

Event Report

Event Name: Awareness Programme on Drug Addiction and Rehabilitation

Date of the Event: 12th January 2026

Duration of the Event: 11:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.

Venue: SoL Classroom

Name of the Event Coordinator: Mrs Rakhee Poonawalla

Objective of the Program:

To create legal and social awareness among law students about the causes, consequences, and extent of drug addiction in society. To familiarize students with the legal framework governing drug abuse, including the *Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, 1985*, juvenile justice laws, and rehabilitation-oriented policies. To sensitise future legal professionals to the human rights dimensions of drug addiction, emphasizing treatment, dignity, and rehabilitation over purely punitive approaches. To promote understanding of rehabilitation mechanisms, including de-addiction centres, counselling, probation, parole, and community-based rehabilitation models. To highlight the role of legal institutions and stakeholders such as courts, legal aid authorities, NGOs, probation officers, and social workers in prevention and rehabilitation. To encourage a reformative and restorative approach in criminal justice by integrating law, psychology, and social work perspectives. To develop students' sense of social responsibility and professional ethics, motivating them to contribute through legal aid, awareness campaigns, and policy advocacy. To bridge the gap between law and society by demonstrating how legal knowledge can be used as a tool for social reform in addressing substance abuse.

Outline of the Program:

The programme commenced with the anchor, **Ms. Dikshal Bagul**, a student of **5th Year B.A. LL.B. (Hons.)**, who formally welcomed the dignitaries and participants. **Dr. Sharvari Vaidya**, **Dean**, addressed the students and highlighted the growing challenges faced by youth, particularly in relation to substance abuse and its impact on academic, social, and personal life. An inspiring student address was delivered by **Mr. Yogesh Wakchoure**, a student of **First Year B.A. LL.B.**

(Hons.), who spoke on drug abuse awareness and realistically portrayed the pressures and realities of student life. **Mr. Ganesh Gadekar**, Faculty Member, conveyed a meaningful message emphasizing the harmful effects of substance abuse and encouraged students to adopt healthy and responsible lifestyles. The keynote address was delivered by **Hon'ble Shri Suhas Bhosale**, *Civil Judge (Senior Division) & Secretary, District Legal Services Authority*, who elaborated on legal awareness related to drug abuse and rehabilitation. He also shared practical case studies, including the role of initiatives like the **DAWN Cell**, and discussed the importance of implementing such mechanisms for effective prevention and rehabilitation.

Participants:

The event saw an attendance of around 100 students along with faculty members.

Outcomes:

Students developed a better understanding of drug addiction as a social and legal issue, rather than merely a criminal concern. Participants gained awareness of the legal framework and institutional mechanisms related to drug abuse prevention and rehabilitation. The programme sensitised students to the challenges faced by youth, encouraging empathy and responsible decision-making. Students were exposed to practical insights through real-life case studies, including the role of rehabilitation initiatives such as the DAWN Cell. The interaction strengthened students' understanding of the reformatory and rehabilitative approach of the justice system. The programme encouraged students to adopt substance-free lifestyles and to act as peer educators and ambassadors of awareness. Law students were motivated to contribute to legal aid, counselling, and community outreach related to drug abuse prevention.

Conclusion:

The Awareness Programme on Drug Addiction and Rehabilitation was successfully conducted and proved to be informative, impactful, and socially relevant. Through expert addresses, student participation, and real-life case studies, the programme effectively highlighted the serious implications of substance abuse on youth and society. It reinforced the importance of a balanced legal approach that emphasizes prevention, awareness, and rehabilitation rather than punishment alone.

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The programme also strengthened the role of law students as responsible future professionals, encouraging them to apply legal knowledge for social reform and community welfare. Overall, the initiative contributed meaningfully to sensitising students, promoting ethical responsibility, and fostering a substance-free academic environment, aligning well with the broader objectives of legal education and social justice.

Place: Nashik

Date: 12/01/2026

Photos of the Programme:





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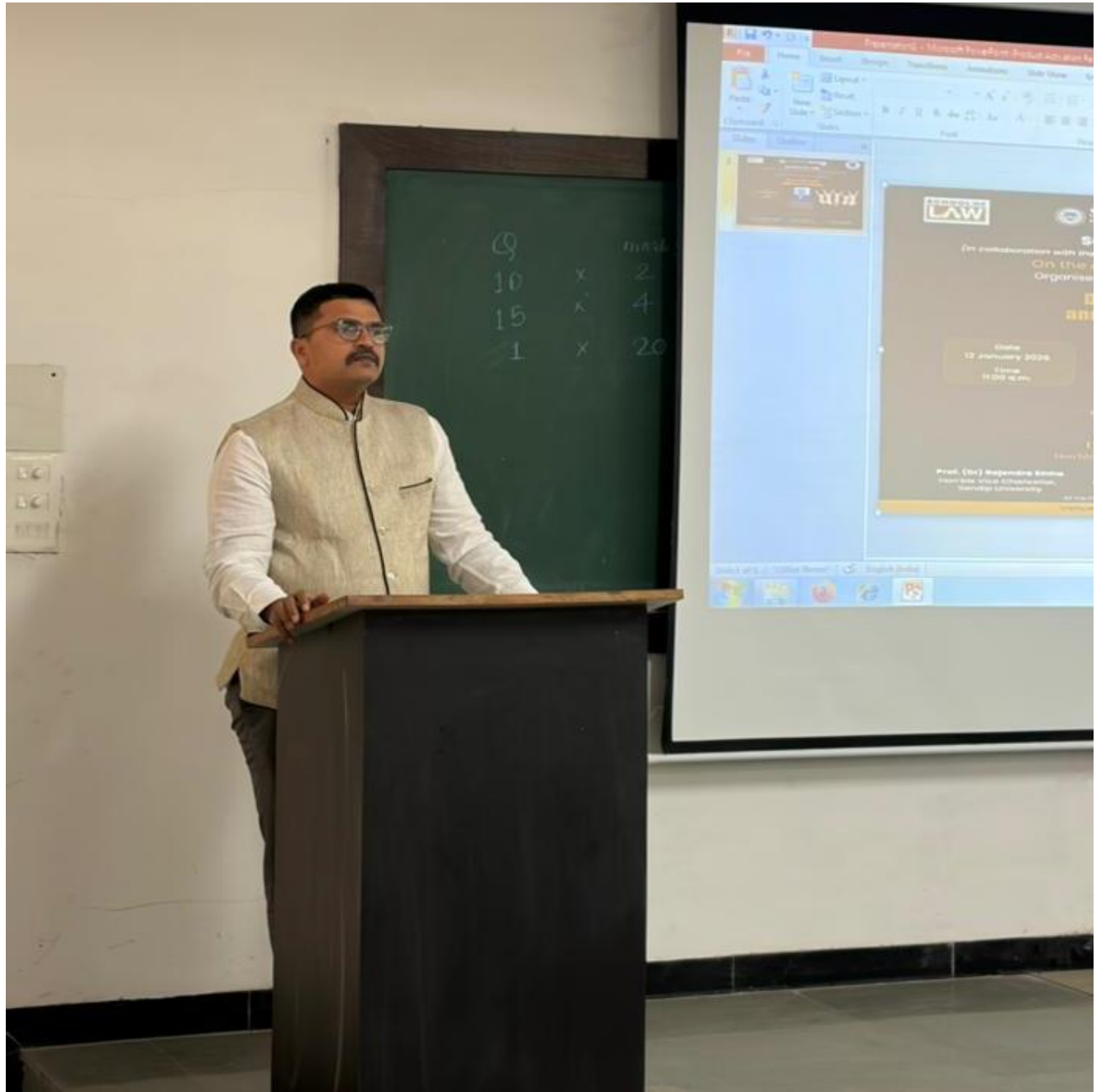
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