

Arts Against Drugs, a SAATHI Campaign



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Gangtok, August 21: In an effort to encourage students to pursue art to channelize their energy positively, SAATHI [Sikkim against Addiction and Towards Healthy India] partnered with the famous French artist, Silvère Jarrosson to conduct an art workshop at Government Senior Secondary School, Tadong on Saturday. Apart from the host school, students from Deorali Girls Senior Secondary School also participated enthusiastically in the workshop. Sharing his experience of hosting exhibitions across the world, Jarrosson emphasized on how art helps not just in the process of self-discovery but

also in making drug related rehabilitation a smoother process. He also taught several interesting painting techniques.

The students from Tadong School, in the absence of any art teacher in their school, found it an enriching experience and many got to paint for the first time in their lives. SAATHI hopes to bring 'childhood' back in the lives of students in partner schools and use peer education strategy to reduce substance abuse in the schools. The 'Arts Against Drug' campaign brought SAATHI a step closer in starting that mission and hopes to make it a permanent feature in all SAATHI schools by collaborating with more artists in the future. Informs a release.