## **Press Note**

Under the auspices of Maharaja Ranjit Singh Punjab Technical University, NCC and NSS units of Giani zail Singh Campus College of Engineering and Technology, Bathinda recently organized a sensitizing programme on its campus premises in recognition of World AIDS DAY. The theme for this programme was kept on "Support AIDS AWARENESS". Students, faculty and staff participated in this event in large strength.

At the start of the programme, students pinned up the red ribbons to the panal speakers and their friends as a symbol of awareness aboud AIDS and support for those living with HIV.

A Panel discussion was organized wherein faculty and students of the campus participated. The participants presented some important facts and expressed their views about spread of HIV/AIDS and their prevention. Ar. Ranjeet kaur, and Lt Rajeev Kumar varshney were the moderators for this panel discussion. Lt. Vivek Kaundal, Prof. Kalyan Roy, Dr. Devanand Uttam and Ar. Ranjeet Kaur participated as the main panelists in this discussion. All of them were of the opinion that people have to take bold and visionary steps in responding to HIV. Some of the students presented their views about the menace of this epidemic.

Dr. H M Garg was invited as a resource person to make aware the gathering on the issues related with HIV. He highlighted the United Nations Programmes on HIV/AIDS. He stressed that in line with the theme of this programme, we have to contribute in our all possible way what we can do for the society. He informed the house that the only way to know for sure, whether or not you have HIV, is to get tested. We can use this day to raise awareness about HIV/AIDS, encourage people to get tested, and take action to support people living with HIV.

Vice-Chancellor, Professor Mohan Paul Singh Isher and Registrar, Professor Jasbir Singh Hundal of MRS PTU, Bathinda appreciated the efforts of staff and students of the campus for organizing such programmes of social concerns. Campus Director Professor Gursharan Singh advised the students that programmes of awreness and social reforms should be organized on regular basic addressing one or other problems. Such Programmes help new generation live with free of all misconceptions and move forward with wisdom and right understanding.

Through its telephonic message, the Commanding officer of 20 Punjab BN Lt Co Himmat Singh applauded the NCC and NSS Units of GZSCCET, Bathinda for the successful organization of the event.

The programme ended with an affirmation of commitment that the people have to unite in the fight against HIV.



Photo Caption: Participants of Panel Discussion From Left: Dr. Devanand Uttam, Prof. Kalyan Roy, Dr. H M Garg, Ar. Ranjeet Kaur, Lt (Dr.) Rajeev Kumar Varshney, Lt Vivek Kaundal