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Subject: Say No to Drugs

Dear Sir/Madam,

As you are aware, drug addiction is a major challenge in many Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) with numerous cases of youngsters getting addicted to substance abuse. There is an urgent need to confront the problem head on, and the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment (MoSJ & E), Government of India has formulated a national programme for drug demand reduction. A concerted action plan bringing together Narcotics Bureau, NGOs and health institutions is going to be implemented from 01.04.2020.

In this regard, the Universities and Colleges can take a leadership role in addressing the drug menace by undertaking the following measures:

1. Constitute "Say No to Drugs" student bodies in their respective HEI under the mentorship of a faculty member.
2. The student bodies should also act as an early warning system in case any misuse/abuse of drugs is detected, by informing the regulatory agencies for cutting the supplies.
3. The student bodies should support in the rehabilitation of their fellow students who are addicted to drugs, through constant communication, counselling and continued support to instil self-confidence and self-belief in such students.
4. Organise awareness programmes through talks by health experts on ill effects of drug usage, nukkad nataks, poster making etc.
5. Promoting the concept of 'Health Promoting University' emphasizing holistic health and well-being of all stakeholders.
6. HEIs to prepare an action plan to roll out the above activities in a time bound manner.

The Vice-Chancellors of Universities and Principals of their affiliated/constituent colleges are requested to kindly upload the action plan on University Activity Monitoring Portal of UGC, i.e. www.ugc.ac.in/uamp, latest by 20/03/2020, so that the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India can unfold a major campaign in these HEIs starting from April 2020. The Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment will support such student bodies financially and through capacity building, so that they can play a decisive role in the war against drugs.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Rajnish Jain)

To:

The Vice-Chancellors of All Universities