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PRESS RELEASE

Empowering Schools to Prevent Substance Abuse
CBSE–NCB Drug Awareness Programme Promotes Drug-Free School Environments

New Delhi: The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) and the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB), following their MoU signed on 3rd September 2025, jointly organized a **Drug Awareness Programme** at **Sanskriti School, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi**, reinforcing their commitment to building drug-free educational spaces.

The programme began with **Mrs. Richa Sharma Agnihotri**, Principal of Sanskriti School, highlighting the importance of schools in combating substance abuse and nurturing healthy, informed youth.

Dr. Anees C., IRS, Deputy Director, NCB, in his address, emphasized the pivotal role of awareness and collective responsibility in combating the drug menace. He highlighted NCB's multifaceted efforts encompassing enforcement, capacity building, and outreach initiatives, and urged students and teachers to remain vigilant and proactive in safeguarding society. Dr. Anees also encouraged the school community to actively promote the **NCB MANAS Helpline (1933)** for providing information and seeking assistance related to drug abuse and trafficking.

The **Asst. Professor & Joint Director, CBSE**, outlined the Board's key mental health and well-being initiatives, including the **CBSE–NCB MoU, Counseling Hub & Spoke Model, Parenting Calendar, Career Guidance Dashboard**, and **CBSE–AIIMS MATE Programme**, all designed to strengthen psychosocial well-being and holistic student development.

There was a presentation highlighting shared strategies for early intervention, de-addiction, and rehabilitation. The event witnessed the enthusiastic participation of over **500 students and 25 teachers**, reflecting the shared resolve to create drug-free schools and nurture empowered youth.

A powerful street play (*Nukkad Natak*) delivered strong anti-drug messages, reinforcing the importance of collective vigilance and awareness and Say No to Drugs, Yes to Life and Yes to Dreams.

The event concluded with a **pledge for a drug-free life**, symbolizing collective resolve towards a healthy, vigilant, and resilient society.

This initiative forms part of CBSE and NCB's sustained efforts to integrate substance abuse prevention within the education system, in alignment with the national vision of creating vigilant, resilient, and informed young citizens.

Secretary, CBSE



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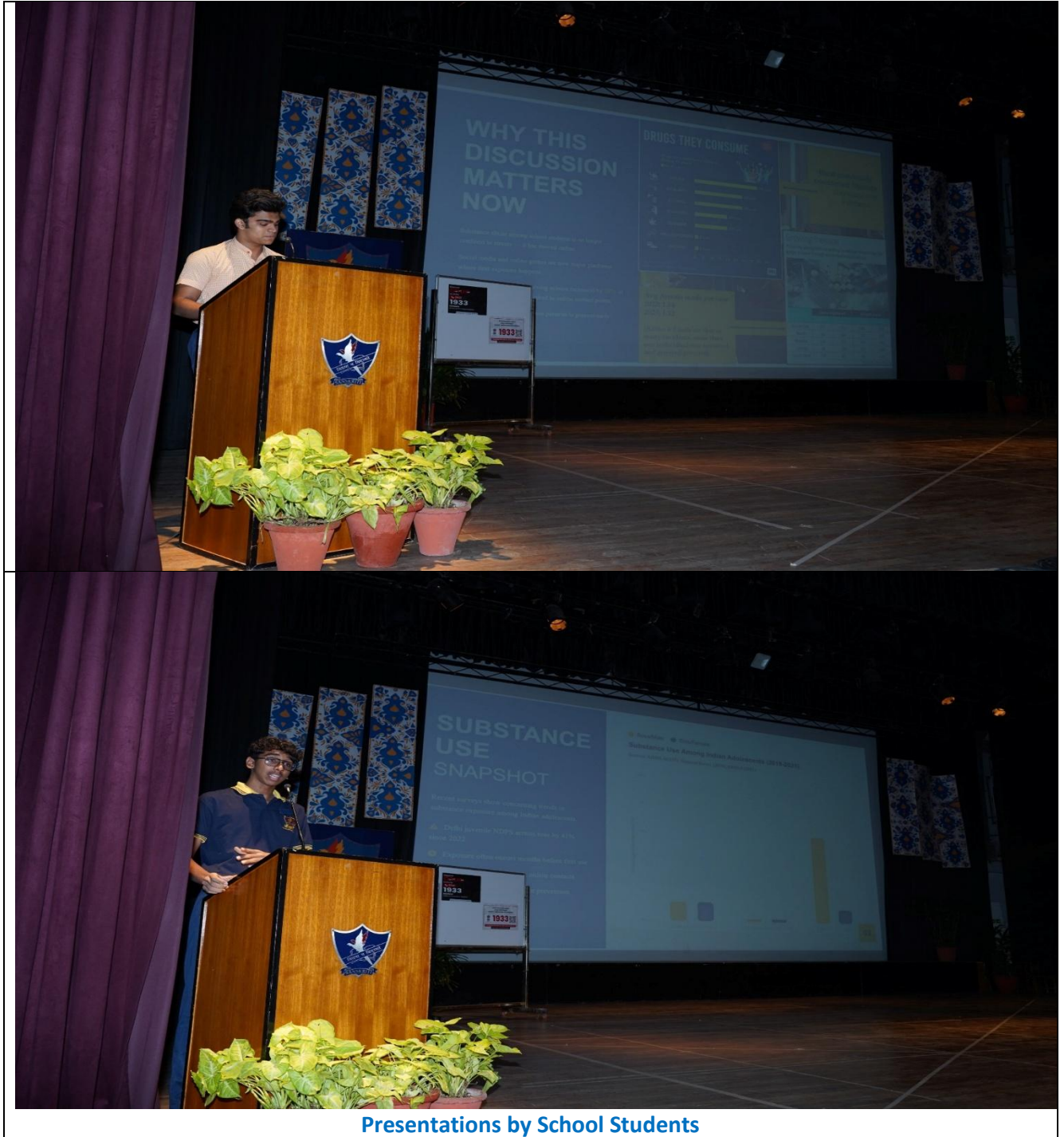
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Presentations by School Students



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Nukkad Natak



Pledge against Drug Abuse
