

# **WORLD AIDS DAY 2021**

**Venue: First grade degree college, Harohalli Date: 03.12.2021**

AIDS remains a major public health issue that affects millions of people worldwide. Every year, on 1 December, the world commemorates World AIDS Day. People around the world unite in the fight against HIV, show their support for people living with HIV and remember those who lost their lives to AIDS.

**The theme of World AIDS Day 2021 is “End inequalities. End AIDS”.** With a special focus on reaching people left behind and highlighting the growing inequalities in access to essential HIV-services.



The department of community medicine, **Dr. Chandramma Dayananda Sagar Institute of Medical Education and Research ( CDSIMER)** in collaboration with **Government Community Health Centre (CHC), Harohalli** observed **WORLD AIDS DAY** on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2021 by organizing an Information, Education & Communication (IEC) event at Government first grade degree College, Harohalli.

Dr. Santosh Achappa, Associate professor, Dr. Brunda N.K, Assistant professor and Dr. Ramya M.P, Assistant professor took part in the event as **Resource Persons** and addressed around 250 students regarding HIV/AIDS, its transmission, myths, prevention and control. The speakers emphasized on the importance of educating the people especially the youth on this topic. The

students were asked to take an oath saying that they will support in reducing the burden of HIV/AIDS in the country by not indulging in risk behavior and will be kind towards the people with HIV/AIDS. The sessions were conducted separately for boys and girls. A **“Question & Answer session”** was conducted before concluding the event where the students asked questions & doubts on HIV/AIDS & other health problems. Majority of the questions from boys were on hazards of smoking & alcohol and from girls were on anemia and problems during Menstruation.

