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Survey On General Awareness Of People About Narcotic Drugs And Psychotropic Substances Abuse, It's Repercussions And Propensity Of Abuse.

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ABSTRACT:- This Article focuses on the general awareness of the people regarding drug abuse, it's legal repercussions and the general ways to counter the menace. It endeavours to gauge the perception and level of awareness of the people about drug abuse. In this, there is a questionnaire which is based on narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances abuse. Random sampling method was used and analyzed by using bar graph which gives accurate result observation. On the basis of results we conclude how to make people aware of the hazards of drug abuse. Total 504 people participated in the survey.

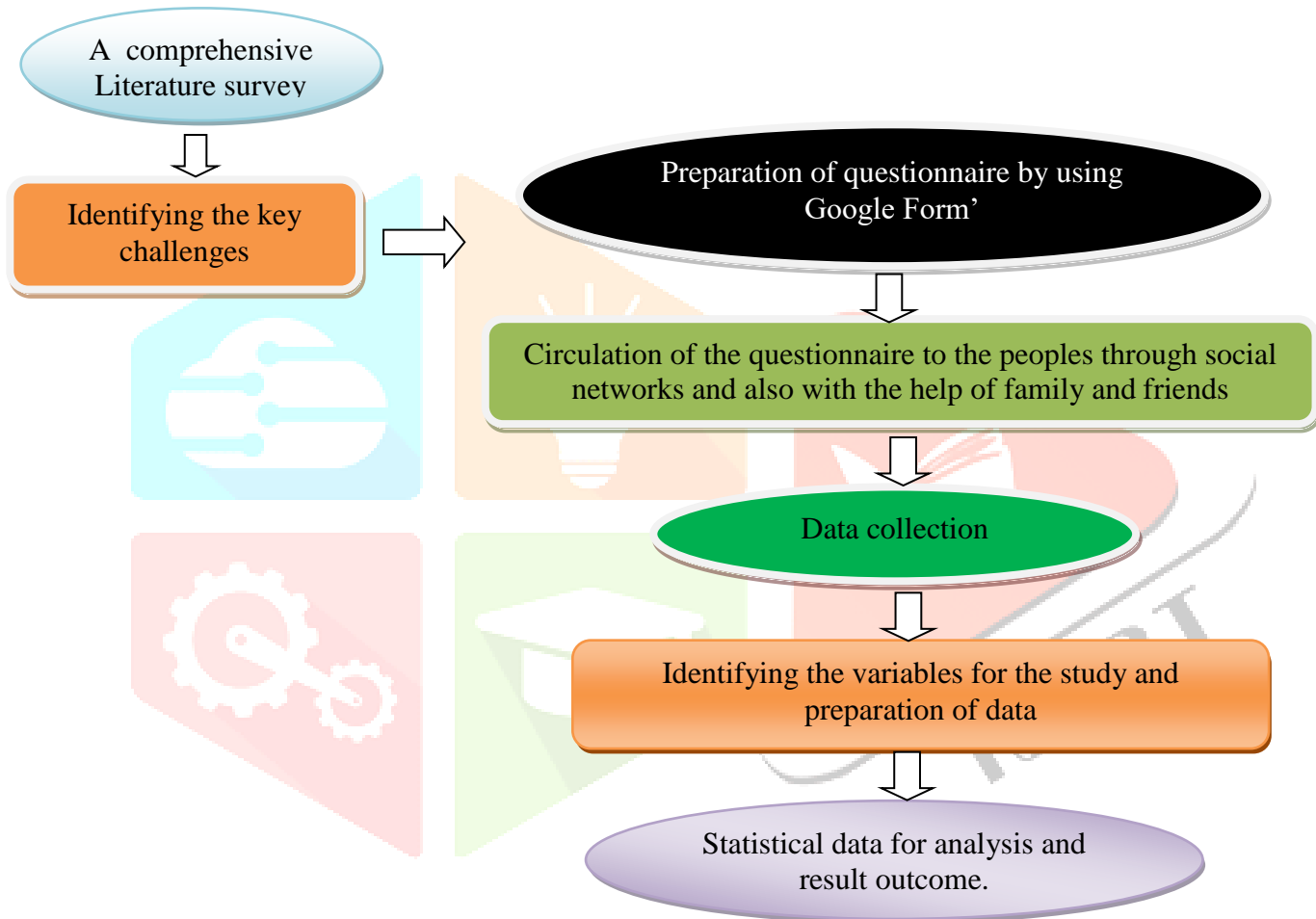
Keywords :- Narcotic Drugs , Psychotropic Substances , Drugs Abuse , Covid-19 Pandemic.

INTRODUCTION:-

Narcotic drugs induce sleep, whereas psychotropic drugs affect the mind and alter people's mental abilities. The NDPS Act was enacted by India's parliament on November 14, 1985. Its goal or purpose is to keep drugs of abuse under control by prohibiting their use, dissipation, distribution, manufacturing, and trade, among other things. (1) This act was introduced in the Lok Sabha on August 23, 1985, and was passed by both houses of parliament. It then got presidential assent on September 16, 1985, and went into effect on November 14, 1985. It was revised thrice in 1988, 2001, and 2014. (2). There are a lot of drug addicts in our culture. Substance misuse causes a slew of challenges, including health issues such as mortality and psychiatric illnesses, as well as economic issues such as money spent on developing services, a drain on national resources, and a loss of productivity. It also causes a slew of societal issues, such as family dissolution, which can lead to criminal activity. More delicate concerns have arisen as a result of the drug war than any other occurrence in our history. It could be the source of crimes ranging from white-collar to blue-collar. In an era of terrorism, where drugs are a means of generating cash for terrorist activities, this is a critical topic that should be considered when drafting and updating drug legislation [3].

MATERIALS AND METHODS :-

The study was a prospective observational study. It was conducted between date 12 JAN 2024 to 12 FEB 2024. A self-made Questionnaire was designed. The study was cost-effective as well as time shortening. The participants of all age whether employed / unemployed give responses to our questionnaire. The design of the questionnaire was made simple such that anyone can respond by utilizing their smart gadgets or a personal computer from their residing places. Total **504 Responses** were recorded and analyzed. The study was conducted for period of one month. The question consisted of basic awareness of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances Illicit trafficking and effect of pandemic situation Covid-19 on their life. The questions were prepared in a google form .The response were recorded and analyzed by using Software.



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SURVEY AND IT'S BAR GRAPH

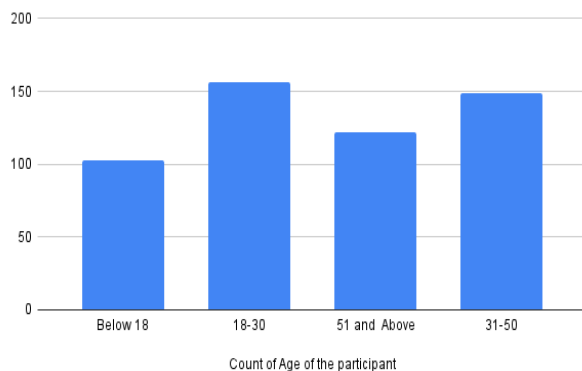
PARTICIPANTS RELATED INFORMATION [Table 1-3]:-

- From statistical analysis, It shows that the number of total participants is 504. In this 102 Participants belongs to the age group of below 18, 147 participants belongs to the age group of 18-30, 138 participants belongs to the age group of 31-50, 117 participants belongs to the age group of above 51

TABLE 1:- AGE OF THE PARTICIPANTS:

AGE OF THE PARTICIPANT	NUMBER OF PARTICIPANT	PERCENTAGE
Below 18	102	20.2 %
18-30	147	29.2 %
31-50	138	27.4 %
51 and Above	117	23.2 %

Count of Age of the participant

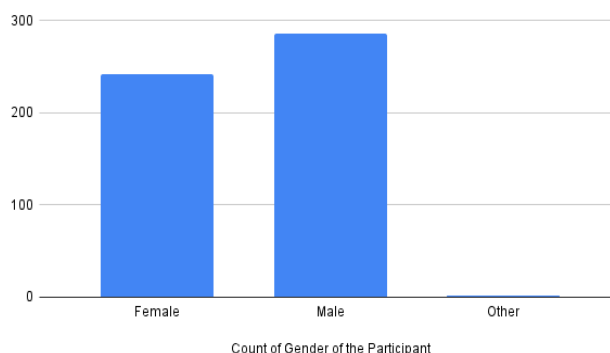


- Related to gender 273 participants are male and 231 participants are female.

TABLE 2:- GENDER OF THE PARTICIPANTS:

GENDER OF THE PARTICIPANT	NUMBER OF PARTICIPANT	PERCENTAGE
Male	273	54.2 %
Female	231	45.8%
Other	0	0

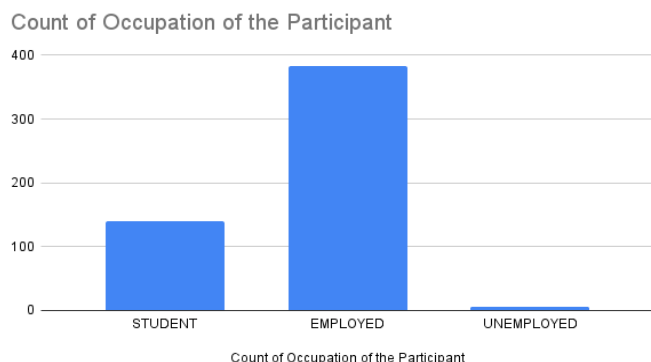
Count of Gender of the Participant



3. Related to occupation 135 participants are students, 364 participants are employed, 5 Participants are unemployed.

TABLE 3:- OCCUPATION OF THE PARTICIPANT:

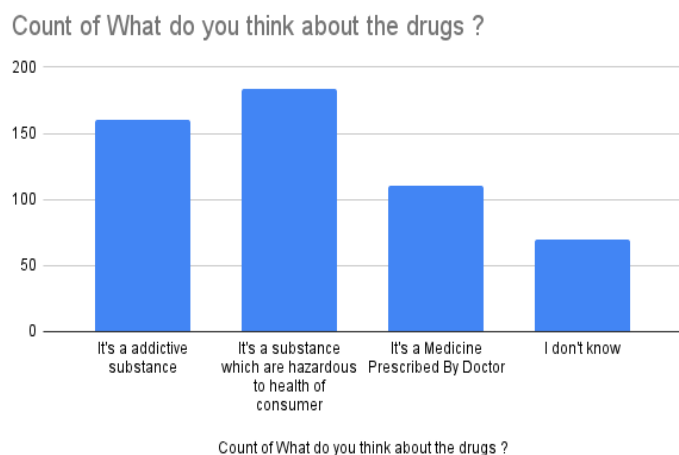
OCCUPATION OF THE PARTICIPANT	NUMBER OF PARTICIPANT	PERCENTAGE
STUDENT	135	26.8 %
EMPLOYED	364	72.2 %
UNEMPLOYED	5	1 %



4. According to our survey around 13.1% participants didn't know about the drugs around 20.6% said that it's medicine prescribed by doctor, around 35.1 % said that It's a substance which are hazardous to health of consumer, 31.2 % said that It's a addictive substance.

TABLE 4:- What do you think about the drugs ?

OPTIONS	TOTAL COUNT	PERCENTAGE
I don't know	66	13.1 %
It's a Medicine Prescribed By Doctor	104	20.6 %
It's a substance which are hazardous to health of consumer	177	35.1 %
It's a addictive substance	157	31.2 %

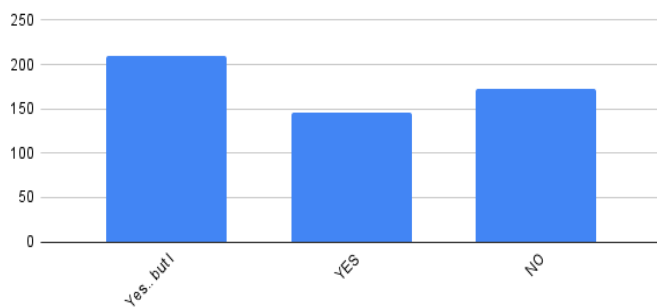


5. According to our survey around 27.6 % heard NDPS , 32.7 % participants not heard about NDPS and 39.7 % said yes, but I don't have a proper knowledge or information about narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances.

TABLE 5 :- Have you heard about narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances ?

OPTIONS	TOTAL COUNT	PERCENTAGE
YES	139	27.6 %
NO	165	32.7 %
Yes, but I don't have a proper knowledge or information about narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances	200	39.7 %

Count of Have you heard about narcotic and psychotropic substances ?



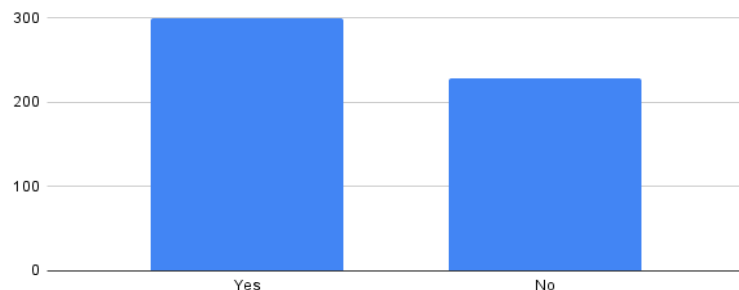
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6. According to our survey around 56.9 % participants know about the harmful effects of smoking weeds and 43.1 % participants didn't know about the harmful effects of smoking weeds.

TABLE 6:- Do you know about the harmful effects of smoking weeds i.e. Charas, ganja etc.

OPTIONS	TOTAL COUNT	PERCENTAGE
YES	287	56.9 %
NO	217	43.1 %

Count of Do you know about the harmful effects of smoking weeds i.e Charas, ganja etc



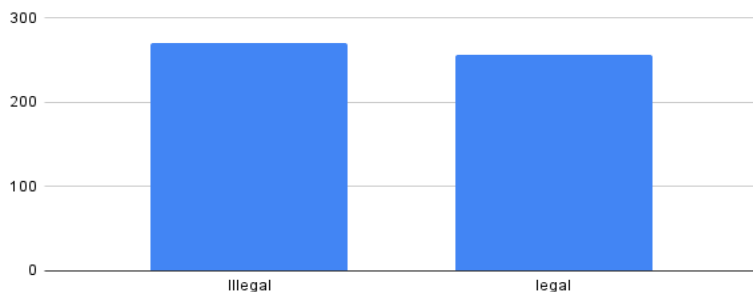
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7. According to our survey around 51 % participants said that manufacturing, stocking, transport and distribution of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances without valid permission is illegal and 49 % participants said that its legal.

TABLE 7:- What do you think whether manufacturing, stocking, transport and distribution of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances without valid permission is illegal or legal ?

OPTIONS	TOTAL COUNT	PERCENTAGE
ILLEGAL	257	51 %
LEGAL	247	49 %

Count of What do you think Manufacturing, stocking, distribution and consumption of narcotics and psychotropics drugs without



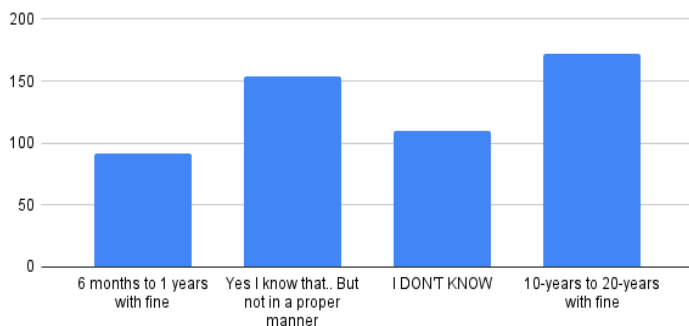
Count of What do you think Manufacturing, stocking, distribution and consumption of narcotics and

8. According to our survey around 21 % participants said that I don't know what is punishment for consumption of narcotic and psychotropic substances without a valid prescription, 17.1 % participants said that 6 months to 1 years with fine, 32.9 % participants said that 10-years to 20-years with fine, 29 % participants said that Yes, I know that but not in a proper manner.

TABLE 8:- Do you know what is the punishment for consumption of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances without a valid prescription?

OPTIONS	TOTAL COUNT	PERCENTAGE
I DON'T KNOW	106	21 %
6 months to 1 years with fine	86	17.1 %
10-years to 20-years with fine	166	32.9 %
Yes I know that.. But not in a proper manner	146	29 %

Count of Do you know what is the punishment is given for handling and consumption of narcotics and psychotropics



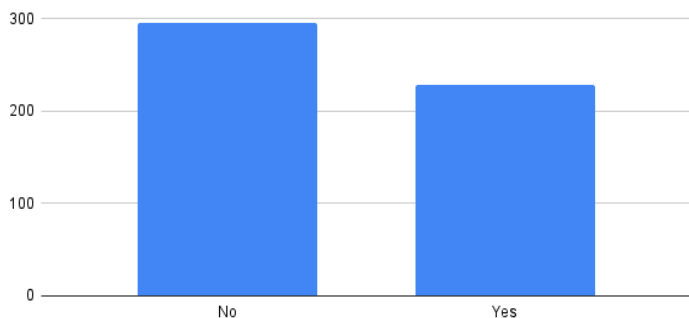
Count of Do you know what is the punishment is given for handling and consumption of narcotics

9. According to our survey around 56.7 % participants said yes, I know about small quantity and commercial quantity of drugs and 43.3 % participants said that I don't know about small quantity and commercial quantity of drugs

TABLE 9:- In the context of drug trafficking do you know what is small quantity and commercial quantity of drugs?

OPTIONS	TOTAL COUNT	PERCENTAGE
YES	218	43.3 %
NO	286	56.7 %

Count of In the content of drug trafficking do you know what is small quantity and commercial quantity ?



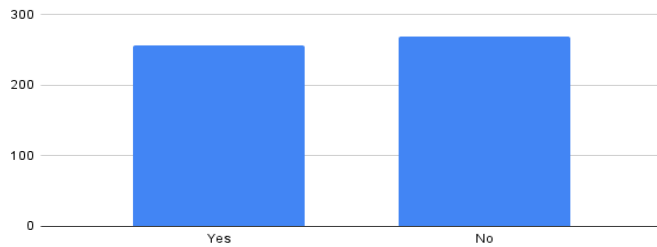
Count of In the content of drug trafficking do you know what is small quantity and commercial

10. According to our survey around 48.4 % participants said that during pandemic situation of Covid-19 lead to increase in the stress levels among population due to social, economic and financial breakdown and 51.6 % participants said No.

TABLE 10:- What do you think that pandemic situation of Covid-19 lead to increase in the stress levels among population due to social, economic and financial breakdown ?

OPTIONS	TOTAL COUNT	PERCENTAGE
YES	244	48.4 %
NO	260	51.6 %

Count of What do you think that pandemic situation Covid-19 leads to increase the stress level among population in terms of



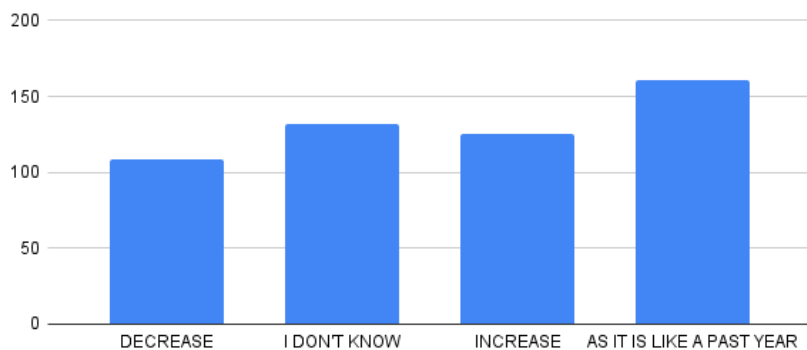
Count of What do you think that pandemic situation Covid-19 leads to increase the stress level

11. According to our survey around 23.6% participants said that during pandemic situation (Covid-19) abuse of Narcotics and psychotropics drugs case increased , 20.8 % said that case during pandemic situation (Covid-19) abuse of Narcotics and psychotropics drugs Decreases , 30.6 % participants said that case are as it is like a past year, 25 % participants said that I don't know.

TABLE 11:- Do you think during pandemic situation (Covid-19) abuse cases of Narcotic drugs and psychotropics substances increased or decreased?

OPTIONS	TOTAL COUNT	PERCENTAGE
INCREASE	119	23.6 %
DECREASE	105	20.8 %
AS IT IS LIKE A PAST YEAR	154	30.6 %
I DON'T KNOW	126	25 %

Count of What do you think during pandemic situation Covid-19 Narcotics and psychotropics drugs abuse cases increase or



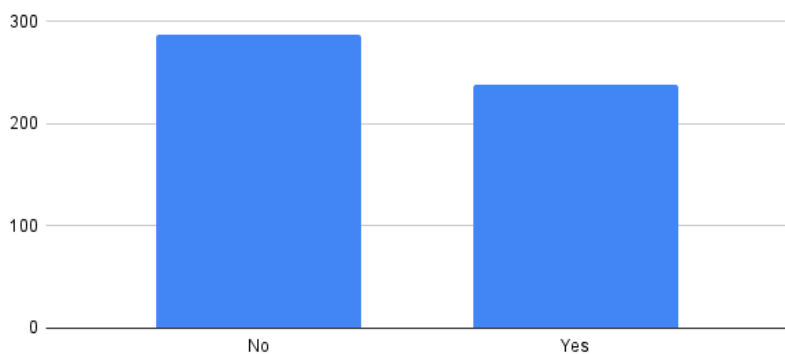
Count of What do you think during pandemic situation Covid-19 Narcotics and psychotropics

12. According to our survey around 45.4 % participants said that for stress suppression consuming drug is an appropriate path means yes and 54.6 % participants said that for stress suppression consuming drug is not an appropriate path means No .

TABLE 12:- Do you think for stress suppression consuming drug is an appropriate path ?

OPTIONS	TOTAL COUNT	PERCENTAGE
YES	229	45.4 %
NO	275	54.6 %

Count of Do you think for stress suppression consuming drug is an appropriate path ?



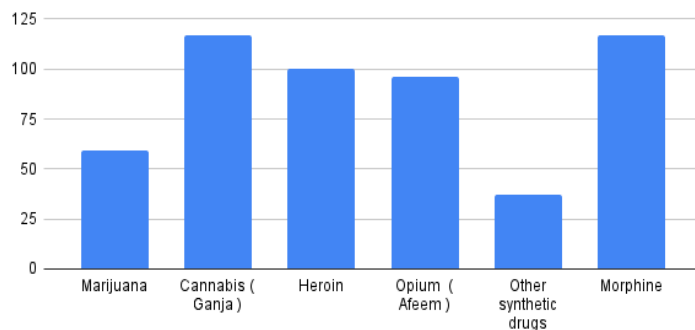
Count of Do you think for stress suppression consuming drug is an appropriate path ?

13. According to our survey narcotic drugs are easily available for handling and distribution on large scale are around 22.2% said that Cannabis (Ganja) , 18.5% said that Opium (Afeem), 18.8% said that Heroin , 22.4% said that Morphine, 11.1% said that Marijuana, 6.9% said that Other synthetic drugs.

TABLE 13:- According to you which narcotic drugs are easily available for handling and distribution on large scale [In short illicit trafficking]

OPTIONS	TOTAL COUNT	PERCENTAGE
Cannabis (Ganja)	112	22.2 %
Opium (Afeem)	93	18.5 %
Heroin	95	18.8 %
Morphine	113	22.4 %
Marijuana	56	11.1 %
Other synthetic drugs	35	6.9 %

Count of According to you which narcotic and psychotropic substance are easily available for handling and distribution on

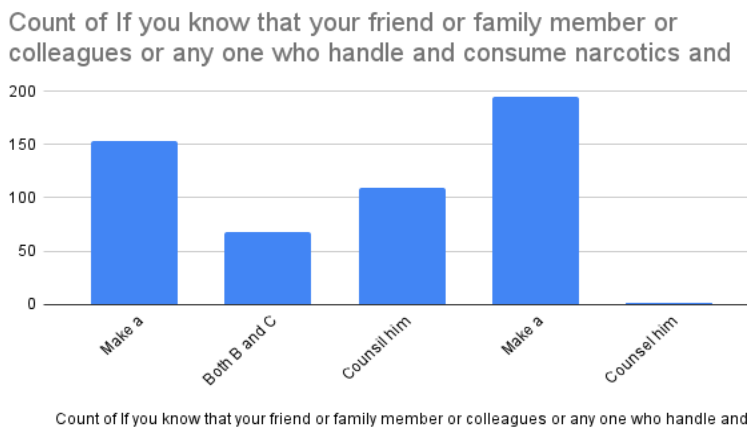


Count of According to you which narcotic and psychotropic substance are easily available for

14. According to our survey around 29% said that Make a distance from him or her , 37.7% said that Make a complaint of him or her to police or any other organization who deal with narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances such as narcotic control bureau , 20.6 % said that Counsel him, 12.7% said that Both Make a complaint of him or her to police or any other organization who deal with narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances such as narcotic control bureau and Counsel him

TABLE 14:- What will you do if you come to know that your friend, family member, colleagues or any other person is consuming drugs without medical prescription ?

OPTIONS	TOTAL COUNT	PERCENTAGE
Make a distance from him or her	146	29 %
Make a complaint of him or her to police or any other organization who deal with narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances such as narcotic control bureau.	190	37.7 %
Counsel him	104	20.6 %
Both B and C	64	12.7 %

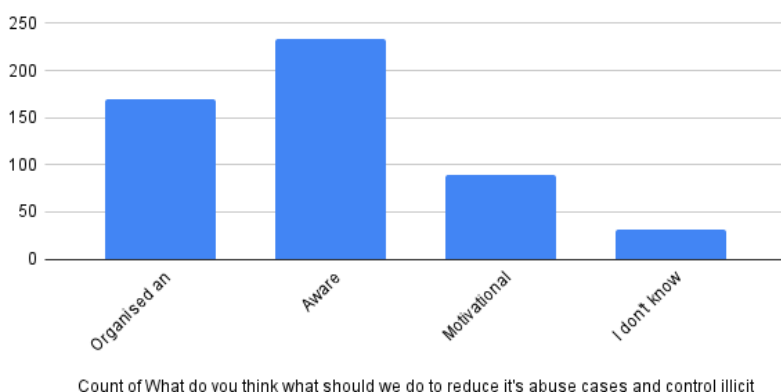


15. According to our survey around 32.2% said that Organized an awareness camp on large scale[Mass level] at regular time interval [1 month] , 44.8% said that Aware through advertisement about this hazardous Substances through Social media like television,broadcast,radio and news channel , 17.1% said that Motivational Videos of a person who are perfectly cure and happy, 5.8% said that I don't know what to do.

TABLE 15:- What do you think what should we do to reduce abuse cases and control illicit trafficking ?

OPTIONS	TOTAL COUNT	PERCENTAGE
Organize an awareness camp on large scale[Mass level] at regular time interval [1 month]	163	32.3 %
Make people aware through advertisement about hazardous substances through Social media, broadcast media etc.	226	44.8 %
Motivational Videos of persons who have been cured and leading happy lives	86	17.1 %
I don't know what to do	29	5.8 %

Count of What do you think what should we do to reduce it's abuse cases and control illicit trafficking



RESULTS AND DISCUSSION :-

Among 504 Participants, Majority of people had no proper awareness regarding Narcotic drugs and Psychotropic substances and its abuses and about its harmful effect. People are not aware about how to manufacture, stock, transport and distribute ND/PS with valid permission. Most of the people do not possess the knowledge about the existing laws on ND/PS. Some of people feel that for stress suppression consuming drugs is an easy and convenient path but are not aware of the repercussions.

CONCLUSION:-

Total 504 Participants Participate in this survey. Drugs is a substance prescribed by doctor. In some cases its harmful (due to its overdose effect and adverse effect) and addictive substance like in case of narcotics drugs and psychotropic substances. Second, narcotic drugs induce addiction, whereas psychotropic substances affect the mind and alter people's mental abilities. Certain harmful effects of drugs are addiction, memory loss, heart damage, lung problem, anxiety etc. Manufacturing, stocking, distribution and consumption of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances without appropriate permission is illegal.

The participants had a rudimentary knowledge of the term drug. However, most of the participants had not encountered the term narcotic drug or psychotropic substance. The participants knew that manufacturing, stocking, transportation and distribution of drugs is illegal however, the legal punishments were not known to them. Most of the people were not aware of the fact that the Covid-19 pandemic led to increased abuse of drugs among the people due to incurrence of financial losses and resulting mental stress. A significant number of the participants were not aware of the small and commercial quantities of drugs in the context of drug law enforcement/trafficking and abuse. A significant portion of the participants was not aware that consuming drugs for stress suppression is inappropriate. It was also found that the participants had little knowledge about synthetic drugs which are now increasingly being pushed in the drug market as low-cost alternatives to the conventional narcotic drugs. A majority of people didn't know exactly they should deal when they come to know of a friend or close acquaintance consuming drugs. The participants expressed that organizing awareness camps on large scale at regular time intervals would reduce drug abuse cases among the youth.

Drugs	SmallQuantity	Punishment	Commercial Quantity	Punishment	Intermediate(In between smaller & commercial quantity)
Heroin	5g	Maximum of 1 year rigorous imprisonment or a fine up to Rs 10,000 or Both.	250g	Rigorous imprisonment from 10 years (min) to 20 years (max) and a fine from Rs 1 lakh to 2 lakhs.	Rigorous imprisonment that may extend to 10 years & fine that may extend to Rs 1 lakh.
Opium	25g		2.5kg		
Morphine	5g		250g		
Ganja (cannabis)	1kg		20kg		
Charas(cannabis resin)	100g		1kg		
Coca leaf	100g		2kg		
Cocaine	2g		100g		
Amphet-Amine	2g		50g		
LSD	2mg		100mg		

Pandemic situation Covid-19 leads to increase the stress level among population by Health which leads to increase in Psychiatric and mental Disorders. Financial Problem, drain of Natural Resources and Loss of Productivity. According to INCB,WHO in pandemic situation Covid-19 Narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances abuse cases increase.According to world report heroin, opium, cannabis are easily available for handling and distribution on large scale. According to survey majority people said that awareness among the people is less and which can be improved through advertisement about this hazardous Substances or through Social media like television,broadcast,radio and news channel.

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