

## Report of Aids Awareness Committee 2018- 2019

A) Aids Awareness Committee organised an awareness programme on 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2019 to sensitise the students on the dreaded disease AIDS. The theme for the year was “**Communities make the Difference.**” The event was especially designed and planned so as to open a discussion forum where students could openly interact with the teachers and each other. To educate the students Dr. Bhavna Sood delivered a lecture tracing the history of the disease and removed myths and taboos that are prevalent in society with respect to this disease.

Later, a movie *Philadelphia* was screened for the faculty members and the students attending the session. The movie was screened with the purpose to sensitise the audience about the legal rights, feelings and various complex issues related with AIDS. In the end questionnaire was distributed among the students to assess their knowledge on the disease. The event concluded with the discussion between committee members and the students about the AIDS and STDs.





**B)** Every year throughout the month of March-local, state, tribal, federal, and national organizations come together to shed light on the impact of HIV and 10<sup>th</sup> March is National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day (**NWGHAAD**). This year marks the 14th annual observance of National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day. The Committee organised another awareness programme on 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2020 (as 10<sup>th</sup> March was a national holiday because of Holi) for women and girls to show support for those at risk of and living with HIV. For this interactive session Dr Surinder Kaur Gambhir, a Sr Consultant: Obstetrician and Gynaecologist from Paras Bliss hospital, Chandigarh, deliberated on the know how of how an individual can get infected, what are the symptoms and the precautions for it. The session was attended by faculty, under-graduate, as well as, post-graduate students.