

Lecture on Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking by Mr. Aditya Gautam Head Constable from Dehar Chowki

On September 11, 2025, Government Degree College (GDC) Dehar in Mandi District, Himachal Pradesh, hosted an informative lecture on “Drug Abuse Awareness and Illicit Trafficking” delivered by Mr. Aditya Gautam, Head Constable from Dehar Chowki. The event was held under the chairmanship of Principal JP Singh, organised by the Prahari Club, Red Ribbon Club, NSS, and Road Safety Club of GDC Dehar, and coordinated by Prahari Club Nodal Officer Mrs. Meera Sharma. Notable attendees included Dr. Sunil Kumar, Dr. Jai Kiran, Dr. Shivani Chaudhary, Dr. Nishu Sharma, and Mrs. Reena Devi, along with students, faculty, and staff, an estimated 45-50 participants. This session aligns with the college’s ongoing commitment to youth empowerment and social awareness, building on their recent mass anti-drug pledge on August 13, 2025. The lecture aimed to educate attendees on the dangers of substance abuse and illegal drug trade, promoting a drug-free environment.

The session began around 12:00 noon in the Room No 04 with an inaugural address by Prahari Club Nodal Officer. Mr. Aditya Gautam, leveraging his law enforcement experience, factual insights, real-life case studies, interactive Q&A on drug impacts. He highlighted the growing prevalence of drug use among youth in rural Himachal Pradesh, referencing NCRB data showing over 2.5 lakh annual drug-related cases in India, and explained the physical, mental, and social repercussions such as health decline, academic setbacks, and family disruptions through anonymised local stories. On illicit trafficking, he described drug cartel operations, smuggling routes, and synthetic drugs, while outlining the NDPS Act, 1985, with penalties up to life imprisonment. Prevention strategies included spotting abuse signs, reporting via helplines like 112 or 14446, and success tales from Mandi de-addiction centres, with emphasis on the “Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyaan.”







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