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Dear Ma'am/Sir,

The menace of substance abuse among children and youth has emerged as a matter of national concern requiring a coordinated, preventive and whole-of-government approach. In line with the Directions of the Hon'ble Union Home Minister, Shri Amit Shah at the 10th Apex Level Meeting of NCORD (Narco Coordination Centre) held on 26th June, 2026, (**Annexure I**), to strengthen preventive measures against drug abuse through sustained awareness and community participation, Ministry of Education was assigned the mandate of demand-reduction for substance abuse through sustained sensitization of students and awareness creation activities in schools and colleges. In this regard the Department of School Education & Literacy, has developed a comprehensive Nasha Mukta Vidyalaya (NMV) Three Year Action Plan (2026-2029).

2. The Action Plan seeks to create safe, healthy, tobacco and drug-free school environments across all schools, covering, government, government-aided, private, and residential schools through awareness, prevention, capacity building, and community participation. The action plan aims to achieve these objectives through:

- i. A self-declaration Nasha Mukta Vidyalaya Portal for monitoring the implementation of Drug-Free Zone/ToFEI compliance.
- ii. Declaration of a 500-meter radius around all school campuses as a Drug-Free Zone, with mandatory signage boards outside schools.
- iii. Integration of age-appropriate curriculum on substance abuse prevention into the life skills and health education.
- iv. Development of standardized training and IEC materials on tobacco, drugs, and substance abuse.

3. To support implementation and monitoring, the Department has also launched user friendly **Nasha Mukta Vidyalaya (NMV) Portal**, which enables schools to undertake a self-assessment against the prescribed criterion of a tobacco-free and drug-free educational institution. Based on the self-evaluation, schools may declare themselves as "Nasha Mukta Vidyalaya" upon fulfilling the prescribed criteria. DoSEL Team may undertake random physical verification of schools that have declared themselves as 'Nasha Mukta Vidyalaya' to assess compliance with the prescribed criteria and validate the self-declaration.

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4. In this regard, all States/UTs/ ABs/Boards are requested to:
- Direct all schools (Govt, Govt aided and Private) to register on the Nasha Mukta Vidyalaya Portal at the earliest (<https://tofei.education.gov.in>). A brief user manual for schools is also available on the portal under the "Support Resources" tab. (**Annexure II**)
 - Ensure that every school completes the online self-evaluation and undertakes the required measures to establish and sustain a tobacco-free and drug-free school environment.
 - Encourage schools to conduct regular awareness programmes, preventive education activities, parent engagement, counselling, and other initiatives envisaged under the Action Plan.
 - Periodically review the progress of school registrations and implementation through the NMV Portal.
 - Encourage all schools to participate in the "National Pledge against Drug Abuse" being organized by the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment (DoSJE) on 18 August 2026.
 - Encourage all schools to participate in Ministry of Education's MyGov Quiz on International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking to promote awareness on substance abuse prevention. The quiz is available at: (<https://quiz.mygov.in/quiz/quiz-on-international-day-against-drug-abuse-and-illicit-trafficking/>).
5. The active support of States/UTs/ABs/Boards is essential for achieving the vision of a Nasha Mukta Bharat by fostering healthy, safe and substance-free learning environments for all children.
6. You are, therefore, requested to issue necessary directions to all schools under your jurisdiction for timely registration on the NMV Portal, completion of the self-evaluation process, and implementation of the prescribed interventions.

With regards,

Encl. As above

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]
(Dr. Vineet Joshi)

To,

- The Additional Chief Secretary/ Principal Secretary/Secretary (School Education) All States/UTs
- The Principal Secretary/Secretary (Home), All States/UTs
- The Principal Secretary/Secretary (Health), All States/UTs
- The Principal Secretary/Secretary (Social Welfare), All States/UTs
- The Director, NCERT w.r.t. RIE Schools
- The Chairperson, CBSE, ICSE, IB, Cambridge Boards
- The Commissioner, NVS
- The Commissioner, KVS