

Title of the Programme:	Interactive Consultation on “Drug Abuse and It’s Menace”		
Objectives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To enable students to be participative and interactive • To enable them to understand the scenario of drug abuse, and steps taken to tackle drug abuse by the official in the state of Meghalaya 		
Date (DD/MM/YYYY):	13th October, 2023	Venue:	Lady Keane College, Shillong
Names of Resource persons/Speakers/Presenters/any other:	B.L. Wanswet, Inspector Narcotic Cell, CID department		
Total number of participants:	Students (from SW)	2	
	Faculty (from SW)	1	
	Externals		
	Any Other		

About the Programme

The Interactive Consultation on “Drug Abuse and its Menace” organized by Drug Awareness Club, Lady Keane College on 13th October 2023. The interactive session was graced by members from police department, Rangbah shnong and NGOs. The participants were from different school, colleges and university.

The chief person of the program is B.L. Wanswet, Inspector Narcotic Cell, of CID department of Meghalaya. His speech was on drug abuse and trafficking scenario in the state, Meghalaya and steps taken to reduce the drugs supply through police department. The resource person also highlighted the cases of drug abuse is on rise which is alarming. As per 2023 report, there are about 959, 848 male and 111 female. He specifically mentioned key routes used for smuggling of drugs, such as from Myanmar to Khliehriat , Jowai and Shillong. Additionally, he pointed out that the route from Shillong to Ri-bhoi to Gawahati to Paikan contributes to the spread of this issue to Garo Hills, Encompassing areas like Bagmara, Phulbari and other parts of Garo Hills. Gawahati is a significant route for the supply of drugs across India. Efforts to combat drug trafficking from Myanmar to Meghalaya and Assam should focus on enhanced cross-border cooperation and intelligence sharing.

The Inter-institutional slogan writing competition was conducted online on the theme “Ending Stigma and Discrimination, Strengthening Prevention, and Addressing Drug Abuse” with the objectives-

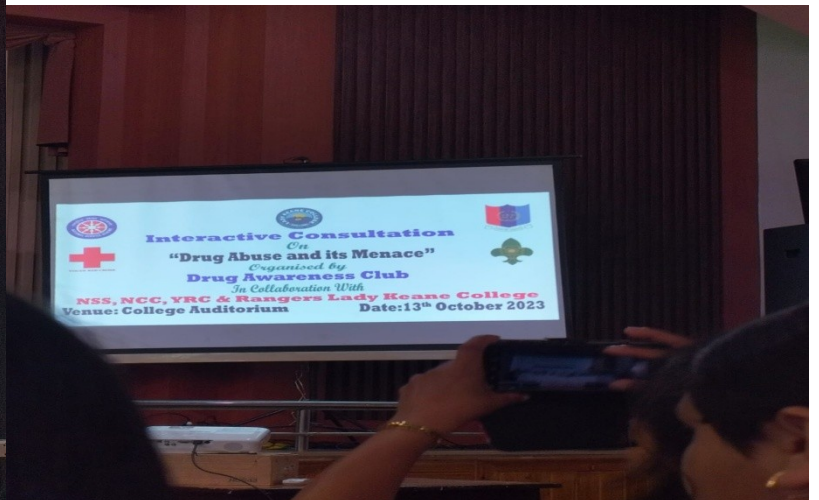
- Stigma and discrimination against individuals with substance use disorders should be eliminated.
- Education and awareness campaigns are essential to reduce the negative attitudes surrounding addiction.
- Support and understanding from the community and healthcare providers can help individuals seek treatment without fear of judgment.

Conclusion:

The programme ended successfully after the interactive session between the participants and the experts. It was brief and informative session. The programme is applicable to the context of social work and the specialization. It was a great opportunity attending the programme.

9. Performance for the last five years since 2019 till date(October, 2023)

Year	Nos of Case Regd	Arrested Accused Persons			Heroin (Gms)	Ganja / Cannabis (Kgs)	Opium (gms)	Psychotropic Substances Kgs	Codeine cough Syrup (100ml)
		Male	Female	Total					
2019	110	162	27	189	5038.805	1267.145	142	22.587	2943
2020	77	105	10	115	2640.17	945.558	-	33.044	259
2021	69	90	18	108	4138.33	933.298	2010.14	29.978	683
2022	116	214	20	234	7537.421	3987.408	644.22	4.735	27.743
2023	159	277	36	313	15,033.52	1353.37128	-	16.881	81,003
Total	531	848	111	959	34388.246	8486.78028	2796.36	107.225	112631



5. Drug abuse scenario

All the data of the National Survey on Extent and Pattern of Substance Use in India 2019 compiled by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India. The following data on drug users has been found:

Type of drugs	Regular/occasional user (% of the total population)	India current user (% of the total population)
Cannabis	1.68	2.83
Opium	6.34	2.01
Ecstasy	0.95	1.08
Cocaine	0.05	0.10
Amphetamine	0.05	0.18
Inhalants	0.08	0.70

7. Modus Operandi
8. Steps taken to reduce the drugs supply
- ANTI-NARCOTIC TASK FORCE (ANTF)**
1. ANTF- East Khasi Hills District Shillong,
 2. ANTF- West Khasi Hills District Nongstoin,
 3. ANTF- South West Khasi Hills District Mawlyrat,
 4. ANTF- East Jaintia Hills District Khliehriat,
 5. ANTF- West Jaintia Hills District Jowai,
 6. ANTF- Ri Bhoi District Nongphoh,
 7. ANTF- East Garo Hills District Willam Nagar,
 8. ANTF- West Garo Hills District Tura,
 9. ANTF- South Garo Hills District Baghmara,
 10. ANTF- South West Garo Hills District Ampati and
 11. ANTF North Garo Hills District Resubelpara
 12. ANTF Eastern West Khasi Hills District, Mairang.