

Course– IV. Drug Addiction, Criminal Justice and Human Rights

100 (4 Credits)

Objective :-

Regularly and day to day, we have been watching our youth addicted to drugs. It is also a socio- psycho problem not for our country only but it is an international matter of concern. We have introduced International legal regime and criminal justice system along with Human Right aspects.

1. Introduction :

- 1.1 Basic conceptions
 - 1.1.1 Drugs 'narcotics', "psychotropic substances"
 - 1.1.2 'Dependence', "addition"
 - 1.1.3 "Crimes without victims"
 - 1.1.4 "Trafficking" in "drugs"

2. How Does One Study the Incidence of Drug Addiction and Abuse ?

- 2.1 Self-reporting
- 2.2 Victim-studies
- 2.3 Problems of comparative studies

3. Anagraphic and Social Characteristics of Drug Users

- 3.1 Gender
- 3.2 Age
- 3.3 Religiousness
- 3.4 Single individuals / cohabitation
- 3.5 Socio-economic level of family
- 3.6 Residence patterns (urban/rural/urban)
- 3.7 Educational levels
- 3.8 Occupation
- 3.9 Age at first use
- 3.10 Type of drug use
- 3.11 Reasons given as cause of first use
- 3.12 Methods of intake
- 3.13 Pattern of the Use
- 3.14 Average Quantity and Cost
- 3.15 Consequences of addict's health (physical/psychic)

4. The International Legal Regime :

- 4.1 Analysis of the background, text and operation of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961,1972.

- 4.2 Analysis of the Convention on Psychotropic Substances, 1972.
- 4.3 International collaboration in combating drug addiction
- 4.4 The SARC, and South - South Cooperation
- 4.5 Profile of international market for psychotropic substances

5. The Indian Regulatory System :

- 5.1 Approaches to narcotic trafficking during colonial India
- 5.2 Nationalist thought towards regulation of during trafficking and usage.
- 5.3 The penal provisions (under the IPC and the Customs Act)
- 5.4 India's role in the evolution of the two international conventions
- 5.5 Judicial approaches to sentencing in drug trafficking and abuse
- 5.6 The Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985
- 5.7 Patterns of resource investment in India : policing adjudication, treatment, aftercare and rehabilitation.

6. Human Rights Aspects :

- 6.1 Deployment of marginalized people as carrier of narcotics
- 6.2 The problem of juvenile drug use and legal approaches
- 6.3 Possibilities of misuse and abuse of investigative prosecutor powers
- 6.4 Bail
- 6.5 The problem of differential application of the Ugal Regimes, especially in relation to the resource less

7. The Role of Community in Combating Drug Addiction :

- 7.1 Profile of Community initiatives in inhibition of dependence and addiction (e.g. deaddiction and aftercare)
- 7.2 The role of educational systems
- 7.3 The role of medical profession
- 7.4 The role of mass media
- 7.5 Initiatives for Compliance with regulatory systems
- 7.6 Law reform initiatives

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