

MEENAKSHI MEDICAL COLLEGE & RESEARCH INSTITUTE

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DRUG ABUSE AWARENESS PROGRAMME

The Dean and the Management of Meenakshi Medical College organized an awareness programme on Drug abuse - “**Drugs and Addiction – Do you know enough?**” at the new Auditorium of Meenakshi Medical College & Research Institute on 19th April 2017. The programme was aimed to sensitize the students about the ill effects of drug abuse and addiction and its consequences. Mr.Venkatesh Babu, Assistant Narcotics Commissioner, Central Bureau of Narcotics was the Chief Guest. Around 500 students of both MBBS and Nursing attended the programme.



The Dean and the Chief Guest lighting the kuthuvilakku

The PG Director & the Vice Principal along with the Chief Guest, Mr.Venkadesh Babu

The Dean, Vice Principal, PG Director and the HOD of Psychiatry Department chaired the programme. Senior professors and faculties from all the Departments and students of all the batches along with the Nursing students attended this awareness programme. The programme started with an invocation

song. First, the Vice Principal Prof.Dr.M.Chandrasekhar welcomed the gathering. He explained the importance of this awareness programme by mentioning the current situation of Drug addiction in India.



The Dean delivered the inaugural address

The Vice Principal welcomed the gathering

The PG Director felicitated the gathering

Next, the inaugural Address was delivered by the Dean, Prof.Dr.S.Rajsekhar and mentioned the menace of drugs abuse by the students and the prevention to be taken. The Felicitation address was given by the PG Director Prof.Dr. Srinivasan who highlighted that across the counter, there were lot of abusive drugs available for the common people to misuse.

The most important event of the day was the talk by the Chief Guest Mr.Venkadesh Babu, Assistant Narcotics Commissioner, Central Bureau of Narcotics, where he sensitized the students about the various addictive drugs and the adverse effects of drug abuse and its consequences. He also highlighted how these drugs are procured and how it is used which can lead to homicidal suicide, murder and rape. His talk was very impressive, very useful and informative for the Medical and the Nursing students.



The Chief Guest, Dr.Venkatesh Babu at the awareness programme

Following the Chief Guest speech, there was a skit by the 3rd year MBBS students and 2nd year Nursing students where they enacted a play related to drug abuse which was well appreciated and enjoyed by the students. Mr.Jeeva of 3rd year MBBS gave an interesting talk on “**Drug abuse – on student’s perspective**”. Then there was a slogan competition by the MBBS students. Around ten students participated and the winners were honored with the medals and certificates for their best presentation.



The students participating in the slogan competition and skit



2nd year MBBS students Ms.S.Sivaranjani got the first prize for slogan competition



The B.Sc., Nursing students received the medals and certificates for skit

The vote of thanks was given by Prof.Dr.Srinivasa Gopalan, HOD of Psychiatry who nicely summed up the programme. Then the programme concluded with the National Anthem.



Prof.Dr.Srinivasa Gopalan proposing the Vote of thanks