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## **PUBLIC AWARENESS PROGRAMS**

## **CIVIC AWARENESS PROGRAM TO STUDENTS**

Date & Time	17/11/2022	
Venue	Alangad Jama-ath Public School	
Collaborating agency	NSS unit/IPA student chapter	
Events	Awareness session on civic sense and drug abuse	COLLEGE OA
No. of Students	5	Muvattupuzha Ernakulam Dist.
participated		Kerala
No. of participants	120	* *
benefitted		

The awareness session on civic sense and drug abuse was conducted on 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2022 at Alangad Jama-ath Public School, Karumalloor with the aim of educating students about the duties and responsibilities of an individual in society and the consequences of drug abuse. The purpose of the session was to raise awareness, provide information and promote responsible behavior among the students. The program was conducted for 9<sup>th</sup> and 12th-grade students. The session began with a warm welcome and an introductory speech by the principal. Emphasis was given on the importance of civic sense and the need to address the issue of drug abuse in our communities. The first part of the session focused on civic sense which refers to the awareness, responsibility and respect that individuals should have towards their community and fellow beings. The importance of keeping public spaces clean and free from litter, following traffic rules and respecting pedestrian rights, promoting inclusivity and respecting diversity, reporting and discouraging antisocial behavior etc were addressed during the session by Mr. Freddy, Pharm D student. To engage the participants, interactive activities were conducted to highlight the practical aspects of civic sense. This was followed by the presentation by Sneha Susan of III Pharm D. The current issues related to drugabuse focusing on its consequences and preventive measures were presented. Types of commonly abused drugs, health risks associated with drug abuse,

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social and economic consequences of drug addiction, recognizing signs of drug abuse in individuals, etc were discussed. Various examples related to the topic were shared for better understanding among students. Short-term and long-term complications were explained and the impact of drug abuse on personal relationships, academic performance, and overall wellbeing etc were discussed. The importance of early intervention, treatment options, and community support for individuals struggling with drug edition also discussed. Counseling services and rehabilitation programs available for drug addicts were also explained in order to spread the message in the community. Students were encouraged to take a pledge to promote responsible behavior and support those affected by drug addiction. The program ended at 4 p.m. with the vote of thanks by the IPA SF coordinator Dr. Fels Saju.





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