


### **Report of Awareness Programme (2024-2025)**

An awareness programme was conducted by the Anti-Drug Committee for M.Sc. Biochemistry students on **February 14, 2025, at 11:30 AM**. In this programme, **Dr. A. Antony Joseph Velanganni**, Coordinator of the Anti-Drug Committee, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli, delivered a talk on **“Prevention of Drug Abuse.”** He discussed various types and forms of drugs, their effects on human health, and raised awareness about rehabilitation centers for drug-addicted individuals across Tamil Nadu. Afterward, students took the **“Say Yes to Life, No to Drugs”** pledge, and committed themselves to consciously cooperating in stopping drug abuse and living a healthy life.

The Anti-Drug Committee of Bharathidasan University organized a **University-wide awareness programme on March 5, 2025 in the Convocation Hall at 11:00 am**, attended by over **500 students**. The event featured speeches by **Prof. V. Rajesh Kannan**, Member, VC Committee and **Prof. R. Kalidasan**, Registrar (i/c) with a key note addresses from **Mr. L. Bhaskar (DSP, Narcotics Intelligence Bureau)** and **Ms. S. Selvasundari (Divisional Excise Officer)**. Mr. Bhaskar emphasized the significance of drug abuse prevention and the importance of engaging in positive activities. He highlighted the Tamil Nadu Government’s **drug-free initiative app**, encouraging students to report any concerns. He also discussed the health and societal impacts of drug addiction. **Ms. S. Selvasundari** shared real-life incidents involving drug addiction and its severe consequences on health and life. The programme was coordinated by **Dr. A. Antony Joseph Velanganni**, with **Dr. M. Anusuyadevi Jayachandran** and **Dr. C. Kubendran** as members. The event was concluded with a **vote of thanks** delivered by **Dr. T. Sivasudha**.

The awareness programme on drug abuse was conducted exclusively for **M.Sc and M.Tech Biotechnology students on March 26, 2025, at 11:00 AM**. In this programme, **Dr. A. Antony Joseph Velanganni** (Coordinator) and **Dr. M. Anusuyadevi Jayachandran** (Committee Member) delivered a talk on **“Prevention of Drug Abuse.”** This session focused on the scientific aspects of drug addiction, including its **biochemical and neurological effects**, as well as prevention strategies. Biotechnology department Faculty, Guest Lecturers and Students were actively participated in the discussions, and the session was concluded with a **pledge-taking ceremony**, where students committed to maintaining a **drug-free environment** on campus.

  
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