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Participants at the training workshop on drugs at BIAM auditorium recently.

Workshop on drugs

A training workshop on drugs has been arranged to make aware officers law enforcing agencies including prison authority about ways to make prison drug-free. Use of drug has been compared with suicide-speaker said this at a four day long national training workshop to prevent HIV amongst incarcerated substance users on Monday at the Mahbub Kabir at BIAM auditorium at Eskaton in the capital, says a press release.

At the workshop jointly organised by Dhaka Ahsania Mission, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime ROSA (UNODC ROSA) and Directorate of Drugs Control speakers further said, prisons will have to be built as centers of correction. Care should be taken so that prisoners at the end of conviction period can work in the society as responsible citizens. Resistance against drug business, its use and control should be grown at the center of crime.

Presided over by Dhaka

Ahsania Mission (DAM) President Kazi Rafiqul Alam. Additional Secretary to the Ministry of Home Ministry Dr. Sheikh Abdur Rashid was the chief guest at the inaugural ceremony. UNODC ROSA Consultant Dr. Joydeb Sarangi and UNODC Bangladesh Advisor Dr. Md. Mozammel Haque were present as guest at the inaugural ceremony. Programme Director Shafiqul Islam of DAM delivered the address of welcome.

After the inaugural ceremony, Additional Secretary of the Home Ministry Dr. Sheikh Abdur Rashid unveiled the cover of 'Peer Guide1. The objective of this 'Peer Guide' is to help imparting training to the prison officers, staffs and incarcerated persons which includes HIV, Drug and basic life skills training. A total of twenty two participants from Police, Home Ministry, Directorate of Prison and Directorate of Drug Control are participating in this national training workshop which will conclude on January 17. ■