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The main aim of education is to develop tremendous will that will give you the power to decide what is wrong and right, B.K. Krishnaraj Vanavarayar, Chairman, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Coimbatore Kendra, said.

He was speaking on "Drug Abuse Amongst Youth – Emerging Trends and Possible Remedies". The panel discussion was organised to mark the anniversary of 'Arya', the Students' Culture Club of Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham.

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The club had organised a week-long campaign to create awareness against drug abuse. About the present education system, Mr. Vanavarayar said that it was an "insensitive" one that made students think as a "self-centred and selfish individual".

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The case of a college student who recently died of drug overdose was also discussed. Ravi Shankar of Alcoholics Anonymous, Rakesh Katarey, Amrita School of Communication, and other faculty members also took part in the panel discussion.

Nearly 600 students including faculty from the university participated.

A video poll on drug abuse recorded at various colleges from all over the State was screened. The panel discussion was followed by cultural programmes.

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