



International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking 2025

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The **Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (MoSJE)** organized a national event On **26th June 2025**, to commemorate the [International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking](#) (World Drug Day).

- **About:** It was declared by the [UN General Assembly](#) in 1987 to promote **global cooperation** for a **drug-free world**.
 - The **2025 theme**, “**Break the Cycle. #StopOrganizedCrime**,” calls for long-term, targeted action against **organized drug networks**.
- **Drug Abuse:** According to the [United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime \(UNODC\)](#), **292 million people used drugs globally in 2022**, marking a **20% increase over the past decade** and **highlighting growing global concern**.
 - **UNODC**, established in **1997**, tackles **drug control, crime, and international terrorism**, and releases the **World Drug Report** annually on **26th June**.
- **Drug Affected Regions:** **Triple Frontier area (Argentina, Brazil and Paraguay)**, [Golden Crescent](#) (Iran, Afghanistan, and Pakistan) and [Golden Triangle](#) (Laos, Myanmar and Thailand).



- **Common Drugs:** [Cannabis](#), followed by **opioids, amphetamines, cocaine, and ecstasy**, are among the most commonly used drugs.
 - **Cannabis** is legal in **Canada, Uruguay, and 27 US jurisdictions**. Its **psychoactive effects** are mainly due to **THC (delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol)**.
- **India's Drug Control:** **MoSJE** is the nodal agency for drug demand reduction, prevention, treatment and rehabilitation, and nationwide awareness campaigns.

- **Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyaan (NMBA)** is India's **flagship anti-drug campaign**, active in **all districts** that features via the **NMBA App** for real-time tracking of Abhiyaan activities.
- **NIDAAN** and **NCORD Portals** are digital platforms that store comprehensive **databases of drug offenders**.

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