

# **Report on HPV Awareness Session at Karnataka Public School, Bengaluru**

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## **Purpose of Visit:**

To conduct an HPV awareness session for students and parents at Karnataka Public School, Bengaluru. One of the primary objectives of HDR Foundation is to educate the school community about the importance of HPV vaccination and testing, and to encourage them to take preventive measures such as vaccinations and screening.

## **Attendees:**

- Approximately 250 students and parents
- School teachers and staff

## **Session Highlights:**

### **1. Introduction:**

- The session was initiated by Dr. Hemavathi from the Lions Club, who recognized the importance of HPV awareness and supported the initiative.
- Sheetal Joshi (Project Manager) and Pallavi S P (Research Lead) from Asian Research and Training Institute for Skill Transfer (ARTIST), HDR Foundation, were introduced.

### **2. Awareness Presentation:**

- Sheetal Joshi delivered an engaging presentation in Kannada, explaining the basics of Nutrition, Mental health and more about HPV, its potential health risks, and the benefits of vaccination and testing.
- The presentation was tailored to the audience, ensuring clarity and understanding.

### **3. Q&A Session:**

- A Q&A session followed the presentation, addressing questions from both students and parents.
- The session provided an opportunity for open dialogue and clarification of doubts.

### **4. Consent Form Distribution:**

- Consent forms were distributed to parents to seek their permission for their child's vaccination.
- Approximately 80% of the parents expressed interest in vaccinating their children.

## **Outcome:**

The HPV awareness session was a resounding success. The school community was receptive to the information provided and showed keen interest in getting vaccinated. The distribution of consent forms is a positive step towards initiating the vaccination process.

## **Next Steps:**

**1. Consent Form Collection:**

- The school committee will collect the signed consent forms from the parents.

**2. Vaccination Drive:**

- A dedicated day will be scheduled for the vaccination of students whose parents have provided consent.
- ARTIST, HDR Foundation will coordinate with the school to ensure a smooth vaccination process.

**Acknowledgments:**

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to Dr. Hemavathi from the Lions Club for her visionary leadership and support in initiating this program. We also thank the management and staff of Karnataka Public School, Bengaluru for their support and cooperation in organizing this successful awareness session.

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**Glimpses of the awareness program.**











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