

Awareness programme against drug abuse held at KU's South Campus



Anantnag, June 29: Kashmir University's South Campus on Wednesday organised an awareness programme to observe the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking.

The day-long programme titled 'Drug challenges in health and humanitarian crises' was organised by the Campus NSS Committee in collaboration with District Legal Services Authority Anantnag.

Mir Wajahat, Secretary DLSA Anantnag was the chief guest at the event, which was attended by 130 students, teaching and non-teaching staff members of the Campus.

Director South Campus Dr Mukhtar Ahmad Khanday highlighted the role of institutions in disseminating awareness against drug abuse and illicit trafficking.

“Schooling of a child starts from his/her home and it is the duty of parents to keep a watch on their children to save them from falling prey to social evils like drug abuse,” he said, adding that such awareness programmes should also be held at the school level and assured that South Campus is always ready to offer its services in this regard.

Mir Wajahat later delivered a lecture on the topic, ‘Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking’, giving therein an overview of the drug abuse and its repercussions on the life of an individual.

“Society has a special role to play in eradication of drug abuse. It has to act as a torchbearer to sensitise children against ill-effects of drug abuse and illicit trafficking,” he said.

A documentary on drug abuse was also screened during the event, while students read out poetry highlighting the need for a collective effort to address the deleterious impacts of drug addiction. An anti-drug abuse pledge was later read out by the participants.

Dr Zia-Ul-Haq delivered a vote of thanks while Soliha conducted proceedings of the event.