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A STUDY ON DRUG ABUSE AMONG TEENAGERS WITH CAUSES AND EFFECTS

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ABSTRACT-

Drug abuse and drug risk is the illegal, non-medical use of a limited number of substances, most of which have altering properties and alter a person's mental state in a way that deemed appropriate, harmful or undesirable by social norms and defined status, which threatens the life of the individual user and society at large. There are several addictive substances that are:

Alcohol, heroin, cocaine, morphine, etc.

This research article will discuss the main young people who appear to be targets of these drugs, and the laws and regulations dealing with this type of organized crime. Curiosity, friends, mental pressure and availability of easy drugs, such as tobacco, alcohol, etc. a direct cause of youth abuse. Understanding the real causes and some regulations developed to manage these activities will gradually complete this research thesis.

KEYWORD- Drug Menace, Peer Pressure, Cannabis,

INTRODUCTION

Drug abuse is not a phenomenon of recent origin. Alcohol, opium and cannabis have, been used by man since time immemorial to induce a feeling of euphoria, or to find imaginary escape from the feelings of despair, dejection and anxiety. The problem of drug abuse had not received any serious attention in the past as it was limited only to a few section of the society. Secondly, the substances in use were not as dangerous as seen in the recent times. The advent of far more hazardous drugs like heroin, LSD, amphetamines and methaqualone on the scene, and also the growing incidence of drug

abuse even amongst the school-going children and adolescents, have brought the problem to focus throughout the world.

Apart from the physical and mental damage that drugs have done to millions of users, illicit trafficking in drugs has also resulted globally in the escalation of other anti-social activities such as organized crime, corruption, intimidation of public officials, illegal banking operations, and criminal violations of import and export laws.

The abuse of drugs is spreading from urban to rural areas, from adults to the children and adolescents, and from the affluent to the poorest sections of society. No country, race, religion, caste, creed or sex appears to be immune, from the deadly grip of illicit drugs. Drugs have not only affected every walk of human life in the present -day world but: are also likely to endanger future, generations of mankind. Abusing of drugs and Alcoholism has emerged as an international problem. Trafficking of drug is also the fastest growing business in the world. The network of this business has reached the streets, so the common man gets drugs very easily. This trap has spread in every nook and corner of the world. Drugs have become a part of their lives. These people have become so accustomed to drugs, that if someone opposes it then they also kill him. It is difficult to define drug addiction that it is a technical term. In broader terms, addiction represents a strong craving for a particular substance. Mostly it is considered by user to repeat the intake of a substance and gradually, which he uses for a long time. It becomes an addiction. A few years ago, drug addiction was an incident which was limited to only Western and more prosperous countries. But now it is spreading rapidly even in poor and underdeveloped countries. In the developed countries, where it is used in a normal form, the same is used in the underdeveloped and poor countries for the sake of happiness. It is astonishing fact that this evil is spreading like a fire in every country.

Drug abuse is a global problem; 5.6% of the world's population aged 15-64 used drugs at least once in 2016. Teenagers are the largest group of addicts. The critical age of onset of drug use begins in adolescence, and peak drug use occurs among young adults aged 18 to 25. During this period, adolescents tend to experiment. They are high, curious, prone to peer pressure, rebel against authority and have low self-esteem, which makes them vulnerable to drug abuse. During adolescence, basic development often involves changing interpersonal relationships and multiple levels of context to

which the young person is familiar. Variations in the content and timing of these relationships promote diversity in adolescence and represent sources of risk or protective factors throughout this period of life. All of these factors are important in helping young people reach their full potential and achieve their best health into adulthood. Drug abuse undermines the successful transition to adulthood by hindering the development of critical thinking and the learning of important cognitive skills. Adolescents who abuse drugs are also reported to have higher rates of physical and mental illness and reduced overall health and well-being.

In the modern era, the consumption of narcotic substances has been taken in dangerous proportions and is currently the biggest problem of civil society. The problem of drug abuse is being done extensively in our country; many studies have proved that drug abuse is a psychiatric and psychological social problem.

India's drug problem

- India is surrounded by the two greatest opium-producing regions in the world—the Golden Triangle on one side and the Golden Crescent on the other,
- And the problem of drug addiction is rife among the country's youth.



- The Golden Triangle area includes Thailand, Myanmar, Vietnam and Laos.
- The Golden Crescent region includes Pakistan, Afghanistan and Iran.

According to the report Stimulant use in India published by the All India Institute of Health Sciences (AIIMS) in 2019:

- Alcohol is the most consumed substance in India.
- About 5 million Indians reported using cannabis and opium at the time of the survey (taken in 2018).
- An estimated 8.5 thousand people inject drugs. • Of the total estimated total reported cases, more than half of them come from states such as Punjab, Assam, Delhi, Haryana, Manipur, Mizoram, Sikkim and Uttar Pradesh.
- It is estimated that about 60,000 people need help with their opioid use problem.
- More children are addicted to alcohol and the highest percentage of children with alcoholism is found in Punjab, followed by West Bengal and Uttar Pradesh.
- Main causes of drug abuse:
 - Accepted by colleagues.
 - Economic tension increases.
 - Changing cultural values.
 - Experimentation.
 - Neurotic pleasure.
 - Ineffective Policing.

Causes of drug addiction in India

- Socio-economic status: Low income, unemployment, income inequality, low education levels, limited opportunities for advancement and lack of health care services.
- Infrastructure: Low social support and low community participation.
- Environmental events: Natural disasters, wars, conflicts, climate change, environmental degradation, migration.
- Societal changes associated with income changes, urbanization and environmental degradation.
- Stress relief: Students tend to use drugs due to study and work pressures. Students from other states also find it difficult to get along in big cities such as Mumbai and Delhi.
- It is well known that unemployed youth take drugs out of frustration.
- Peer pressure and other psychological factors can lead teenagers to engage in risky behaviour and lead to substance abuse.

- Teenagers may be attracted to attractions associated with drug use.
- Teens may use drugs for fun or experimentation. - Suffering and deprivation:
- Low-income people who cannot eat enough take medication to sleep and relax.

Effects of Substance Abuse:

- Increased risk of unintentional injury, accidents, domestic violence, medical problems, and death.
- The economic potential is wasted. 3. Affects relationships with family and friends, causing emotional and social problems
- Increased financial burden.
- Substance abuse seriously affects our health, security, peace and development. 6. Increase in diseases such as hepatitis B, hepatitis C and tuberculosis.
- Drug addiction, low self-esteem, and feelings of hopelessness can lead to criminal behaviour and suicidal thoughts.

Challenges to curbing the drug threat:

- Legally available medicines: Is tobacco a big problem and usually seen as a gateway drug for children to experiment with?
- No rehabilitation centre available: Lack of rehabilitation centres. Even the NGOs that run detox centres across the country are failing to provide much-needed care and treatment.
- Drug smuggling: Drug smuggling through states such as Punjab, Assam, and Uttar Pradesh that border neighbouring countries.

Flaws in the legal system:

- The root cause behind the drug threat is drug cartels, crime syndicates and ultimately his ISI, the largest distributor of drugs.
- Rave parties have been reported in countries with drug use.
- These parties are organized by drug syndicates with their own interests.
- Social media plays an important role in organizing these parties.

- Police could not crack down on such parties. • Drug smuggling through states bordering neighboring states such as Punjab, Assam and Uttar Pradesh.
- Medicated regular foods such as noodles, pan masala and gutka are sold to students.
- Both African and South Asian routes are used to bring drugs into the country.

Reasons for using drugs that are particularly dangerous for young people

Young people's brains continue to grow and develop until their mid-twenties. This is especially true for the prefrontal cortex, which is used for decision making. Taking drugs at an early age can impair brain development processes. It can also affect decision making. They tend to do dangerous things like: B. Unsafe sex and dangerous driving.

Consequences of youth substance abuse

Adolescents who are persistent substance abusers often struggle with a variety of problems, including difficulties in school, health problems (including mental health), poor peer relationships and involvement in the juvenile justice system. In addition, there are consequences for family members, the community and society as a whole.

1) Academics

Falling grades, absenteeism from school and other activities, and an increased risk of dropping out are all problems associated with substance abuse among adolescents. Hawkins, Catalano and Miller (1992) cite research indicating that lower levels of commitment to education and higher rates of absenteeism appear to be related to substance use among adolescents. Cognitive and behavioural problems of young people who use alcohol and drugs can affect their academic performance and create barriers to their classmates' learning (Department of Statistics Justice Statistics, 1992).

2) Physical health

Accidental injury (such as a car accident), physical disability and illness, and possible overdose effects are some of the health consequences of substance abuse. preferred in teenagers. A large number of young people who use alcohol and other drugs have a higher risk of death from suicide,

Research by the Drug Abuse Alert Network (DAWN)—in a representative sample of hospitals across the United States—reports trends in people seeking emergency room treatment with regard to the use or failure of medical use of illegal drugs. Preliminary estimates from 1994 indicate that drug-related emergencies among children 12 to 17 years of age increased 17% between 1993 and 1994. This increase is larger than for all other countries. older age groups are reported. Notably, marijuana/hash-related emergency room visits for children 12-17 years of age increased by 50% between 1993 and 1994 (McCain, 1995). Ninety-one young adults between the ages of 12 and 17 died of drug addiction in 1993 (Office of Applied Research, 1994).

HIV/AIDS transmission occurs primarily through contact with an infected person's bodily fluids through sexual contact or through sharing unsterilized drug-injecting equipment. Another major way of transmission is from mother to child during pregnancy or delivery. Many young people who use drugs engage in behaviors that put them at risk for HIV/AIDS or other sexually transmitted diseases. This may include actual use of psychostimulants (especially those injected) or behavior resulting from poor judgment and impulse control while under the influence of stimulants. change mind. AIDS diagnosis rates are currently relatively low among adolescents compared with most other age groups. However, because the disease has a long incubation period before symptoms appear, it is likely that many young people with AIDS were infected with HIV during adolescence.

Although the number of alcohol-related road deaths among young people has decreased, young people still account for a very high proportion of the sector. In 1995 alone, more than 2,000 young people (ages 15-20) were killed in alcohol-related car crashes (National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1997). These limited examples illustrate the catastrophic health consequences of substance abuse among adolescents. In addition to individual and family suffering, additional medical costs and future loss of productivity weigh on communities.

3) Mental health

Mental health problems such as depression, developmental delays, apathy, withdrawal, and other psychosocial dysfunctions are commonly associated with substance abuse in adolescents. Youth who use drugs are at higher risk of mental health problems than non-users, including depression, behavior problems, personality disorders, suicidal ideation, suicide attempts and suicide. Marijuana use,

common among young people, has been shown to interfere with short-term memory, learning ability, and psychomotor skills. Motivation and psychological/emotional development can also be affected (Judicial Statistics Bureau, 1992).

4) Peers

Young people addicted to drugs are often shunned and discriminated against by their friends. Teens who use alcohol and other drugs also often neglect school and community activities, depriving them of positive peer and community contributions they could otherwise make.

5) Families

In addition to personal distress, alcohol and other drug abuse in young people can lead to family crises and jeopardize many aspects of family life, sometimes leading to family disruption. Siblings and parents are strongly affected by the influence of alcohol and drug addicted adolescents (Nowiński, 1990). Substance abuse can strain a family's financial and emotional resources (Bureau of Justice Statistics, 1992).

6) Social and economic consequences

The social and economic costs of drug abuse among young people are high. They result from the financial losses and suffering of victims of alcohol and drug-related crime, the increased burden of supporting adolescents and young adults who are unable to become self-reliant, and the increased need for medical and other treatment services for these youths (Cropper, 1985).

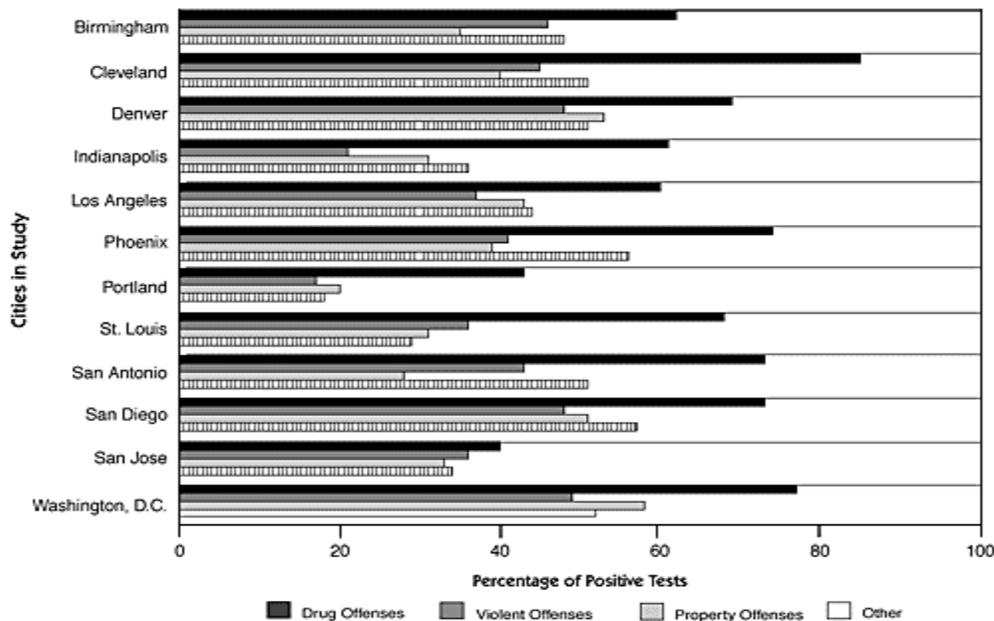
7) Delinquency

There is an undeniable link between drug addiction and delinquency. Arrest, trial, and involvement of the juvenile justice system are possible consequences for many young people who use alcohol and other drugs. It cannot be asserted that drug addiction is the cause of the delinquency or that the delinquency is the cause of alcohol and other drug use. However, the two behaviors are strongly correlated and often lead to problems at school and at home, involving negative peer groups, lack of neighborhood social control, and physical abuse or sex (Hawkins et al., 1987; Wilson and Howell, 1993). The possession and use of alcohol and other drugs is illegal for all young people. Beyond this, however, there is strong evidence for a link between alcohol and other drug use and delinquency

among young people. Substance abuse is linked to violent crime and income generation among young people. This increases fear in the community and the need for juvenile justice and criminal justice services, thereby increasing the burden on these resources. Gangs, drug trafficking, prostitution, and a growing number of youth homicides are among the social and criminal justice problems commonly associated with substance abuse among adolescents.

The DUF study found the highest association between the arrest of young men with a positive drug test result and their committing a drug-related crime (eg, selling, possessing). However, a significant proportion of drug use has also been found among young people who have committed violent, property and other crimes (National Institute of Justice, 1996). This data is shown in the figure;

Figure 5: Male Juveniles Testing Positive for Any Drug, by Type of Offense: Drug Use Forecasting Report



(Figure: 2)

Other data support the concern for young people using drugs in the juvenile justice system. The 1987 Youth Supervision Survey (Beck, Kline & Greenfield, 1988) found that more than 39% of young people under the age of 18 were under the influence of drugs at the time they committed the offence. More than 57% said they had used drugs in the last month. In another study of 113 young inmates in a state detention facility, 82% reported heavy (daily) use of alcohol and other drugs immediately prior to admission. baseline, 14% were regular users (more than twice a week) and 4% reported occasional

use (DE Francesco, 1996).

A 1988 study in Washington, DC found that young adults who sold and used drugs were more likely to commit crimes than those who only sold or used drugs. Heavy drug users are more likely to commit property crimes than non-users, and youth drug dealers report higher rates of crime against people. Young adults in this sample were more likely to commit theft or sale of drugs while using or attempting to obtain them. About a quarter of young people also said they had assaulted another young man for drugs. However, among young people in this sample, the majority committed non-drug related crimes (Altschuler and Brounstein, 1991). Here is a breakdown of the crimes young people commit to get drugs:

- Drug selling: 36 percent.
- Serious assault: 24 percent.
- Burglary: 24 percent.
- Robbery: 19 percent.

The 1996-97 National Parents' Asset Focused for Sedate Instruction (PRIDE) think about (1997) found a noteworthy affiliation between violations committed by youths and their utilize of liquor and other drugs. Table 1 appears the rate of 6th through 12th review understudies who detailed they had utilized different substances and had been included in undermining or reprobate exercises. The rate of youth who were included in these exercises and had not utilized liquor or other drugs was considerably lower.

Table 1: Association Between Threatening or Delinquent Activities and Use of Alcohol or Other Drugs by 6th through 12th Graders

Type of Substance Used	Percentage of Students Who:			
	Carried a Gun to School	Participated in Gang Activities	Threatened To Harm Another	Got Into Trouble With the Police
Liquor	76.4	68.4	51.7	65.3
Marijuana	71.1	59.7	36.7	54.2
Inhalants	38.2	26.9	13.8	18.1
Cocaine	37.2	19.4	7.8	12.8

Source: National Parents' Resource Institute for Drug Education. 1997. *PRIDE Questionnaire Report: 1996-97 National Summary Grades 6 through 12*. Atlanta, GA: National Parents' Resource Institute for Drug Education.

(Figure: 3)

For those who work within the adolescent equity framework, unused information are always being detailed, but the story is an ancient one. Adolescent equity experts experience day by day the trouble of youth, their families, and communities coming about from adolescent association in substance manhandle and reprobate behavior. These experts moreover experience the troubles of attempting to work effectively with these youthful individuals.

The ventures portrayed within the leftover portion of this Rundown created sound procedures for distinguishing and interceding with youth who were included in illegal medicate utilize and who experienced the adolescent equity framework. The encounters and lessons learned by these ventures can be used by other organizations to imitate or adjust comparable programs to meet the requirements of the youth they serve.

The prior youthful individuals begin utilizing drugs, the greater their chances of proceeding to utilize them and gotten to be dependent afterward in life. Taking drugs once you are youthful can contribute to the improvement of grown-up wellbeing issues, such as heart illness, tall blood weight, and rest disarranges

Question 1- Which drugs are most commonly used by young people?

The drugs most commonly used by adolescents are alcohol, tobacco and marijuana. Recently, more and more young people are starting to vape tobacco and marijuana. We still don't know much about the dangers of vaping. Some people have suddenly become very ill or even died after vaping. For this reason, young people should keep their hands off vaping.

Question 2-Why do young people use drugs?

There are many reasons why a young person may use drugs, including:

- Get back in shape. Young people may use drugs because they want to be accepted by friends or peers who use drugs.
- Feel good. Substance abuse can induce a feeling of lust.
- To feel better. Some young people suffer from depression, anxiety, stress-related disorders and physical pain. They may be taking medication to provide relief.

- Better academic or athletic performance. Some young people may take study stimulants or anabolic steroids to improve athletic performance.
- Experience. Young people often want new experiences, especially those that they find exciting or daring.

Question 3- Which young people are at risk of drug use?

Various factors can increase the risk of drug use among young people, including:

- Stressful early childhood experiences such as child abuse, child sexual abuse and other forms of trauma
- Genetic
- Prenatal exposure to alcohol or other drugs
- Lack of vigilance or parental vigilance
- Having peers and/or friends who use drugs

Question 4. What are the signs that a young person has a drug problem?

- I often change my friends
- Spending a lot of time alone
- Loss of interest in favorite things
- Not taking care of yourself – for example, not showering, changing clothes, or brushing your teeth
- Being really tired and sad
- Eat more or less than usual
- Being very energetic, talking quickly, or saying things that don't make sense
- Being in a bad mood

- Quickly switches between feeling bad and feeling good
- No important meeting
- Problems at school - lessons, bad grades
- Problems with personal or family relationships
- Lying and stealing
- Memory loss, lack of concentration, lack of coordination, slurred speech, etc.

Question 5- Is it possible to prevent drug use among young people?

Drug use and addiction can be prevented. Prevention programs involving families, schools, communities, and the media can prevent or reduce drug use and addiction. These programs include education and awareness raising to help people understand the risks of drug use. You can help discourage drug use by children by:

- Good communication with children
- Encourage your children to develop confidence and strong self-esteem. It also helps parents to encourage collaboration and reduce conflict.
- Teach children problem-solving skills• Set boundaries to teach children self-control and responsibility, provide safe boundaries, and show them you care
- Supervision that helps parents identify developing problems, promote safety, and stay involved
- Get to know your children's friends.

STATUS OF DRUG THREAT IN INDIA

- The danger of medicate enslavement has spread quickly among the youth of India.
- India is sandwiched between two biggest Opium creating districts of the world that's the Brilliant triangle on one side and the Brilliant bow on other.

- The brilliant triangle region comprises Thailand, Myanmar, Vietnam and Laos.
- The brilliant bow zone incorporates Pakistan, Afghanistan and Iran.
- India is one of the world's single biggest sedative markets in terms of clients and would likely be defenseless to expanded supply.
- Usually since of the heightened of trafficking in sedatives beginning in Afghanistan may be taking put eastwards, in expansion to southwards and westwards along the conventional Balkan course.
- Agreeing to World Medicate Report 2022, India has the fourth biggest amount of opium seized in 2020 at 5.2 tons and the third-highest sum of morphine was too seized within the same year at 0.7 tons.
- Agreeing to the World Sedate Report 2021, medicine drugs and their fixings or 'precursors' are being progressively redirected for recreational utilize in India--the biggest producer of nonexclusive drugs within the world.
- India is additionally connected to shipment of drugs sold on the 19 major obscure markets analysed over 2011-2020.

INITIATIVES TAKEN TO ANTICIPATE THE DRUG DANGER

Narcotics Coordination Center: The Narcotics Coordination Center (NCORD) was formed in November 2016 and the Financial Assistance to Drug Control States program was reinstated.

Seizure Data Administration Framework (SIMS): SIMS is an e-portal made by the Opiates Control Bureau (NCB) to form a total online database of sedate offenses and wrongdoers.

National Sedate Abuse Survey: The government is additionally conducting a National Sedate Mishandle Overview to degree patterns of medicate mishandle in India through the Service of Social Equity & Strengthening with the assistance of National Medicate Reliance Treatment Middle of AIIMS.

Extend Dawn: It was propelled by the Service of Wellbeing and Family Welfare in 2016, to handle the rising HIV predominance in north-eastern states in India, particularly among individuals infusing drugs.

NDPS Act: It disallows a individual from creating, having, offering, acquiring, transporting, putting away, and/or expending any opiate medicate or psychotropic substance.

*The NDPS Act has since been amended thrice – in 1988, 2001 and 2014.

*The Act expands to the total of India and it applies too to all Indian citizens exterior India and to all people on ships and air ship enrolled in India.

*The authoritative and authoritative setup within the field of Opiates has been put in put within the nation in accordance with the soul of the UN Traditions. The fundamental administrative instrument of the Government of India in this respect is the Opiates Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, 1985.

*The Act gives rigid arrangements for the control and direction of operations relating to opiate drugs and psychotropic substances.

*It too gives for relinquishment of property determined from, or utilized in, illegal activity in opiate drugs and psychotropic substances.

*It also gives for passing punishment in a few cases where a individual may be a rehash wrongdoer.

Nasha Mukh Bharat: Government has too reported the dispatch of the 'Nasha Mukh Bharat', or Drug-Free India Campaign which centers on community outreach programs.

Universal Settlements and Traditions to Combat Medicate Threat:

India is signatory of the taking after worldwide settlements and traditions to combat the threat of Medicate Mishandle:

- Joined together Countries (UN) Tradition on Opiate Drugs (1961)
- UN Tradition on Psychotropic Substances (1971).
- UN Tradition against Illegal Activity in Opiate Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (1988)

- UN Tradition against Transnational Organized Wrongdoing (UNTOC) 2000.

CONCLUSION AND SUGGESTION

The manhandle of Drugs and liquor has ended up to play a critical dreariness and mortality among the youth of the around the world. Numerous of the youth clients have been losing their lives and this issue has developing up day by day. As this issue isn't unconventional and limitation to any particular community, culture, caste, colour, etc.so the procedure of focusing on this modifiable chance figure through schools program, family, community preventives program.

Psychotropic substances manhandle and wrongdoing are additionally connected which is mishandling the youth, youth and for this 'Juvenile Equity system' is taking to begin with step for the anticipation and mediation on mishandle.

