



St. Vincent College
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Pune -411037

Title of the Event	Seminar on “Awareness on aids”		
Date of the Event	26th August 2025	Place of the event	St. Vincent College
Objectives of the Event	The seminar aimed to educate students about HIV/AIDS, including its transmission, prevention, and treatment, while dispelling myths and reducing stigma. It also sought to promote responsible health behaviors and encourage students to become peer educators in their communities.		
Name/s of the Resource Persons	Representatives of health department of Pune Municipal Corporation		
A short narration of the program			
Seminar on “Awareness on aids” On 26th August 2025, St. Vincent College, Pune, organized a seminar on AIDS Awareness as part of its ongoing efforts to promote health education and social responsibility among students. The session was conducted in collaboration with the Health Department of the Pune Municipal Corporation (PMC) and held on the college premises during regular academic hours. The aim of the seminar was to provide students with accurate information about HIV/AIDS, dispel myths and misconceptions, and promote awareness about prevention, testing, and the importance of reducing social stigma associated with the disease. The resource person for the seminar was a public health educator and field officer from the PMC’s Health Department, who has been involved in community outreach and awareness campaigns on communicable diseases. The session began at 11:00 a.m. in the college auditorium and was attended primarily by undergraduate students from the B.Com and BA programs, along with a few faculty members and NSS volunteers. The presentation covered the basic biology of HIV, explaining how the virus affects the immune system and progresses to AIDS if left untreated. A significant portion of the seminar focused on prevention strategies. The speaker also discussed the role of Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) and Post-Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP) in high-risk groups, as well as the availability of free HIV testing and Antiretroviral Therapy (ART) at government hospitals and designated centers in Pune.			



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The session addressed the social dimension of HIV/AIDS, particularly the discrimination and isolation faced by affected individuals. Students were encouraged to adopt a compassionate and non-judgmental attitude, and to act as peer educators in their communities. The speaker shared real-life examples—without revealing identities—of people living with HIV who lead normal, healthy lives with proper treatment and support.

Myths such as “HIV is a death sentence” or “only certain groups are at risk” were directly addressed and corrected with factual data from national health surveys and WHO guidelines. A short informational video produced by the National AIDS Control Organization (NACO) was screened to reinforce key messages.

Students were given pamphlets containing contact details of local ART centers, helpline numbers, and tips for staying safe. They were also informed about the confidentiality of HIV testing and the importance of early diagnosis.

A question-and-answer round followed the presentation. Students asked about the accuracy of HIV tests, window periods, and the status of a cure. The resource person answered each query factually and sensitively, maintaining a respectful and open environment.

This awareness program aligns with broader national efforts to achieve the UNAIDS 95-95-95 targets by 2030 and reflects St. Vincent College’s commitment to holistic education that includes physical, emotional, and social well-being. Future sessions on related topics such as sexual health, drug abuse, and mental wellness are planned in collaboration with the PMC.

Name of the Collaborating Agency	Pune Municipal Corporation
Learning Outcomes of the Event for the Participants	Students gained scientifically accurate knowledge about HIV/AIDS, understood the importance of testing, treatment (including PrEP, PEP, and ART), and learned how to access confidential healthcare services. They also developed empathy and awareness about social stigma, enabling them to support inclusivity and informed dialogue.
Learning Outcomes for the Organizing team	The organizing team enhanced their capacity to deliver sensitive health education through collaboration with public health authorities. They also identified effective strategies for engaging students on critical social health issues, which will inform future wellness initiatives and interdisciplinary programming.



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No. of Participants	undergraduate students from the B.Com and BA
Faculty in Charge	Dr. Franklin Salvi
Documents Attached	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Attendance Sheet2. Geotag photographs3. Resume of resource persons if any4. Copy of remuneration paid if any5. Notice of the event6. Thank you letter to the resource persons