

National Action Plan for Drug Demand Reduction

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In accordance with the spirit of the United Nations Conventions (India is a signatory to the three UN Conventions namely, Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961, Convention on Psychotropic Substances, 1971 and Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances, 1988.) and the existing NDPS Act, 1985 and NDPS Policy, 2012, a National Action Plan for Drug Demand Reduction (NAPDDR) has been prepared for 2018-2023 which aims at reduction of adverse consequences of drug abuse through a multi-pronged strategy involving education, de-addiction and rehabilitation of affected individuals and their families

The objectives of the NAPDDR are to:

- Create awareness and educate people about the ill-effects of drugs abuse on the individual, family, workplace and the society at large and reduce stigmatization of and discrimination against, groups and individuals dependent on drugs in order to integrate them back into the society
- Develop human resources and build capacity for working towards these objectives
- Facilitate research, training, documentation, innovation and collection of relevant information to strengthen the above-mentioned objectives
- Provide for a whole range of community-based services for the identification, motivation, counselling, de-addiction, after care and rehabilitation for Whole Person Recovery (WPR) of addicts
- Formulate and implement comprehensive guidelines,

schemes, and programmes using a multi-agency approach for drug demand reduction

- Undertake drug demand reduction efforts to address all forms of drug abuse
- Alleviate the consequences of drug dependence amongst individuals, family and society at large.

Components

The following components are admissible for financial assistance under the NAPDDR:

1. Preventive Education and Awareness Generation
2. Capacity Building
3. Treatment and Rehabilitation
4. Setting quality standards
5. Focussed Intervention in vulnerable areas
6. Skill development, vocational training and livelihood support of ex-drug addicts
7. Survey, Studies, Evaluation, Research and Innovation on the subjects covered under the Scheme.
8. Programmes for Drug Demand Reduction by States/UTs
9. Programme Management
10. Any other activity or item which will augment/strengthen the implementation of NAPDDR