

# National Action Plan for Drug Demand Reduction

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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.

## Background

- **Article 47 of the Constitution** provides that the State shall endeavor to bring about **prohibition of the consumption** except for medicinal purposes of intoxicating drinks and of drugs which are injurious to health.
- India is a signatory to the three UN Conventions namely
  - . **Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961**
  - . **Convention on Psychotropic Substances, 1971**
  - . **Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances, 1988.**
- The Government has enacted the **Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act** in the year 1985 to make stringent provisions for the **control and regulation of operations** relating to narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances.
- The Government has also brought out a **National Policy on Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS)** in 2012 to **serve as a guide** to various Ministries/ Departments, State Governments, International Organisations and NGOs.
- The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment has been

implementing a **Central Sector Scheme of Assistance for Prevention of Alcoholism and Substance (Drugs) Abuse** since 1985-86 for identification, counselling, treatment and rehabilitation of addicts through voluntary organizations.

- A **National Centre for Drug Abuse Prevention (NCDAP)** has been set up in the NISD since 1998 to **provide technical support** to the Government on policies relating to substance abuse prevention.

### **Components Under NAPDDR**

[These components are eligible for financial assistance]

- Preventive education and awareness generation
- Capacity building
- Treatment and rehabilitation
- Setting quality standards
- Focused intervention in vulnerable areas
- Skill development, vocational training and livelihood support of ex-drug addicts
- Survey, studies, evaluation, research and innovation on the subjects covered under the Scheme
- Programs for Drug demand reduction by States/ UTs
- Program management
- Any other activity or item which will augment/ strengthen the implementation of NAPDDR