

NARCOTIC DRUGS- LAW AND POLICY

Unit I Introduction

“Drugs” “narcotics” “psychotropic substances” – Drug Dependence and Addiction-Primary drug abuse- Trafficking in drugs- Drug addiction as a victimless crime. -Drug related crimes-Trafficking in drugs. -Anagraphic and Social characteristics of Drug Users- Gender- Age-Socialization--Occupation, Educations & Economical Level.-Reasons adduced at first use-Method of intake- Quantity and Cost, Consequences on addict's health (physical/psychic)-Study on drug addiction: Self - Reporting, Victim-studies, Problem of comparative studies

Unit II The International Legal Regime

Analysis of the background, text and operation of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961, 1972-Analysis of the Convention on psychotropic Substances, 1972-International collaboration in combating drug addiction-The SAARC and -Profile of International market for psychotropic substances

Unit III The Indian Regulatory System

Approaches to narcotic trafficking during colonial India-Nationalist thought towards regulation of drug trafficking and usage-The penal provisions (under the IPC and the Customs Act)-India's role in the evolution of the two International conventions.-Judicial approaches to sentencing in drug trafficking and abuse-The Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985-Pattern resource investment in India: policing adjudication, treatment, aftercare and rehabilitation

Unit-IV Human Rights Aspects

Deployment of marginalized people as carrier of narcotics-The problem of juvenile drug use and legal approaches-Possibilities of misuse and abuse of investigative prosecutory powers-Bail-The problem of differential application of the legal regimes, especially in relation to the resource less

Unit – V The Role of Community in Combating Drug Addiction

Role of civil societies (NGOs)-Profile of community initiatives in inhibition of dependence and addiction (e.g. de-addiction and aftercare)-The role of educational systems-The role of medical profession-The role of mass media-Initiatives for compliance with regulatory systems-Law reform initiatives

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 - (vii) International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology (London)
 - (viii) Bulletin in Narcotics (United Nations)
