

Drug Awareness Club

Lady Keane College

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The Drug Awareness Club was constituted in 2021 by the institution with all program officers of the various extension services as members of the club with one major challenging objective to look into and help spread awareness on substance abuse within the institution a matter which had crippled the society and the community of lately.

Keeping the aims and objectives in mind, the club in collaboration with the NSS, NCC, Youth Red Cross, and Rangers organized an “interactive consultation on drug abuse and its menace” on 13th October 2023 at the college auditorium. The common vision is having a platform for various stakeholders with a mission to work with Government, Non-Government, and other agencies as well as likeminded individuals working for health and carrying out preventive programs by adopting the community-based approach to take up the challenges and problems of Drug/Alcohol abuse & prevention of HIV/AIDS. Special guests and members of the expert panel from various parts of the state include Smt. Iohun Dhar, Project Manager, voluntary health association of Meghalaya (VHAMS). Smt Risuklang Byrsat, councillor New Hope De-addiction Center, Shillong, Smt. Samanda Phanwar, Project Manager Manbha Foundation NGO and Smt. Sakani Kyndiah, Councillor Kripa Foundation. Upon invitation, participants from various institutions and localities also joined the College in a wake to find solutions to this arduous issue faced by most youth today. Members of various dorbar shnong include Rangbah Shnong from Mawlai Phudmuri, Mawlai Mawdatbaki, Jaiaw Langsning, Upper Lansonalane, Lower Mawprem, President and General Secretary of the Seng Samla Shnong Mawpat.

Shri A. Wanswett, Inspector of Police, CID branch and in-charge of Narcotic Cell, Police Department Government of Meghalaya was the chief guest of the event. He also delivered the talk and shared with us the role and matters relating to the illicit trafficking of narcotic

drugs and psychotropic substances and the statistical scenario regarding narcotics and drug abuse which has emerged as a serious problem in Meghalaya, with the number of users increasing by 33 times within the last ten years, according to a recent survey.

An inter-institution Slogan competition was also conducted, and prizes were awarded to two best slogans. The event was hosted by Miss Kaniwanroi Diengdoh, with a special performance by Deisukijai Langstang, both graduated from the college.

About 170 students from the college and different institutions attended the interactions. As the interactive session proceeded, we could witness the eagerness of students to ask for their uncertain queries that were perhaps being achieved or fulfilled by the experts.

The interactions of the students and teachers with the expert panel were a blessing as different minds and intellects from various professions and walks of life came together to exchange views on how to improve and help the youth, especially on the ill effects of illegal substances and how to help anyone who needed one.



