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Report on Adoption of Village by Red Ribbon Club for HIV and STI **Awareness Activities**

On 5th May, 2025, the Red Ribbon Club (RRC) of Government Degree College Kangan organized a comprehensive HIV and STI awareness outreach program in the village of Margund-A, officially adopting the village for sustained awareness activities. The initiative was carried out under the leadership of Principal Prof. Sadaf Nazir along with convener Red Ribbon Club Prof. Waseem Yaseen, who led student volunteers of Red Ribbon Club and faculty members to the said village for the outreach. The primary objective of this outreach was to raise awareness among the residents of Margund-A regarding HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment and care, prevention and early detection of sexually transmitted infections (STI's), reducing stigma and discrimination associated with HIV.

The event commenced with a rally through the village streets, with volunteers holding placards and chanting slogans promoting safe practices and health education. Volunteers engaged with villagers personally to dispel myths and provided accurate information about HIV and STI's.

A formal session was conducted at the local level where Prof. Waseem Yaseen and Prof. Aatina Nasir Malik, HOD Sociology delivered speeches on HIV and STI awareness to a group of villagers which include elderly, youth and children. The event witnesses active participation from villagers, the volunteers engaged the community members through open discussion and question -answer sessions, which were well received. The adoption of Margund-A village marks a significant step in the Red Ribbon Club (RRC's) mission to extend health education to underserved areas. The event successfully fostered awareness, initiated dialogue on sensitive health topics, and laid the foundation for future collaborations.







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