

**DEPARTMENT OF MICROBIOLOGY** GOVT. V.Y.T. PG AUTONOMOUS COLLEGE, DURG



## **Social Health Awareness Program**

## "Understanding Fungal Infections"

## (22.05.2021)

As everybody is experiencing the wrath of COVID-19 pandemic, A new, unfamiliar disease just propped up with terrifying indications namely the "Black Fungus". Though the cases are sporadic, but the severity of the infection and its effects on human body is alarming.

Fungi are found everywhere. They often grow in soil and decaying plant material and reproduce by spreading microscopic spores. As small propagules, which are often present in the air and soil, can be inhaled or come into contact with the surfaces of the body, and consequently, begin the infections.

In fact, most them are harmless, but some can be harmful to humans, and people with deficient immune systems are more vulnerable to infection.

Broadly speaking, we will study the fungal pathogens under the headings:

- 1. To understand the enemy...
- 2. To improve diagnosis. ...
- 3. To fight a 'hidden killer'
- 4. To treat the infection. ... and
- 5. To prevent fungal disease. ...

Name of faculty	Dr. Pragya Kulkarni, Mrs. Rekha Gupta, Mrs. Neetu Das, Ms. Anamika
involved	Sharma
Students'	M.Sc. Microbiology Sem. I, Sem. III, B.Sc. Part I, II, III and their Parents
participation	
Brief report	An academic and social awareness program was organized in the department
	on 22.05.2021 on 'Understanding the fungal infections' by <b>Dr. Rahul Tripathi</b>
	(Incharge, Somani Covid19 care center, Rajnandgaon.
	A thematic key note was delivered by Dr. Pragya Kulkarni explaining the
	importance of awareness of fungal diseases in the present context of rapid

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	spread of Mucormycosis in the society, followed by brief introduction of the
	guest speaker by Mrs. Rekha Gupta.
	The lecture was started with general introduction, characters and classification
	of fungi causing human diseases. A detailed explanation on important fungal
	infections like Dermatophytosis, Onychomycosis, Ringworm, Candidiasis,
	Blastomycosis, Aspergillosis, Mucormycosis and eye infections, their
	symptoms, habitat, prevention and treatment were given through pictorial
	presentation. The program was conducted by Ms Anamika Sharma and Vote of
	thanks was delivered by Mrs. Neetu Das.
Out come	The students get aware of the general fungal diseases of human. They recognize
	the symptoms, causal organism, mode of dissemination, prevention and
	treatment of fungal infections. They also understand the current issue of
	Mucormycosis emerging during Covid19 phase. The pictorial presentation help
	all the participants to understand the seriousness of fungal diseases in human
	life and avoid the threat particularly for immune compromised peoples







