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**Report of the Webinar on Rising Drug Abuse in Kashmir: Issues and Challenges**

National Service Scheme Unit of Government Degree College Kulgam organised an online national webinar on the theme, 'Rising Drug Abuse in Kashmir: Issues and Challenges' on 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2021. The Webinar was conducted via Google Meet and started at 11:00am. Dr. Yasir H. Rather, Professor, Department of Psychiatry, Government Medical College Srinagar had been invited as the Keynote speaker. The proceedings of the webinar were conducted by Dr. Safer Ahmad Bhat, NSS Programme Officer who also presented the introductory remarks. Principal of the College, Dr. Nazir Ahmad Simnani inaugurated the proceedings of the webinar and welcomed the guests. In his address, Principal stressed on the need to fight against the drug abuse and to spread awareness among the younger generation. In his keynote address, Prof (Dr.) Yasir H. Rather discussed the different aspects of drug abuse with specific reference to Kashmir. Presenting official and non-official statistics, he lamented the proportionate increase of drug abuse in Kashmir, particularly substance abuse. While stressing on the need to curb the rising drug menace, he held that the focus should be on the adoption of preventive measures rather than the curative part. Furthermore, it was important to take the drug abusers as patients and not stigmatize them. He delineated on the role of parents, teachers and religious preachers at different levels to reach to the goal of a drug-free society.

Participants from the faculty and students asked questions to the resource person on different aspects of drug abuse. Participants showed a resolve and commitment towards ending the menace of drug abuse from the society. The webinar concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Hashim Iqbal Malik.

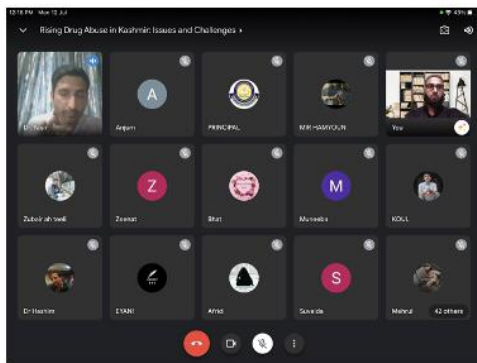
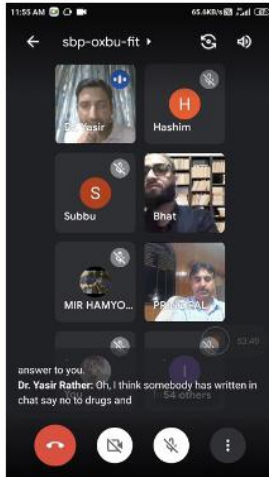


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Snippets from the webinar



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