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Observance of Gandhi Jayanti at AIIMS, Bhopal

On the occasion of 151st birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, several activities have been organized and planned at AIIMS, Bhopal. Professor Sarman Singh, Director, AIIMS, Bhopal, conveyed his best wishes on the occasion through his online address relayed to all the staff and employees of the institute. He recalled the key lessons that our countrymen and the world continue to draw from the life and works of Mahatma Gandhiji. He reminded everyone of the essential practice of “Cleanliness” or “Swacchhta”, as is continuously emphasized by our Honourable Prime Minister, Narendra Modi Ji.

The Director announced the commencement of the Swacchhata Pakhwada (a Cleanliness drive fortnight) at AIIMS, Bhopal from 2nd October up to 16th October 2020, and encouraged everyone to participate with enthusiasm, while observing safety norms. He expressed that such activities should motivate everyone to continue to adhere to these good practices, and not remain limited to the day of event.

1. Swacchhata Pakhwada at AIIMS, Bhopal from 2nd to 16th October 2020 at AIIMS, Bhopal:

Various activities are being scheduled to be organized in the coming fortnight as a part of the “Swacchhata Pakhwada” or a ‘cleanliness drive fortnight’ for sensitizing all the staff and also for spreading awareness among general public. In view of the ongoing pandemic the focus of this year’s drive will be on “COVID-19 mitigation”. The activities planned include essay writing, poetry composition, poster making, slogan writing etc such that they are conducted online, and do not violate the safety and distancing norms. Dr. Shashank Purwar, the nodal person for “Swacchhata Action Plan” at AIIMS, Bhopal also informed of the planned education and awareness sessions by the Hospital Infection Control Committee (HICC) on Biomedical Waste Management in COVID and non-COVID areas and Hand hygiene, during this fortnight.

2. Blood Donation Camp organized at AIIMS, Bhopal:

The Blood Bank of AIIMS, Bhopal organized a blood donation camp on 2nd October 2020 in association with 107th Battalion of CRPF, at Bangrasia, Bhopal in fond remembrance of the Father of the Nation, and his selfless service to humanity.

Blood availability for patients has been hit adversely by the COVID-19 pandemic. The voluntary blood donations have decreased on account of the lockdown and quarantine regulations. Organization of blood donation camps has also been a challenge due to the restrictions on assembly of many people at one place.

During the conduction of camp, all safety precautions were taken for prevention of spread of COVID as per the National guidelines. Social distancing was ensured by staggering the blood donations. All donors were provided masks and gloves, and hand sanitization before entering the donation area. The blood bank staff and volunteers also donned protective overalls, masks, sanitized frequently, and followed all the standard protocols

Every blood donor is tested and screened for fitness before blood donation, as is the standard practice. All care is taken to make blood donation a safe and comfortable experience, as well as to maintain the quality of blood collected for the recipients. In view of the on-going pandemic, the Blood donors are encouraged to report any COVID like symptoms even days after blood donation.

In total, 75 CRPF personnel got registered in this voluntary donation camp and out of which 64 individuals had donated.

The blood bank of AIIMS Bhopal encourages small camps of 5 to 30 blood donors for which the **blood bank can be contacted on 0755-2832280**. The blood donation area of the blood bank is open from **8am to 8pm daily** and on all holidays.



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