



# Gandhinagar Institute of Technology

A Report on

“Awareness Drive against Drug Abuse”

23<sup>rd</sup> June 2022

## **Introduction:**

The Healthy Campus Committee (HCC) of Gandhinagar Institute of Technology regularly organizes activities pertaining to the Healthy Campus initiative. The initiative has identified seven key areas: Healthy Living, Social Consciousness, Stress Management, Building Self Esteem, Developing Critical Thinking, Developing Soft Skills and leading a Drug Free Life. Keeping up with the tradition, an "Awareness Drive against Drug Abuse" was organized in collaboration with "Narcotics Control Bureau, Ahmedabad" and "High on Life' Foundation" from 18<sup>th</sup> June to 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2022. Dr H N Shah (Director), Shri Shailendra Kumar Mishra (Zonal Director, NCB) and Shri Sagar Brahmabhatt (Founder, High on Life Foundation) were instrumental in planning and execution of the awareness drive. HCC committee acknowledges the support of all Trustees and the Management in providing the necessary infrastructure and resources for conducting the event successfully. The drive was coordinated by Prof. Jatin Chakravarti (HCC Coordinator, EC).

## **Objective:**

Students, whether be at schools, colleges or universities, are becoming addicted to narcotic substances at an alarming rate. It is threatening not just to their own future, but those people around them, including family and friends. Reports of young college students being addicted to drugs or of cops apprehending drug dealers near schools have grown commonplace. According to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime's (UNODC) 2021 report, about 275 million people took drugs worldwide during the COVID-19 pandemic last year, up 22% from 2010, said reports. The objective of this webinar was to create awareness about the common signs and symptoms of drug abusers around us, and discuss ways to help them overcome the addiction.

## **Program Overview:**

The drive kickstarted on 18/06/2022. In the morning, Prof. Jatin Chakravarti (Coordinator, HCC) distributed “Say No to Drugs, Yes to Life” stickers to all faculty and staff members. Later in the evening during the "Farewell Party of 2018 Batch", Prof. Jatin distributed Anti-Drug pamphlets and spread awareness about the social menace. Around 400 students attended the event.

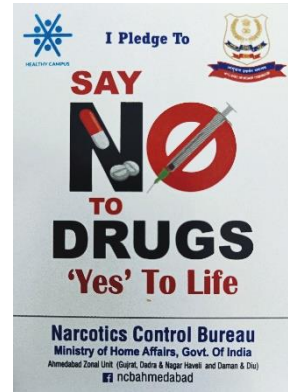
In the second leg of the drive an Awareness Seminar was conducted on 23/06/2022 for the students of Sem. 2 MBA department, to signify the importance of "International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking". Prof. Nehal Shah (HCC Member, MBA) coordinated the seminar. Prof. Jatin Chakravarti hosted the seminar and explained the students about the Healthy Campus initiative. The seminar was conducted by Shri Amit Khare (Intelligence Officer, NCB). He educated the students about the Drug Enforcement agencies in India. He also explained how students can contribute to demand reduction of narcotic drugs through such drives. In the end he

cleared various doubts raised by students. Prof. Nehal Shah concluded the webinar with a Vote of Thanks and promised to build a Drug Free Campus.

### Photo Gallery:



HCC spreading awareness in Admin Department by distributing Anti-Drug stickers



“Say No to Drugs, Yes to Life” stickers



HCC spreading awareness during "Farewell Party of 2018 Batch"



Prof. Jatin Chakravarti distributing pamphlets to Alumni students



Prof. Jatin Chakravarti introducing the speaker to the audience



The speaker explaining the reason behind the growing drug consumption



The speaker explaining the demand reduction side of drug consumption



Speaker distributing pamphlets to 2<sup>nd</sup> Sem. MBA students