

Report on Anti Drug Awareness Program

The department of **NSS Unit Cell** in association with the State Excise Department organised an **Awareness Program** on **21-08-2025** at **11:00am to 12:30pm**, in **MV Jayaram Auditorium**, **MVJ College of Engineering**.

Objectives of the Event

The Anti-Drug Awareness Program was organised to educate students about the harmful effects of drug abuse, promote a drug-free lifestyle, and foster a safe and responsible campus environment. The collaboration with the State Excise Department aimed to provide authoritative insights into the legal, psychological, and social consequences of substance abuse.

Event Overview

The event commenced with a welcome address by Mr Aadish O, NSS Volunteer, who emphasised the importance of awareness and prevention. Dr.Shrinivasa L. Gombi, Dean of Academics at MVJCE, delivered the presidential address, reaffirming the institution's commitment to student welfare and a drug-free campus. Mr Krishna Murty P Inspector of Excise, Range 31, Whitefield, Bengaluru, Mr Prakash patil, Superintendent of Excise, Sub Division, Bengaluru, Dr Kiran M Assistant professor, Department of Pharmacology, Vydehi Institute of Medical sciences and Research, Mr Basavaraj Karamannavar Deputy Superintendent of Excise Sub Division, Bengaluru & Ms Thrinethra I K Senior Officer from the State Excise Department, inaugurated the program and spoke about the department's initiatives to combat drug abuse across Karnataka.





Figure 1: All dignitaries on the Dias

0.1 Expert Sessions

- Mr. Krishna Murty P, Inspector of Excise, Range 31, Whitefield, Bengaluru Excise Inspector, presented a comprehensive overview of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, highlighting legal consequences and enforcement strategies.
- Dr. Kiran M, Assistant Professor, Department of Pharmacology, Vydehi Institute of Medical Sciences and Research, discussed the psychological and physiological effects of drug addiction, early warning signs, and the importance of mental health support.





Figure 2: Mr Basavaraj Karamannavar, Deputy Superintendent of Excise Sub Division, Bengaluru

0.2 Pledge Ceremony

Ms Thrinethra I K, Sub Inspector of Excise, recited the pledge for all attendees who participated in a pledge ceremony, committing to a drug-free lifestyle and promising to support peers in making healthy choices.



Figure 3: Dignitaries are pledging to the drug awareness





Figure 4: Dignitaries are pledging to the drug awareness State Excise Department honoured the dignitaries on the dias by felicitating with a shawl, a garland& fruit bowl as a token of appreciation for supporting the event



Figure 5: Mr Prakash Patil, Sub Inspector of Excise, felicitating the Dean Academics, Dr Shrinivas L. Gombi

Mr Adash, a 5th-semester student, NSS Volunteer, hosted the event in a graceful way after felicitating the dignitaries, then the guests of Honours gave the prize Distribution for the winners and the runner-up who participated in Anti Ragging Awareness week, which was organised on August 18th, 2025.

Mr Abaan, a 5th-semester student from the ISE Department, gave the vote of thanks to all the dignitaries on the dias and off the dias, and he thanked each and every





(a) Dr. Dr Kiran M, Assistant Professor, Department of Pharmacology, Vydehi Institute of Medical Sciences and Research distributing a Medal to the winner who participated in the Essay Writing



(b) Mr Praksh patil Superindentent of Excise presenting a Medal for Winner in Poetry Competition

Figure 6: Distributions of Medals for Winners

one who supported the event and special thanks to the wonderful audience who graciously supported the event to make it successful.

Outcomes and Impact

- Enhanced awareness among students regarding the legal and health risks of drug abuse
- Strengthened collaboration between MVJCE and the State Excise Department
- Positive feedback from participants, with suggestions for regular follow-up sessions and peer counseling initiatives



Conclusions

The Anti-Drug Awareness Program was a meaningful initiative that successfully educated students about the harmful effects of drug abuse and encouraged them to lead a healthy, drug-free life. The active participation of students, faculty, and officials made the event impactful and engaging. MVJCE remains committed to promoting student welfare through such awareness programs.

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