

## **Report of One Day Seminar organized by the Seminar and Debates Committee of HKM GDC Eidgah, Srinagar**

The Seminar and Debates Committee, in collaboration with the NSS and Red Ribbon Club of HKM GDC Eidgah, organized a seminar titled "Drug Abuse: Evidence is Clear, Invest in Prevention" on June 26, 2024 to commemorate the International Day against Drug Abuse. This day is observed annually on June 26 with the motive to raise awareness about the consequences of drug addiction and to achieve the goal of a drug-free international community.

Prof. Zakir Hussain Naik, Convener of the Seminar and Debates Committee, welcomed all guests and participants to the event. He highlighted that this day fosters a sense of responsibility among people worldwide, especially young people and teenagers, to create a safe, healthy and happy society.



Esteemed Principal of the College, Prof. (Dr.) Nighat Nasreen, was the Chief Guest on the occasion. In her address, she urged students to combat drug abuse in their communities to achieve complete eradication. She highlighted the importance of spreading awareness, particularly among the youth, about this societal evil and the need for prevention and control of drug abuse.

Dr. Mushtaq Ahmed Mir, Nodal Officer of the National Drugs Control Program (NCTP), Kashmir, was the resource person on the occasion. In his lecture, he highlighted the psychological and medical aspects of drug abuse and addiction, stating that this menace severely affects society. He further said that addiction is a disease, not a moral failing, and that we must approach it with empathy and provide support to help individuals reclaim their lives. Integrating treatment services with mental health care, social support and employment opportunities is essential for successful recovery from drug addiction.

Dr. Nusrat Shafi, HoD Chemistry, also spoke on the occasion and outlined the harmful effects of drug addiction. She described it as a deadly disease destroying future generations, noting that narcotic drugs adversely affect the nervous systems of addicted persons.

A large number of students participated and presented papers on the significance of spreading awareness about drug addiction and abuse. Ms. Faiqa Tanveer of Sem 4th, Nazima Shabir of Sem 4th, and Hayat Ali of Sem 2nd secured first, second, and third

positions respectively. Certificates of participation and appreciation were given to all participants on the occasion.

The formal vote of thanks was delivered by Dr. Jabeen Khazir, NSS Program Officer of the College. The entire program was co-ordinated by Prof. Zakir Hussain Naik, Convener Seminar and Debates Committee, under the able guidance of the esteemed Principal of the College, Prof. (Dr.) Nighat Nasreen.





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