

**THIRU. R.N. RAVI, HON'BLE GOVERNOR OF TAMIL NADU
LAUNCHED THE NATIONAL AWARENESS CAMPAIGN ON "DRUG
ABUSE AND ILLICIT TRAFFICKING" AT RAJ BHAVAN, CHENNAI
TODAY (25.06.2024)**

On the eve of the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, (World Drug Day), Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu, Thiru.R.N.Ravi, launched the National Awareness Campaign on "Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking" and addressed the gathering at Raj Bhavan, Chennai today (25.06.2024)

Hon'ble Governor Ravi, in his address, mentioned the tragic deaths of 60 people caused by consumption of illicit liquor in Kallakurichi, and the deaths of 22 people caused by illicit liquor in Chengalpattu and Villupuram District last year. Many voices were raised in the wake of the incident, but things quickly returned to normal. This is completely unacceptable.

Hon'ble Governor, highlighted both the demand and supply sides of narcotic drugs and illicit alcohol, underscoring the crucial role of civil society in combating this menace. He appreciated the efforts of the IRDRP Trust, MAEGA Trust, and Civil Society in spreading awareness and encouraged them to do more. He said in this war against the drug and illicit alcohol, along with the awareness towards the demand side the civil societies are generating, there must be disruption in the supply side.

Hon'ble Governor, expressed concern over the lack of adequate enforcement to disrupt the supply chain of drugs and illicit liquor. Unless the supply side is stopped, the He also shared that many parents have complained Hon'ble Governor about the rampant use of drugs among students in schools and colleges. The recovery of large quantities of synthetic and semi-synthetic drugs from different parts of the state by

enforcement agencies only confirms the fear of widespread drug abuse in our state. Investigation done by NIA, investigated various international drug cartel are operational. Ignoring this grave threat will further complex the problems, he added.

On this occasion, Dr. Irudayasamy, Managing Trustee, IRDRP Trust, Dr. Sharansam, Medical Director, Institute of Research and Development for the Rural Poor Trust (IRDRP), Dr. Regina, Managing Trustee, MAEGA Trust, Dr.Usha Saju, Board of Trustee, IRDRP, dignitaries, distinguished guests, members from various NGO's, volunteers, participated in the function.

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