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Autistic Pride Day celebrated at IUST

Autistic Pride Day was celebrated at Syed Mantaqui Memorial College of Nursing and Medical Technology, IUST in collaboration with White Globe Foundation on June 18, 2022 to create awareness about autism in society. This day is celebrated every year to raise awareness about the autism and highlight how autism is a difference rather than a disorder. Many expert lectures and programs were organized on Autistic Pride Day.

The special guest of the occasion, Prof. Shabir Ahmed Bhat (Dean, Outreach, IUST) said “Autistic Pride Day holds special significance as it is meant to educate people about the difficulties experienced by the autistic people. To fight the stigma and provide a comfortable space to them, the society needs to join hands and treat them with respect and empathy. This day also advocates for people with autism to have equal opportunities”

Highlighting the relevance of the day, Ms Asmat Parveen (Principal, Syed Mantaqui College of Nursing) organized an awareness session at Green valley educational institute Illahi bagh Srinagar, in which the Nursing college students educated the parents, students and teachers about the signs and symptoms of autism. The need of psychological rehabilitation of such children was also discussed in length.

As shared by Ms Asmat Parveen, “Autism spectrum disorder (ASD) is a neurodevelopmental illness that affects a person's capacity to socially engage. Many people mistake Autism for a disease. However, it is only a reflection of the mind that distinguishes autistic persons from the general population.

Students also presented their views on autism spectrum disorder through poster presentation under mentorship of their tutors (Ms Andleeb and Ms Rumaisa). The function was presided over by Principal, Green valley Educational Institution. Chairperson of White Globe Foundation and SP Hazratbal were the guests of honour on this occasion.