**Tuesday Seminar on Effects of Drug Addiction on Brain and Body by Hometown Community Foundation (HCF)**

A team from Hometown Community Foundation (HCF), a non-profit organization striving to save lives from substance use related deaths, delivered an awareness seminar titled ‘Effects of Drug Addiction on Brain and Body’ for NIP students on 12th April, 2022. On this occasion, an information desk was also set up by HCF to share relevant information with the students and distribute forms amongst them for joining the organization as volunteers.

The seminar was delivered by Ms. Mehwish Tariq (CEO, Hometown Community Foundation) and Ms. Rabya Ghafoor. The speakers shared comprehensive information related to the issue of drug addiction and the initiatives that their organization takes in this regard; empowering individuals and families with knowledge to give an understanding of substance abuse disorder and addiction and providing strategies to fight against substance abuse as their primary focus. The speakers encouraged the students to join the organization as volunteers and researchers to connect to a global network of people making a difference in their own lives in their communities and in the world. They were also asked them to visit the information desk set up by HCF on NIP premises on this occasion to get forms to register for volunteering opportunities with HCF.