TELANGANA STATE LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY, HYDERABAD.

🚫 SAY NO TO DRUGS - CHOOSE A HEALTHY LIFE

Drug Prevention • Legal Awareness • Rehabilitation • Social Reintegration

WHAT ARE DRUGS?

Narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances can seriously affect a person's physical and mental well-being. Their misuse can adversely affect a person's health, education, employment, family relationships and future. Drug abuse is not merely an individual problem; it can affect families and the wider community.

⚖️ NDPS ACT - KNOW THE LAW

The Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (NDPS Act) provides the legal framework for controlling and regulating narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and for preventing their illicit production, manufacture, possession, sale, purchase, transportation, use and trafficking.

Why is the NDPS Act Important?

The Act:

- Prevents and controls the misuse of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances.
- Combats illicit trafficking and illegal supply of drugs.
- Prescribes penalties for offences relating to narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances.
- Contains provisions relating to the forfeiture of property derived from illicit drug trafficking.
- Provides a legal framework that also recognizes treatment and rehabilitation in appropriate circumstances.

⚠️ IMPORTANT OFFENCES UNDER THE NDPS ACT

Depending upon the substance, quantity and circumstances of the offence, the NDPS Act provides for stringent legal consequences.

Some important provisions include:

Section 20 - Offences relating to cannabis plant and cannabis.

Section 21 - Offences relating to manufactured drugs and preparations.

Section 22 - Offences relating to psychotropic substances.

Section 23 - Illegal import into India, export from India or transshipment of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances.

Section 27 - Punishment for consumption of certain narcotic drugs or psychotropic substances.

Section 27A - Financing illicit trafficking and harboring offenders.

Section 29 - Abetment and criminal conspiracy.

Remember: The nature and punishment of an offence depend upon the applicable provision, substance, quantity and circumstances of the case.

👥 HOW DOES DRUG ABUSE AFFECT PEOPLE?

Drug abuse can affect not only the individual but also the family and society.

Impact on the Individual

- Adverse effects on physical and mental well-being
- Decline in academic or work performance
- Impaired judgement and decision-making
- Strained relationships with family and friends
- Financial difficulties
- Risk of legal problems

Impact on the Family

- Anxiety, stress and emotional distress
- Financial hardship
- Family conflicts
- Adverse impact on children's education and future

Impact on Society

- Increased social and public-health concerns
- Adverse impact on young people
- Greater burden on families, healthcare and social-support systems

🛑 HOW CAN WE STAY AWAY FROM DRUGS?

For Young People

✅ Stay away from harmful peer pressure and situations that encourage drug use.

✅ If someone asks you to try drugs, confidently say “NO.”

✅ Participate in sports, education, arts and other constructive activities.

✅ Talk to parents, teachers or another trusted adult when facing difficulties.

✅ Seek professional help if you or someone you know is struggling with drug use.

✅ Remember that drugs can put your health, education, relationships and future at risk.

For Parents

👨‍👩‍👧 Maintain open and friendly communication with children.

🤝 Listen to their concerns without immediately judging or blaming them.

🤝 Be aware of their social environment and peer group.

🤝 Educate children about the risks of drug abuse in an age-appropriate manner.

🤝 Seek professional assistance when a child or family member needs support.

🌅 **NALSA - DAWN SCHEME, 2025**

Drug Awareness and Wellness Navigation for a Drug-Free India

The NALSA DAWN Scheme, 2025 focuses on creating awareness about drug abuse and facilitating access to legal services, treatment, rehabilitation and other support systems for persons and families affected by substance abuse.

Key Objectives of the DAWN Scheme

🌱 Promote legal and social awareness regarding drug abuse.

🌱 Facilitate access to free legal services for eligible persons affected by drug-related issues.

🌱 Help connect persons in need with appropriate de-addiction, treatment and rehabilitation services.

🌱 Facilitate access to counselling and support services for affected persons and their families.

🌱 Support social and economic reintegration of persons following rehabilitation.

🌱 Strengthen coordination among Legal Services Institutions, government departments, healthcare institutions, rehabilitation centers and other stakeholders.

⚖️ **NEED LEGAL ASSISTANCE?**

Persons who are eligible for free legal services and require legal assistance in matters relating to drug abuse or NDPS cases may approach the Legal Services Institutions.

Approach your nearest:

District Legal Services Authority (DLSA)

Mandal/Taluk Legal Services Committee (TLSC)

Telangana State Legal Services Authority (TSLSA)

Legal Services Institutions can provide appropriate legal assistance and guidance, subject to eligibility under law.

💚 **IF DRUG USE HAS BECOME A PROBLEM - SEEK HELP**

A person affected by substance abuse should not be viewed only through the lens of punishment. Where appropriate, treatment, counselling, rehabilitation, legal assistance and social support can help a person move towards recovery and reintegration.

Seeking help is not a weakness - it is the first step towards change.

🌿 **LET US TAKE A PLEDGE**

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“STAY AWAY FROM DRUGS - PROTECT YOUR HEALTH AND YOUR FUTURE.”

“PROTECT OUR YOUTH - STRENGTHEN OUR FAMILIES - BUILD A DRUG-FREE SOCIETY.”

Together, let us work towards a Drug-Free India.

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