

D-3141 creates Certified Trainers under Govt. of India's "Navchetna" program

Rotary Club of Addiction Prevention 3141 and Rotary Club of Mumbai Ghatkopar in collaboration with Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (MSJE), Govt. of India organized a two-day Certified Trainer Program on 16th and 17th December 2023 on **Navchetna**- A Module for Early Prevention of Substance Use among Children studying in classes 6th – 11th.

The Training was held at Rotary Centre, Ghatkopar, Mumbai under the able guidance of Rtn. Yogesh Zaveri, National Committee member of Rotary Action Group on Addiction Prevention, and was enabled by Dr. Nilam Gada, President Rotary Club of Addiction Prevention 3141.

The training was conducted by consultants of The Society for the Promotion of Youth and Masses (SPYM) New Delhi Mr. Gary Reid and Ms. Kalyani, the authors of the **Navchetna** Teacher Trainer Module.

While the inaugural session was graced by PDG Sunnil Mehra, the valedictory session along with presentation of certificates was done by PDG Harshad Udeshi, D-3050, who is also National Core Committee Member of RAGAP.

The Training programme successfully trained 50 participants which included Teachers, Doctors, Counsellors, and several individuals associated with various NGOs dedicated to addiction prevention and deaddiction, in and around Mumbai.

These participants were successfully trained on Life Skills and Drug Education through the **Navchetna** Module with the aim to increase awareness and education on drug use and life skills which shall help the children and teachers in guidance and countering the menace of drug use.

The Ministry has set a target to generate awareness among 10 lakh Teachers and 2.4 crore Students through **Navchetna** Modules in a year.

In order to cascade the training further, two of the Certified Trainers conducted the first training for teachers in Jaipur in the month of January. The full day training was attended by over 50 teachers. PDG Ramesh Agrawal, D-3054 was the Guest of Honor.

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