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'DRUG TRAFFICKING AND NATIONAL SECURITY': NATIONAL CONFERENCE CHAIRED BY HON'BLE UNION HOME MINISTER SH. AMIT SHAH

- *Launch of NCORD PORTAL*
- *Launch of NIDAAN PORTAL*
- *Inauguration of Office cum Residential Complex, NCB Chandigarh*
- *Launch of NAVCHETNA Modules of MoSJE*
- *Launch of compendium on Important Judgments on NDPS act*
- *Launch of compendium of events on "Nashe se azaadi pakhwaada"*
- *Awards to best States & Distts. for drug demand reduction; Best NCB Zone; Best Darkathon-2022 solutions.*
- *Pan India disposal of 82000 Kgs seized drugs*

With the objective of initiating better coordinated efforts towards "***Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan***", the Hon'ble Union Home Minister Sh. Amit Shah presided over the inaugural ceremony of **National Conference on Drug Trafficking and National Security held at Chandigarh**. This two-day conference being organized by Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) in coordination with the Chandigarh authorities is the first ever national event addressing issues of drug trafficking and national security. The Conference will have technical sessions focusing on various issues relating to drug trafficking and abuse on the second day. The guests of honour at the conference included Dr. Virendra Kumar, Union Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment, Sh. Banwari Lal Purohit, Governor of Punjab & Administrator of Chandigarh, Sh. Manoj Sinha,

Lt. Governor of J&K, Sh. Bhagwant Mann CM, Punjab, Sh. Manohar Lal Khattar CM, Haryana and Sh Jai Ram Thakur, CM, Himachal Pradesh. In addition, the conference was attended by various Secretaries, DGsP and Senior Officials of Central and State Government Organizations.

During the conference, Hon'ble HM launched:

- NCORD Portal – An all-in-one portal for drug data unification and knowledge management aimed at better implementation of NCORD mechanism.
- NIDAAN (National Integrated Database on Arrested Narco-offenders) Portal
- MANAS – A dedicated, 24×7, toll-free National Narcotics Helpline
- Nar-K9 – Narco Canine Squad of NCB
- OCR (Office cum Residential) Complex of NCB Chandigarh
- Compendium of important NDPS judgements
- Compendium of events conducted under '*Nashe se Azaadi Pakhwaada*'
- NAVCHETNA Module of MSJE, a teacher training program to create awareness against drugs among students.

The Chief Guest also awarded the best performing zone of NCB award for the year 2021 to Patna Zonal Unit. He also gave away the prizes for winners of 'Darkathon-2022', a hackathon conducted by NCB to find solutions to curb drug trafficking through darknet. Three best states and districts in the field of drug demand reduction were also awarded by the HM.

The conference has been organized to deliberate upon various issues related to drug trafficking and abuse. It is also aimed to sensitize and empower the drug

law enforcement officers with important tools such as the NCORD Portal, NIDAAN Portal and a Compendium of Important NDPS Judgments. These tools will help drug law enforcement officers to effectively tackle drug menace in our country.

During his keynote address, HM stressed upon achieving the vision of Hon'ble Prime Minister of a Drug Free India by 2047, for which there would be zero tolerance towards drugs. HM lauded the efforts of NCB in the fight against drug abuse and said that NCB would be deployed at key points within and outside the country to contain the drug flow. He also said that initiatives like Darkathon will encourage younger generation to wage a digital war as a mass movement against drug trafficking & addiction.

Hon'ble HM called upon the state governments to leverage the NCORD portal, NIDAAN and other digital initiatives of the Government of India as a force multiplier. While appreciating the efforts of 21 states and UTs in creating dedicated Anti Narcotic Task Forces (ANTF), he requested the remaining states to form the same at the earliest. He also underpinned the importance of various initiatives of the Government of India like NCORD, Joint Coordination Committee (JCC), NIDAAN, Nar-K9 etc. and requested the states to make full use of them to unearth the complete drug trafficking networks. The states with international borders and coastal states were requested by the HM to take concrete and coordinated steps to prevent drug trafficking through land and sea routes. HM expressed that more such theme based and area-based conferences where all stakeholders are brought on same platform are required to achieve the Drug Free India vision of Hon'ble PM.
