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DEPARTMENT OF MICROBIOLOGY

World Antimicrobial Resistance Awareness Week (WAAW) 2024

REPORT

The Department of Microbiology, P K Das Institute of Medical Sciences, Palakkad, Kerala, celebrated the World Antimicrobial Awareness Week (WAAW) 2024 with a series of engaging and educational activities aimed at increasing awareness about antimicrobial resistance (AMR) and promoting responsible antimicrobial use. The programs, held from November 18 to November 23, brought together participants from various age groups and backgrounds. The events included a quiz, a comic strip contest, and a photography contest, each designed to encourage creativity, learning, and active participation in the fight against AMR. The closing ceremony included scientific talks by resource persons.

PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

DATE	EVENT	TIME AND LOCATION
18-11-24 MONDAY	Lens Against Resistance: AMR Photography Contest	ONLINE SUBMISSION
19-11-24 TUESDAY	Doodlebug: Comic Strip Contest	03:00 PM- 04:00PM DEPARTMENT OF MICROBIOLOGY, ACADEMIC BLOCK
21-11-24 THURSDAY	Brain vs. Bugs: Quiz on Antimicrobial Resistance	02:00PM- 04:00PM VIVEKANANDA LECTURE HALL, ACADEMIC BLOCK
22-11-24 FRIDAY	GRAND CLOSING CEREMONY Scientific sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sepsis: Where do we stand? Guidelines and Updates<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Dr Midhun, Assistant Professor, Department of General Medicine• Rationale in Prescribing Antibiotics<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Dr R Sathyajith, Associate Professor, Department of Microbiology	02:00PM LECTURE HALL 1, ACADEMIC BLOCK

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1. Lens Against Resistance: AMR Photography Contest

The photography contest encouraged participants to capture visuals related to antimicrobial resistance and the efforts to address it.

- **Theme:** Antimicrobial Use Resistance
- **Participants:** Doctors, Staff, and students of PKDIMS contributed 21 stunning entries.
- **Judgment Criteria:** Creativity, originality, thematic alignment, and technical excellence.
- **Outcome:** The contest showcased diverse perspectives, ranging from the overuse of antibiotics to healthcare workers promoting hygiene. Prizes were given to the top photographs.

FIRST PRIZE



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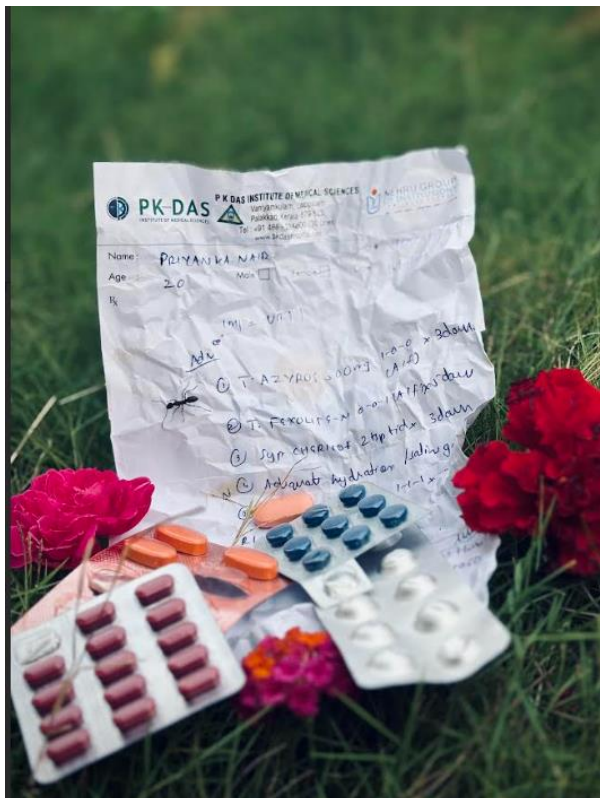
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SECOND PRIZE



THIRD PRIZE



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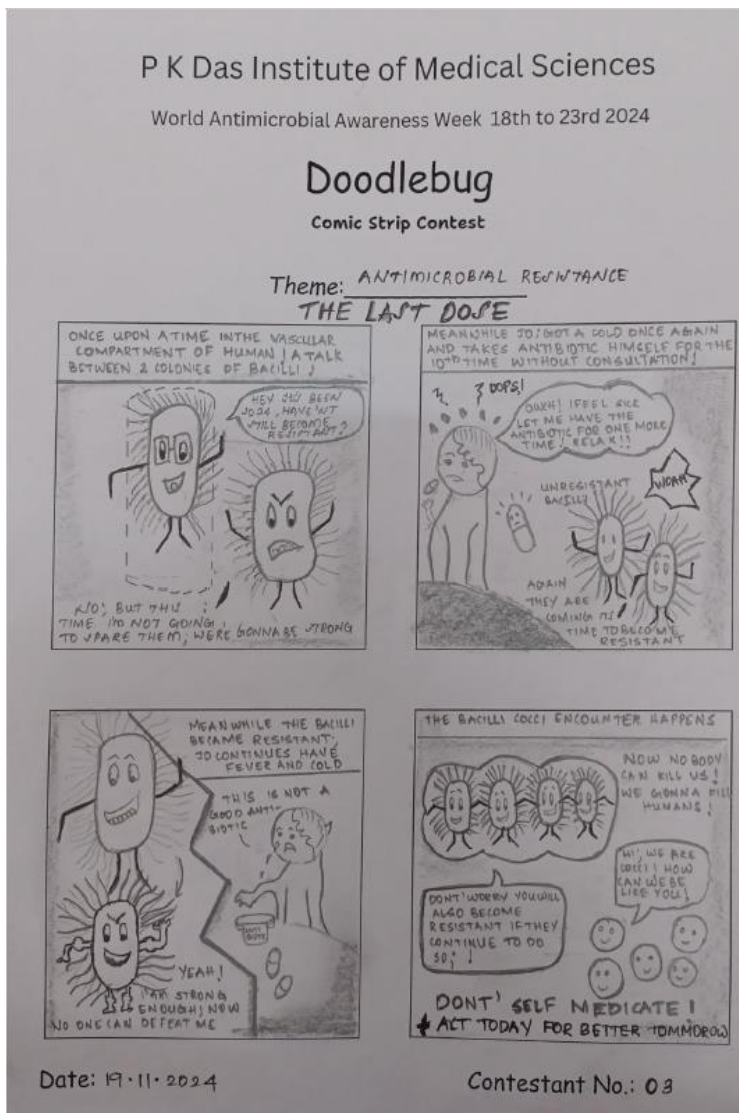
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2. Doodlebug: Comic Strip Contest

The comic strip contest provided a platform for participants to creatively express the importance of combating AMR through visual storytelling.

- **Theme:** "Antimicrobial Resistance: A Global Threat"
- **Participants:** Students of MBBS and PharmD contributed 18 entries.
- **Judgment Criteria:** Creativity, relevance to the theme, artistic quality, and the clarity of the message.
- **Outcome:** The winning entries depicted compelling narratives about the misuse of antibiotics, the role of healthcare professionals, and the need for public awareness. Selected comic strips were displayed at the venue and Prizes were given to the top comic strips.

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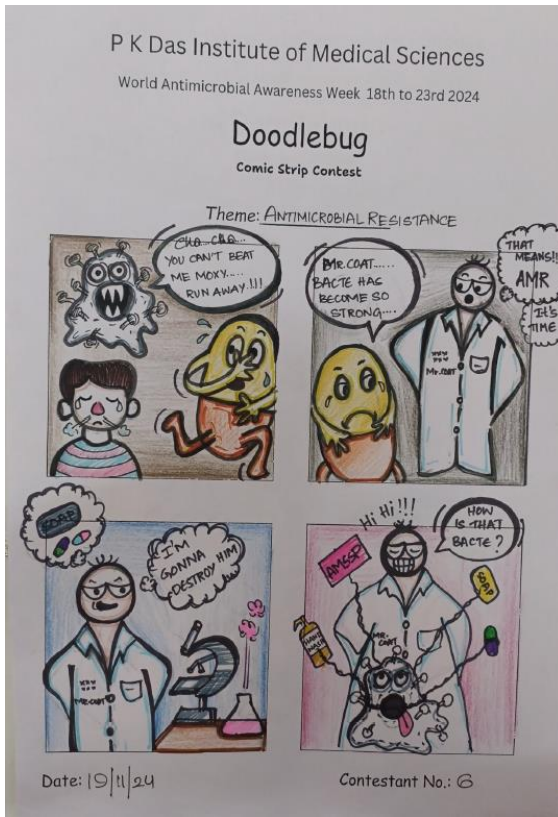


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3. Brain vs. Bugs: Quiz on Antimicrobial Resistance

The quiz competition was designed to engage students from MBBS, PharmD, and Interns. The aim was to test their knowledge about AMR, its causes, consequences, and preventive measures.

- **Participants:** Over 191 students participated in the preliminary round. Top 12 participants were divided into four groups of three.
- **Format:** The quiz consisted of multiple rounds, including an online preliminary test on Kahoot, followed by oral rounds focusing on antimicrobial stewardship and global AMR trends.
- **Highlights:** The competition saw active participation, with students showcasing impressive knowledge and enthusiasm. The winning teams was awarded mementos, and other prizes.

Quiz



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4. Grand closing Ceremony

PROGRAMME SCHEDULE FOR CLOSING CEREMONY

22nd NOVEMBER 2024

VENUE: SUSRUTA LECTURE HALL (LECTURE HALL 1), ACADEMIC BLOCK

Prayer 02:00 PM	
Welcome Speech 02:05 PM	Dr Divya M B, Associate Professor, Department of Microbiology
Lamp lighting 02:10 PM	All dignitaries
Presidential Address 02:15 PM	Dr R C Krishnakumar, Director of Operations, PKDIMS
Principal's Address 02:20 PM	Dr Satish G Prabhu, Principal, PKDIMS
Felicitation 02:25 PM	Dr Sreekumar, HOD General Surgery Dr L Ravichandran, HOD Microbiology Dr Arun Aravind, Associate Professor, Department of Microbiology
Scientific Sessions 02:30 pm-03:10 pm	1. Sepsis: Where do we stand? Guidelines and Updates Dr Midhun P, Assistant Professor, Department of General Medicine 2. Rational Antibiotic use: Clinical Case based approach Dr R Sathyajith, Associate Professor, Department of Microbiology
Prize Distribution 03:10 PM	
Vote of thanks 03:20 PM	Dr Shafeedha Rashbi K
Refreshments 03:25 PM	

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Prize Winners



Department of Microbiology- Faculty



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Outcomes and Impact

The programs were successful in creating awareness about AMR and fostering a sense of responsibility among participants. Key outcomes included:

- Increased understanding of AMR and its global impact among youth.
- Creative dissemination of AMR-related knowledge through visual arts.
- Active community engagement and broader outreach through social media campaigns featuring contest submissions.

Conclusion

World Antimicrobial Awareness Week 2024 effectively highlighted the importance of combating AMR through interactive and impactful activities. The contests inspired participants to be ambassadors of change, advocating for responsible antimicrobial use.