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The Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment is implementing the Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyaan (NMBA) for Drug Demand Reduction in the Country. The program coordinates and monitors all aspects of drug abuse prevention, assessment of the extent of the problem, prevention action, treatment and rehabilitation of users, dissemination of information and public awareness.

2. As you are aware, students and youth are particularly vulnerable to the menace of substance use, thus making them primary stakeholders for the Abhiyaan. So far, more than 3.3 crore youth have participated in the activities organized under NMBA and have spread the message against substance use. To enhance the participation of youth in this campaign the following action points for higher educational institutions were decided in a joint meeting chaired by Secretaries of both Departments on 30-05-2023:

a. Higher Educational Institutions should take action at the institutional level to sensitize the campus and other possible surrounding locations through their faculty, NSS volunteers, student clubs etc through regular interventions and activities on substance use prevention.

b. Institutions may create common clubs with various activities relating to ragging, non-use of substances, following safety measures etc. A list of suggested activities to spread awareness and IEC material along with best practices is enclosed in the following link:

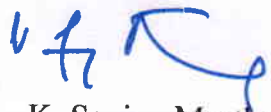
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3. An Anti-drug declaration by the student at the time of admission can be taken to invoke a commitment from the students to have responsible behaviour during studies. A guiding proforma for the anti-drug declaration undertaking by students is attached for reference as **Annexure**.

4. In view of above, it is requested that you may ask all higher educational institutions in your State/UT to take appropriate action on discussed action points. You will appreciate that seeing the magnitude of the problem, effective steps taken by higher educational institutions will be a great contribution to the cause and will pave the way for making Nasha Mukta Bharat.

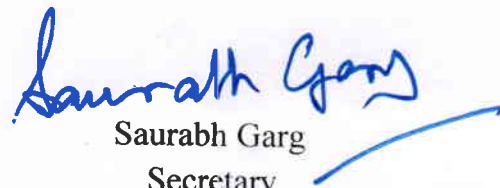
With regards,

Yours sincerely,



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To,

Additional Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary to Higher Education Department of
all States and UTs.

ANNEXURE

ANTI-DRUG DECLARATION FORM TO BE SIGNED BY THE STUDENT

I(name) son /daughter/ward of
Mr./Mrs./Ms.(name) admitted to (course and year)...
in..... (institution) during the year...., hereby agree to the following
terms:

1. I am aware that the possession, use, sale and distribution of alcohol/tobacco/any psychoactive substances are wrong and harmful.
2. I shall refrain from using, being under the influence of, possessing, furnishing, distributing, selling or conspiring to sell or possess, or being in the chain of sale or distribution of alcohol/tobacco/any psychoactive substances within the premises of the institute/university or during any sponsored activities by the institute/university.
3. I shall report to the authorities of the institution any irregular behaviour that I observe in relation to the possession, use, sale and distribution of alcohol/tobacco/any psychoactive substances which may have occurred at the institution or during any activities conducted by any students or institution.
4. I shall support and actively participate in any substance use prevention education programmes which may be organized by the institution/government which would enable me to be a better student and citizen of India.
5. I shall co-operate with the authorities of the institution and other relevant authorities in their investigation of any substance-related incident of which I may have information, and to prevent the possession, use, sale and distribution of any psychoactive substances in or around my institution.

Date:.....

Signature:.....

Name of the Student:

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