

## **IUST organizes awareness camp on Drug De-Addiction with GDC Tral**

### **Students rally to support Nasha-Mukht-Bharat campaign**

Awantipora, Sept 09, 2022: As a part of University Outreach Program, a Drug De-Addiction awareness camp was held by Syed Mantaqi Memorial College of Nursing and Medical Technology, Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST) in collaboration with Govt Degree College, Tral earlier this week.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Lily Want, Dean Outreach IUST said that the main aim behind the programme is to discourage the use of drugs among youth. "The Office of the University Outreach is dedicated to inspiring students to utilize their energies and other resources in positive and social development. We are planning to organize extensive programs to curb this menace," she added.

Dr Nisar Ahmad Trali, the guest of honour, educated the students about the ill effects of drug addiction while outlining the present scenario of substance abuse at the international, national, and state levels.

Emphasizing on the role of teachers in educating students against drug abuse, Ms. Asmat Parveen Principal Nursing College informed that Jammu and Kashmir is currently having 6 lakh drug addicts. "In the last three years, there has been an increase of 1500% in the use of drugs, with approximately 4.6% of J&K population, 90% of which fall in the age group 17-33 years have become victims of the menace. Even the female students have also fallen into this trap," she said.

Later, the students also held a rally to spread awareness about Drug abuse in the backdrop of "Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan" launched by the government.