



## MAHATMA GANDHI UNIVERSITY, KOTTAYAM

### SCHOOL OF PEDAGOGICAL SCIENCES

#### **Report on the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking**

**Date:** June 26, 2025

**Venue:** Seminar Hall, School of Pedagogical Sciences, Mahatma Gandhi University

**Time:** 11:00 AM

**Theme:** *The Evidence is Clear: Invest in Prevention. Break the Cycle. #StopOrganizedCrime*

The School of Pedagogical Sciences at Mahatma Gandhi University observed the *International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking* on June 26, 2025, with a solemn and purposeful gathering in the Seminar Hall at 11:00 AM. The program was organized to raise awareness about the growing menace of drug abuse and to promote preventive measures within the academic community. The event witnessed the active participation of teachers, non-teaching staff, research scholars, and students from the Four-Year Undergraduate Programme (FYUGP). The presence of a diverse audience underscored the collective commitment of the academic fraternity to stand united against drug abuse and illicit trafficking.

The highlight of the event was an awareness speech delivered by Prof. (Dr.) Sajna Jaleel, Professor at the School of Pedagogical Sciences, Mahatma Gandhi University. Dr. Sajna Jaleel emphasized the critical importance of early intervention and community-driven prevention strategies. She elaborated on the theme — reinforcing that scientific evidence supports investment in prevention as a sustainable approach to breaking the cycle of addiction and curbing organized crime linked to drug trafficking. Following the address, all participants solemnly took an anti-drug oath, pledging their commitment to remain drug-free and to actively contribute to creating a drug-free educational environment.

The observance served as a powerful reminder of the role educational institutions play in shaping a drug-free society. It ended on a hopeful note, encouraging attendees to be ambassadors of change within their communities.

