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**AIIMS Bhopal Observes World Antibiotic Awareness Week (WAAW-2020):**

The World Antibiotic Awareness Week is observed globally in November every year. It aims at increasing the awareness of the problem of Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) i.e. misuses of antibiotics/antimicrobials which is leading to their reduced effectiveness in treating infections. It is important for the healthcare workers as well as general public to adopt best practices while using antibiotics so as to reduce the further emergence and spread of drug-resistant infections.

AIIMS Bhopal actively observed the World Antibiotic Awareness Week from 18<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> November. The Director and CEO Professor Dr. Sarman Singh encouraged everyone to participate, and himself took an active part in the week long activities. He appealed to the healthcare workers to rationally prescribe antimicrobials, and to the general public to use antibiotic only after a valid prescription from a doctor. The Dean Academics of the institute, Professor Dr. Rajesh Malik appealed to all doctors to carefully prescribe right antibiotic with right dose and duration for a right disease. The programmes of the week were planned and coordinated by Dr. Sagar Khadanga, Assistant Professor, Department of General Medicine at AIIMS, Bhopal who is also the Nodal officer of the Resource Center of Tropical and Infectious Diseases, & Nodal Officer of the MP State AMR Committee.

The Residents and junior doctors were made aware of the menace of Antibiotic Resistance by holding various programs like, lecture, quiz and debate completion. Special emphasis was given to Nursing students who are the future backbone of Health care delivery system. General public were made aware of the issue of antibiotic resistance and its impact by innovative role plays. Various media awareness programs were conducted in collaboration with Dept. of Health and Family Welfare.

As the state of MP has high maternal and neonatal mortality, AIIMS Bhopal in collaboration with National Health Mission (NHM), Madhya Pradesh trained master trainers in the field of Surgery and Maternal and Child care across the various districts of the state. AIIMS, Bhopal and NHM Madhya Pradesh have agreed upon to work together to develop roadmap to decrease usage of antibiotics among animals and agriculture sectors.

The slogan for 2020 is: "**Antimicrobials: handle with care**" applicable to all sectors like Human Health, Animal Health, Food and Agriculture and all other sectors. In the wake of

COVID -19 Pandemic the role of misuse of antibiotics and subsequent resistance is more so important.



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