

**District-Level ‘Nasha Mukta Yuva for Viksit Bharat’ Competition Held at The ICFAI
University Sikkim, Gangtok**



As part of the Government of India’s flagship Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan, the district-level “Nasha Mukta Yuva for Viksit Bharat” competition was successfully organised by My Bharat Gangtok in collaboration with ICFAI University, Sikkim, at the university campus in Lower Sichey on 3rd August 2026.

The day-long programme, held from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., witnessed enthusiastic participation from students representing various educational institutions across Gangtok district. Around 100–150 participants took part in each competition, highlighting the growing awareness among youth against substance abuse.

The programme began with the traditional Khada presentation, ceremonial lighting of the lamp, the National Anthem, and the administration of the Nasha Mukta Bharat Pledge, reaffirming the commitment towards building a drug-free society.

The event was graced by Shekhar Sewa, Chairman, Scheduled Caste Welfare Board, Government of Sikkim, as the Chief Guest. Rohit Rathi, Registrar, The ICFAI University and Sandhya Pant, Joint Registrar, The ICFAI University attended as the Special Guests.

Other dignitaries present included; Atur Rehman, State Director, My Bharat Sikkim; Shamsher Subedar, Deputy Director, My Bharat Gangtok; and Arjun Pradhan, My Bharat NSS

Presidential Awardee, Col. Ajay Ramakrishnan, Sena Medal (Gallantry) Marshal Goldsmith Certified & Professional Certified Coach and District Nodal Officer, NSS Gangtok District.

The welcome address was delivered by Shamsheer Subedar, who highlighted the importance of empowering young people through awareness and community participation to combat substance abuse.

Addressing the gathering, Chief Guest Shekhar Sewa stressed the need for collective responsibility in protecting youth from the dangers of drug addiction. He said awareness, education and positive social engagement are vital in helping young people make informed choices and contribute towards the vision of Viksit Bharat. He also appreciated the efforts of My Bharat and ICFAI University in organising the awareness programme.

The competition featured Cultural, Debate, Painting and Slogan Writing events, all centred on the theme of drug abuse prevention and youth empowerment. Students showcased their creativity, talent and commitment to spreading the message of a drug-free India.

Following the competitions, winners were felicitated with certificates and prizes by the Chief Guest and other dignitaries during the prize distribution ceremony.

The vote of thanks was delivered by Arjun Pradhan, while the programme was efficiently compered by Shrambridhi Khatri.

The event concluded with a group photograph of the winners, dignitaries, organisers and participants, marking the successful culmination of the district-level competition and reinforcing the message of the Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan to inspire young people to become ambassadors of positive change.