

Event: Workshop on Drug Free World

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The issue of drug abuse has already been with us for a very long time. Knowing the adverse effects of drug abuse in the society's culture and general well-being, many measures have been proposed and implemented by experts in order to reduce and relieve, if not totally eradicate these effects. One such measure is drug prevention education.

In view of the urgent need, VIPS organized a workshop on 'Drug Free World' which aimed to prevent drug abuse among students and to give them some scientific information regarding drug abuse. The workshop was an hour event attracting an attendance of over 280 students.

The workshop began with the inaugural address delivered by Dr. Shilpa Khatri Babbar, Dean, Students' Welfare and Protocol, Vivekananda Institute of Professional Studies, thereafter which the members of the 'Foundation For a Drug Free World' were welcomed by the Deans of the various departments.

Dr. Rashmi Salpekar, Dean of Vivekananda Law School welcomed Ms. Vasu.

Dr. Meenakshi Gandhi, Dean of Vivekananda School of Business Studies welcomed Ms. Ekta Chimnani.

Dr. Amit Channa, Dean of Vivekananda School of Journalism and Mass Communication welcomed Mr. Avi Vatsa.

Dr. Vinay Kumar, Dean of Vivekananda School of Information and Technology welcomed Ms. Sujata.

The workshop was conducted by Mr. Avi Vatsa. He spoke at length about the history of drug abuse in India. He shared a statistical account of percentage of drug abuse amongst students in India. He made the students aware about how Bollywood and Hollywood celebrities are victims of drug abuse and that Marijuana and Hashish are the most common drugs used in India. He also threw light on the growing drug industry as the most money making industry. Further he spoke at length about why people take drugs, how they get addicted and the difficulties they face thereafter.

He threw light on how to overcome these difficulties and, advised to be goal oriented and also to improvise nutritional deficiencies to deal with the problem of drug abuse. He ended his speech by saying that, 'If a man can dream and can have goals, he surely can be happy and alive'.

The seminar was very stimulating and very informative not just for the students but also the faculty.
