

International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking 2025

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The Department of Social Justice and Empowerment (DoSJE) recently observed the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking 2025, with a central event at Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi.

About International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking

- The International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, or **World Drug Day**, is marked on **26 June every year**, to strengthen action and cooperation in achieving the goal of a world free of drug abuse.
- **History:**
 - It was **established by the United Nations General Assembly in December 1987**, following the **recommendation of the International Conference on Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking**.
 - The observance was created to strengthen global action and cooperation to combat drug abuse and trafficking.

- **Each year**, the **United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)** selects a **theme** for the day, focusing on specific aspects of the global drug problem and promoting strategies to address it effectively.
- **The theme for 2025, “Break the cycle. #StopOrganizedCrime,”** highlights the need for coordinated long-term action to break the cycle of organized crime and drug trafficking by addressing root causes, investing in prevention, and building stronger health, education, and social systems.
- **Every year, UNODC issues the World Drug Report**, full of key statistics and factual data obtained through official sources, a science-based approach, and research.
- **Following is the Drug Use Statistics 2025:**
 - **Over 300 million people aged 15-64** worldwide have **used drugs in the past year**.
 - **Cannabis use** has **increased by 25% in the last decade**, with rising concerns over synthetic opioids like fentanyl and methamphetamine.
 - **1 in 8 people with substance use disorders receive treatment**, highlighting the urgent need for improved healthcare access.
 - The **global drug trade generates over \$400 billion annually**, fueling organized crime, corruption, and violence.

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