## TAGORE GOVERNMENT ARTS & SCIENCE COLLEGE, PUDUCHERRY

## **DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY**

## REPORT ON "INVITED GUEST LECTURE BY ALUMNI"

**Date:** 16-02-2024 (Friday) 11:00 am

**Venue:** Lecture Hall-1, Chemistry Department

**TOPIC:** AWARENESS ON DRUG ABUSE & PREVENTION OF SUICIDE

The first lecture in the intended series of "<u>Invited Guest Lecture By Alumni</u>" was organized on 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024. One of the meritorious alumni of chemistry department, Shri. C. Maran, Superintendent of Police (Food Cell), Government of Pondicherry, was the chief guest of the day.

Dr. R. Veeraraghavan, Head of the Dept. welcomed the gathering and also thanked the chief guest, Shri. C. Maran for accepting our invitation and coming over to talk among our students in spite of his busy schedule. Dr. K. Balamurugan, Asst. Prof., introduced the chief guest to the audience. After honouring the chief guest, the head of the department conveyed the greetings and wishes sent by our beloved Principal, Dr. Sasi Kanta Dash, who was unable to attend in person.

Shri. C. Maran, Superintendent of Police, Government of Pondicherry in his speech highlighted the ill effects and other harms that the use of tobacco, alcohol, and other psychoactive drugs impose on society. Prevention of substance abuse among adolescents requires awareness of characteristics of youth at risk and targeting risk factors. The suicide and substance abuse prevention needs to align our efforts to promote healthy individuals and healthy communities. He suggested the disciplines to be followed by college students and youth in general. Also mentioned about the ways by which students and other youngsters are trapped in the baits of drug mafia and explained the ways of escaping from them. His speech was highly informative and educative to our students. The way in which the speaker interacted with the students was highly appreciated by all and helped in promoting positive mental health among students.

Finally, Dr. P. Azantha Parimala proposed vote of thanks with which the program came to an end.

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