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DRUG AWARENESS PROGRAMME

A session on Drug awareness was conducted by the National Service Scheme by PO'S Dr.S. SARAVANA JOTHI, Dr.S. MURUGAN, Dr.R. GOVINDARAJ, Dr.P. ANBARASI and Dr.M. SELVAKUMAR.

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NATIONAL SERVICE SCHEME (NSS)
CONDUCTS
AN AWARENESS SEMINAR ON
**Preventing the usage of
Drugs and Drug abuse**

ORGANIZED BY
Unit - 60,61,62,63 & 226

Date : 05.09.2024 Time : 2.15 pm
VENUE : PANDITHAMANI HALL

The poster features a central red circular emblem with a raised fist holding a syringe. Surrounding this are four red circular icons with white backgrounds and black outlines, each with a red prohibition sign (a circle with a diagonal slash) over it. The icons represent: a marijuana leaf, a cigarette with smoke, a syringe, and a wine glass.

The programme was officially started with Kalai Thanthai valthu and was continued welcome address delivered by Mr.K. Harish.



200 NSS volunteers participated in the Drug Awareness programme. They were engaged in discussion about the harmful effects of alcohol, cigarettes and gambling. Mr. S. Manoraj spoke about the health risks and social consequences associated with these habits.



He also emphasized the alcohol; cigarette consumption and gambling are not only leads to addiction but also leads to severe health issues like raising blood pressure and damaging the liver. Gambling, particularly through online platforms, such as the "Rummy circle" app, was highlighted as a growing concern. Many young people have fallen prey to gambling addiction, leading to financial and personal problems. Nowadays, Cigarette smoking was common among students take up smoking due to stress and peer pressure. Cigarette smoking leads to mouth cancer. Globally 8 million deaths acquired per year due to smoking.



The speaker Karthikeyan, spoke about the wider issue of drug addiction. He stressed that drug use not only impacts personal health but also affects familial relationships. He pointed out the increasing availability of drugs in school and colleges, which poses a serious threat to students. Globally 45,000 crores worth of drugs are distributed, contributing to the staggering numbers of drug addicts worldwide.



Dr.M. Paramasivan shared his experiences, from his college life, particularly his involvement in the National Service Scheme. He lamented that in today's generation, people tend to forget the importance of culture and tradition due to drug. He also touched upon the issue of drug production in Madhya Pradesh, which adds to the growing concerns about drug availability and abuse.



Miss. M Atchaya, highlighted the dual nature of drugs, explaining that while drugs were originally developed as medicine to relieve pain, now they become a source of addiction. she shared a helpline number during her speech to support those in need of help regarding drug related problems.



Mr. Geethai priyan pointed out the alarming trend of students using drugs as a "cool" habit, which includes practices like chewing tobacco and spitting in public places, further worsening the social impact of addiction.



Miss. M. Atchaya began her speech by expressing her sincere gratitude to all those who contributed to organizing the drug awareness program, including the Faculty, Guest speakers and Volunteers who worked tirelessly to make the event possible. Miss. S. Yoga Prathika has given the Vote of thanks. The session ended with screening of a awareness video and the National anthem.