



Kashmir Government Polytechnic College Srinagar Leads Charge in Drug De-Addiction and Mental Awareness Drive with Al Habib Foundation and J&K AIDS Control Society on 13-11-2025.

Kashmir Government Polytechnic College Srinagar took center stage today in spearheading a vital initiative against substance abuse and for mental health awareness, partnering with Al Habib Foundation and the Jammu & Kashmir AIDS Control Society. Under the visionary leadership of Principal Dr. Shafquat Ara, the college hosted over 100 students and faculty in an empowering programme that underscored the institution's unwavering commitment to fostering a drug-free environment and holistic student development.

Students from various branches of the institution actively participated in the event, alongside the dedicated staff of the institution, fostering a vibrant atmosphere of collective learning and dialogue.

Expert speakers, including Ms. Shaista Shah, Counselling Psychologist, and Er. Malik Asif Noor, Social Activist, captivated the audience with sessions on the devastating effects of substance abuse and actionable prevention strategies. They wove in personal anecdotes that humanized the struggle against addiction, inspiring attendees to prioritize mental resilience and seek support early. Students responded with keen participation, actively engaging in discussions and Q&A sessions that built a sense of community solidarity.

The event also witnessed a dynamic quiz competition on drug de-addiction and mental health themes, where the team from the Electronics and Communication Engineering (ECE) department clinched victory, earning applause and momento for their sharp insights. This student-centric activity not only reinforced key learnings but also highlighted the college's innovative approach to engaging youth in critical social issues.

In her address as Chief Guest, Principal Dr. Shafquat Ara reaffirmed the college's mission to cultivate a zero-tolerance zone for drugs. "At Kashmir Government Polytechnic College Srinagar, we envision an institution where every student thrives academically and personally, unburdened by the shadows of addiction," she declared. "Today's event is a testament to our collective resolve, and I extend my deepest gratitude to our collaborators and the enthusiastic participation of our students, who are the true torchbearers of change."

The programme benefited from the presence of distinguished guests, including:

Mr. Arif Amin Shah, SSP, J&K Police, Kupwara, Chief Guest, who shared enforcement insights and pledged police support for youth rehabilitation.

Tasleema Shah, Founder & Chairperson, Al Habib Foundation, who praised the college's proactive role and outlined future collaborative opportunities.

Dr. Aejaq Farooq and Er. Aaqib Farooq, Nodal Officers for Drug Abuse Prevention at the college, who seamlessly orchestrated the event and facilitated meaningful interactions.

Prof. G.M. Ountoo, Retired Principal, whose sage counsel enriched the focus on sustainable educational reforms.







