

ACTIVITY REPORT OF WORLD BREASTFEEDING WEEK OBSERVATION

1. Name of Event: World Breastfeeding Week Observation (WBWO)

2. Organised by: Department of Clinical Nutrition & Dietetics, Gokhale Memorial Girls' College (Affiliated to University of Kolkata)

3. Conducted by: Nabajatak Child Development Centre (NCDC)

4. **Date of the Event**: 08/08/2025

5. **Duration:** 3 hours

6. Number of Participants: 41

7. Venue: Room LT4, GMGC

8. **Sponsorship**: Rs. 1350 was sponsored by college for expenses incurred in arrangement of refreshments for resource persons, NCDC staff and student volunteers; mementos for resource persons.



9. Name of Speakers with Designation and Affiliation

Name of Speaker	Designation	Affiliation	Торіс
Dr. Anjan	Senior Consultant	Apollo	Real Scenario-
Bhattacharya	Developmental	Multispecialty	Concern of
	Pediatrician	Hospital, Kolkata	Teenagers
			Regarding Breast
			Cancer
Ms. Sangita Modak	HOD, Nutrition Dept.	NCDC, Child	Facts and Myths on
		Development Centre	Breastfeeding and
		(CDC) Apollo	Breast &
		Multispecialty	Ovarian Cancer.
		Hospital, Kolkata	
Ms. Amrita Dutta	Psychologist	CDC Apollo	The Role of Family
		Multispecialty	Support in Reducing
		Hospital, Kolkata	Psychological
Ms. Forum Udani	Psychologist	CDC, NCDC; CDC,	Distress around
		AMHI, Kolkata	Breastfeeding and
			Breast Cancer Risk

10. About the Event: Theme of the Event was 'Prioritize Breastfeeding: Facts Behind Breastfeeding.' Topic of Event was "Breastfeeding and its Relationship with Breast and Ovarian Cancer." The programme was hosted by Course Coordinator of Dept. of Clinical Nutrition & Dietetics (CNDV), Smt. Pratyasha Agrawal. The event began with an introduction to WBW and the theme for year 2025 followed by importance of breastfeeding in reducing cancer risk. The IQAC Coordinator, Dr. Mausumi Mukherjee (Associate Professor in Dept. of Political Science) of Gokhale Memorial Girls' College (GMGC) shared her thoughts on topic of the event followed by felicitation of resource persons with saplings and mementos (prepared by a smallscale Entrepreneur, Ananya Ghoshal, ex-student of CNDV dept., GMGC). NCDC presented a skit on "Concern of Teenagers regarding Breast Cancer" which was enacted by Dr. Anjan Bhattacharya and both the Psychologists. They highlighted the common issues and unsolved queries, negative ideas of teenagers about body image and breastfeeding. Remaining staff of NCDC - Priya Halder (Nutritionist), Megha Goenka (Psychologist, Early Interventionist) & Sristhi Ghosh (PGD Student) were felicitated with saplings. The session began with an overview of breastfeeding as the most natural and beneficial source of nutrition for infants. It highlighted the World Health Organization's recommendation of exclusive breastfeeding for the first six months and continuation up to two years with solid foods. The benefits of breastfeeding were discussed for both the mother and the child: for infants it ensures complete nutrition, immunity, and healthy growth, while for mothers it helps recovery after delivery, supports weight loss, reduces the risk of breast and ovarian cancer, and strengthens emotional bonding. The programme also addressed why some mothers



hesitate to breastfeed, pointing to cultural myths, lack of support, and stigma around breastfeeding in public. An interactive Q&A session stressed that breastfeeding lowers the risk of cancer later in life, and while formula milk is often chosen due to advertisements or social pressure, breast milk remains unmatched in its value. The presentations and interactions made the session engaging, covering the psychological, medical aspects of breastfeeding. 'Emotion Wheel' and 'Bronfenbrenner's Ecological Systems' were well explained by the psychologists. They emphasized how the mental health of a new mother is influenced by her environment, and how family support reduces isolation, burnout, and even the chances of postpartum depression. The nutritional role of breast milk was highlighted with special focus on colostrum, known as "liquid gold," for its rich nutrient and antibody content. The link between breastfeeding and reduced breast cancer risk was explained through hormonal factors, such as prolactin suppressing ovulation and lowering estrogen exposure, as well as immunological factors, where antibodies in breast milk protect both infants and mothers. Research evidence was shared, showing that longer and more intense breastfeeding practices provide stronger protection against cancer. Resource persons also discussed sensitive issues like body image concerns in new mothers, fears about marriage and motherhood, and doubts related to pain or insufficient milk supply. To make the session more relatable, a short drama was performed, centred around two sisters. 'One of them, after receiving a marriage proposal, expressed fear of future responsibilities like motherhood and breastfeeding. Her elder sister took her to a gynecologist, who helped clear her doubts, dispel myths, and explain the realities of breastfeeding, including its role in reducing the risks of breast and ovarian cancers, preventing postpartum depression, and supporting a mother's return to her pre-pregnancy body.' The drama effectively conveyed the importance of awareness, family support, and professional guidance in overcoming misconceptions.

11. **Outcome of the Workshop**: The Programme reinforced that maternal well-being is multidimensional; covering body, mind, and relationships and that family support is not a luxury but a necessity. Overall, the workshop was informative, creative, and thought provoking, underlining that *breastfeeding is not just a mother's duty but a collective responsibility of family and society*. By empowering mothers and creating a supportive environment, we ultimately empower future generations.





Felicitation by IQAC Coordinator



Skit by Doctor & Psychologists





Presentation by Psychologists



Presentation by Nutritionist





Group Photo with NCDC staff, CNDV Dept. Faculties and Psychology Dept. Faculty



Group Photo including all the Participants



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