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### International Autism Awareness Day 2025

Organised by Department of Psychology

Dr. Harisingh Gour Vishwavidyalaya, Sagar, (M.P.)


On April 2, 2025, the Department of Psychology at Dr. Harisingh Gour Vishwavidyalaya, Sagar, (M.P.) observed International Autism Awareness Day with the aim of spreading awareness about autism in society. Autism is a neurological disorder that affects an individual's social behaviour, communication skills, and involves repetitive behaviours. The program commenced with a lamp-lighting ceremony by the Chief Guest, Professor Diwakar Singh Rajput, Dean of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences. He emphasized that although autism symptoms appear in early childhood, they can vary widely from person to person.

Students conveyed awareness messages through street plays and poetry recitations focusing on autism. Mrs. Praveen Kumari, a Special Educator from the Directorate of Education, Delhi, joined online and shared her practical knowledge and experiences related to autism with the students. In her lecture, she discussed in detail the symptoms, causes, and treatment of autism.

Dr. Pushpendra Balliyan and Dr. Vashisht Selvan from the District Hospital highlighted the excessive use of mobile phones as a contributing factor to the rising cases of autism.

The event witnessed active participation from faculty members of the Psychology Department including Dr. Gyanesh Tiwari, Dr. Divya Bhanot, Dr. Sharda Vishwakarma, and Dr. Devkinandan Sharma, along with research scholars Archana Choudhary, Anurag Shukla, and Amit Kumar Macorya, and postgraduate students (M.A./M.Sc. second and fourth semesters).

The event was coordinated and hosted by the Program Convener, Ms. Sanchita Meena, Assistant Professor, while Professor Utasav Anand, Head of Department, appreciated the well-organized event and expressed gratitude to all faculty members, research scholars, and students for successfully conducting the event in a short span of time.



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