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**GOVERNOR’S APPEAL**

Recent interdictions of sizeable quantities of Narcotic drugs and Psychotropic substances and apprehension of members of International drug cartels in Tamil Nadu and other places by Central agencies have confirmed our worst fears – prevalence of drugs in our State. Concerned parents with their wards in high schools and colleges have been sharing with me, for the last over one year, their serious worries over prevalence of drugs at the campuses and entertainment clubs in the state.

Central Intelligence, Investigative and Enforcement agencies are seized with the operations of international drug cartels with critical nodes in our state doing illegal trafficking in drugs. These drugs are highly addictive and destructive. If not checked, it will soon destroy our future generations. Drugs abuse also leads to several other heinous crimes. The menace has to be tackled with sense of acute urgency and utmost priority. While the enforcement agencies of the Centre and the state will do their job, the parents and the managements of academic institutions in our state must remain ever vigilant against such drugs. Since youths are the primary targets of the drug traffickers, parents must be extra vigilant to detect any sign of such abuse by their wards. I appeal to the youth: Please keep far away from such temptations as it will irreparably destroy your life and families. Managements of academic institutions have special responsibility to ensure that such drugs do not find entry in their campuses or their vicinity. For the sake of our people and future of the state, I solicit everyone’s full co-operation against the drugs menace.