


## Social awareness needed to stop drug abuse'

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Speakers at a seminar here yesterday stressed the importance of social awareness to stop drug abuse.

BRAC University organised the seminar on 'Anti smoking and anti Drug' in collaboration with MONON, MANAS and BUEC at the indoor games room of the university yesterday, a press release said here yesterday.

State minister for health and family welfare captain (retd) Dr Mujibor Rahman Fakir was present as the chief guest in the seminar. Professor Dr Arup Ratan Chowdhury, founder director of MANASH, was the keynote speaker in the seminar with acting vice chancellor of BRAC University professor Golam Samdani Fakir in the chair.

Dr Mujibor Rahman Fakir said that our anti smoking and anti drug campaign has to be started from each family. He expressed his fear that now a days many bright people like doctors became engaged with drug abuse. "It could not be stopped by law only; we have to be socially aware and make a social movement all together."

He said the present government gives emphasis on stopping the use of drug.

Prof Arup Ratan Chowdhury made clear the physiological effect of smoking on the body. He gave emphasis that drug addiction started from smoking and it took us towards drug use. For all kind of addiction, three major components are responsible-psychological, physiological and social. He urged all to "say no to drugs".

Prof Golam Samdani Fakir said BRAC University already declared the campus as smoking-free zone and they consider zero tolerance about smoking. To bring to an end to drug addiction, he emphasised the need for strengthening family bondage. The power of family bondage is stronger than the power of nicotine or alcohol or any kind of substance