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DRUG BURNING CEREMONY ARRANGED BY ANTI NARCOTICS FORCE PESHAWAR BURNT 11.5 TONS NARCOTICS & 103 TONS PROHIBITED CHEMICAL DESTROYED

On 16th October 2018, Anti Narcotics Force Peshawar arranged Drug Burning Ceremony at Regi Lillma Firing Range, Peshawar. Miss Nusrat Yasmeen Intikhab, Judge for Anti Narcotics Court KP honored the event as a chief guest whereas other participants included Officers from Law Enforcement Agencies, NGOs Representatives, Civil Society, Legends, media Representatives and students from different schools, colleges & Universities of Peshawar. Force Commander ANF Peshawar Brigadier Mateen Ahmed Mirza warmly welcomed the participants.

While addressing the occasion, chief guest told that drugs are badly ruining our society and it is the need of hour to curb this menace with iron hands. He further explained that inspite of very meager resources, ANF is combating with this menace in very effective way and it is also running Awareness Raising activities throughout the country.

During the Drug Burning Ceremony, an awareness stage play was also performed by ANF Youth Ambassadors from Frontier College and Agriculture University Peshawar. Popular sportsman Qamar Zaman & Jehangir Khan expressed that views and urged the young generation to “Say No To Drugs” and utilize their energies towards sports & games.

During his address Force Commander ANF Peshawar, Brigadier Mateen Ahmed Mirza informed the participants that a total of 11.5 Tons Narcotics has been burnt and 103 Tons Prohibited chemical have been destroyed during this ceremony. He further explained that during year 2018, 340 cases of ANF were decided by the court out which only 7 culprits were acquitted, whereas remaining 333 cases resulted in severe punishments for the culprits. The overall conviction rate remained successful at 97 %. Moreover ANF investigates Assets attained by drug money by narcotics smugglers and this year ANF has seized a total of Rs 221.5 Million assets.

He further explained that ANF has launched Youth Ambassadorship Program which would help in creating mass awareness amongst general public and youth especially students. ANF is undertaking a lot of awareness raising activities throughout the country. He further added that construction of 100 bedded hospital for treatment & rehabilitation of drug addicts have been completed and it will start functioning soon.

