

## Infection Control Week Celebration

**International Infection control prevention week (IICPW)** was celebrated in the 3rd week of October every year, aiming to improve awareness of the significance of infection prevention.

The infection control team at SMCW & SUHRC took the initiative to celebrate the International Infection Prevention Week 2024 from October 14 – 17, 2024.

The theme of **IIPW 2024** was “**Moving** the Needle on Infection Prevention.””

The theme of Global Handwashing Day 2024 (15<sup>th</sup> October) was ““Why are clean hands still important?””

The infection control team at SMCW & SUHRC celebrated the International Infection prevention week with a lot of group activities, competitions and events. These activities were planned as a part of experiential learning and employee engagement. The activities were spearheaded by HICO Dr. Varsha Shahane (Infection Control - Dept of Microbiology SMCW) , Ms. Pallavi Kale (Nursing Head), Infection control team and Nursing team.

It began with lectures on HAI surveillance with Bundle care and "Some lessons learnt in Infection Control Practices and antimicrobial stewardship".

There was a competition held among the nursing staff to assess their knowledge in biomedical waste practices. A short video was prepared by ICNs to demonstrate safe injection practices.

We had an awareness surveillance among nursing in-charges regarding the needle stick injury protocol which was followed by a recall mock drill by CSSD.

The importance of Hand Hygiene was demonstrated by a dance performed by enthusiastic nursing staff.

More than 30 posters highlighting the importance of infection control (IC) were displayed.

The skit on IC was the cherry on the cake and was enjoyed by a lively audience in Moringa auditorium.

The Kaun Banega Infection Control Champion was applauded by the audience which added flavour to the already fun filled program.

The IC week was extremely well appreciated by the entire staff of SUHRC for its organization and learning. Overall the IC celebration week was a grand success.

Some photographs of the event have been attached below.

