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Sensitization Programme for Teachers for Demand Reduction to Curb incidence of Substance Abuse Organized by Department of Social Welfare on 14th September, 2019

A sensitization programme was organized by Department of Social Welfare at the auditorium of Agriculture Department at Goalghar on 14th September, 2019. Nearly 100 teachers and counsellors from secondary and Senior Secondary Schools were present. A power-point presentation on the harmful effects of substance abuse on the brain and human body and ways to tackle substance abuse was made by Dr Manu Vashisht, Associate Professor, Department of Chemistry, DBRAIT. Dr Mithesh, Psychiatrist, G.B.Pant Hospital, spoke about the symptoms exhibited by a person dependent on alcohol/drugs and emphasized the crucial role played by teachers, parents and the community in keeping children away from substance abuse.

Speaking on the occasion, Smt. Geetika Sharma, Secretary (SW) expressed her concern at the growing incidence of substance abuse in A & N Islands. She referred to a nation-wide study carried out by Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, according to which the percentage of persons dependent on alcohol and drugs in A & N Islands is much higher than the national average. She stated that our modern life style, stress and lack of knowledge about the long term effects of abuse of alcohol and drugs contribute to pushing many vulnerable people to take these harmful substances. Therefore, there is an urgent need to create mass awareness among all sections of society, especially the youth, so that vulnerable people are prevented from falling into the trap of substance abuse.

The teachers present on the occasion were motivated to be attentive to the behaviour pattern of their students and to alert the parents on finding any incident of substance abuse and provide regular counselling them so that the issue is addressed in the right spirit.



(Geetika Sharma),
Secretary (Social Welfare).



