

## Anti-Drug Awareness Programme



A day long anti-drug awareness programme was recently held on 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2025 at Bhattadev University, Bajali. Attending the programme, Ajagwaran Basumatary, Superintendent of Police, Bajali District as special guest, raised the concern about drug possession, attraction and attitude of people especially young generation towards drug use and International and Interstate drug trafficking. He also spoke on the challenges and hardship faced by the police administration to combat and control the incident of drug smuggling. Neeta Khanduri Sharma, Counsellor of a Pathalsala based Drug rehabilitation center attended the programme as resource person highlighted the matter on how drugs ruin our health, break apart families, create mental instability and lead many people down to a path of crime and hopelessness. Sharma further discussed that mental pressure, curiosity, stress, depression, to have fun and lack of awareness are the major causes for drug attraction and usage. Inaugurating the programme, Prof. Dhanapati Deka urges the participants for creation of mass awareness, and to promote healthy and drug free lifestyles. He also discussed on the global issue of drug abuse affecting the youth, families and communities,

heart problems in drug addicted persons, weakened immune systems, anxiety, mental depression, psychosis, crime and loss of memory. Another resource person Babita Talukdar, Programme Coordinator of District Social Welfare Department of Bajali spoke on the need of youth engagement in meaningful activities like music, sports, art, volunteering, keep them busy with goals and passions, open communications with their parents at home to keep them away from the bad attitude and thinking. At the end of the day-long programme, an interactive session between the resource person and the participants was also held, it could effectively set the tone to create knowledge and awareness against drug use. Dr. Jadav Basumatary, Associate Dean of the Students' Welfare gave overall conclusion. Dr. Akshay Kr. Haloi, Convenor of the program and Institutional Anti-Tabacco committee anchored in the session, presented the objectives of the programme and offered vote of thanks. The programme was attended by noted scholars, intellectuals, leaders, representatives of various organizations and community among others.