Research conducted two events – Jaatha (walkathon) and a stage program to commemorate World AIDS Day on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2022 in association with various government and private sectors, aimed to motivate and spread awareness among the public. The walkathon, participated by the University Authorities, Faculty members and students of Department of Biotechnology and Bioinformatics, students from other departments of JSS AHER, NCC of JSS AHER, various Pharmacy Colleges and Nursing Colleges in the city was flagged-off by District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Member Secretary Sri Devaraja Bhute from Millennium Circle (LIC Circle) on Bengaluru-Mysuru Road and the procession ended at JSS AHER. The rally was organised jointly by the District Administration, Zilla Panchayat, District Health, and Family Welfare Department, Mysuru, Karnataka State AIDS Prevention Society, Bengaluru, District AIDS Prevention and Control Unit, DLSA, Mysuru, NGOs and other organisations.

The theme of the program was 3 Es - **EFFECTUATE AIDS TEST, EQUITY TO END HIV, and END THE STIGMA.**



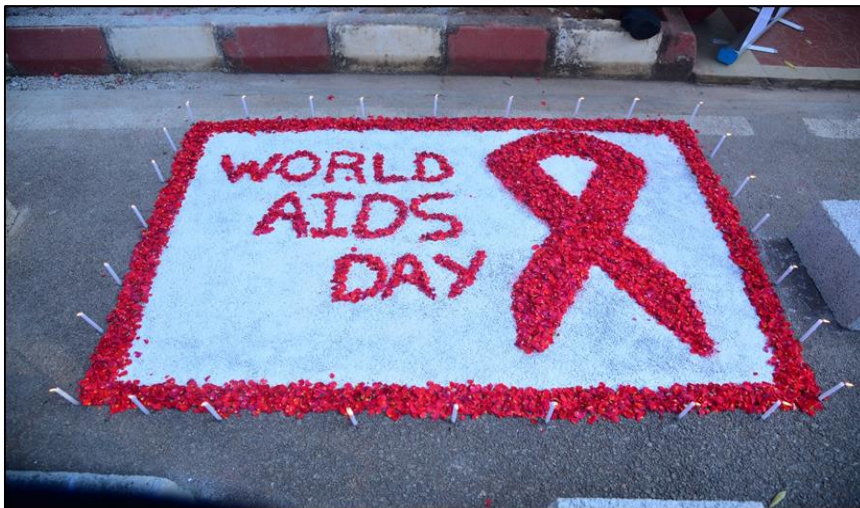
Flagging off the Jaatha. On the left, Sri Devaraj Bhute, Member Secretary of District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) is seen flagging the walkathon.



GLIMPSE OF JAATHA



COMPLETION OF JAATHA



RANGOLI BY STUDENTS



The stage program was held at Sri Rajendra Auditorium, JSS College of Pharmacy. The Program started with a folklore dance presented by the local traditional dance team with the theme of HIV prevention. Program was inaugurated by Dr. K.V Rajendra (IAS), DC Mysuru. The Chief Guests of the program were Dr. Rajeshwari, Divisional Joint Director of Health Department Mysore, Dr. K.H Prasad from District Health and Welfare Department Mysuru, and Dr. K.R. Dakshayini from AMC Mysuru who delivered their speeches about history of HIV infection, statistics of HIV infection and preventive measures.

The guests were welcomed by Dr. K.A. Raveesha, Dean, School of Life Sciences, Mysuru & Life Sciences Departments, JSS AHER. Dr. Sudheendra Bhat, COE, JSS AHER was the president of the stage program and delivered his presidential speech. During the program, HIV patient-activist Mr. Mahadeva shared his life experiences. Later, an oath taking was conducted to the audience by Mr. Chandrashekar.



Dr. Mohammad Siraj Ahmed, District AIDS Prevention Control Officer, Dr. Gopenath T S, Coordinator, and Dr. Ramith Ramu, Assistant Professor from the Department of Biotechnology and Bioinformatics were the Conveners of the program. Ms. Vijayashree and her team presented a short play regarding health awareness in HIV/AIDS. Vote of thanks was rendered by Mrs. Savita from DHO, Mysuru.



Students performing stage drama on behalf of the World AIDS Day



Oath taking conducted to create awareness about AIDS and prevention of the same



