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Drug awareness programmes in schools and colleges in Himachal Pradesh

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Will the Minister of *Education* be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of school/college-level drug awareness and substance abuse prevention programmes currently being implemented, particularly in Himachal Pradesh, during the last three years;
- (b) the funds allocated and released for such programmes in Himachal Pradesh, year wise;
- (c) whether any proposal(s) from Himachal Pradesh for expansion of such awareness programmes, including collaboration with NCERT/CBSE or the Narcotics Control Bureau, is/are pending; and
- (d) the reasons for delay, if any, in implementation of such programmes and the corrective measures being taken?

ANSWER
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(SHRI JAYANT CHOUDHARY)

(a): The Ministry of Education has been implementing sustained awareness and preventive initiatives against drug and substance abuse through advisories, guidelines, regular awareness campaigns and activities in educational institutions over the last three years, in alignment with the provisions of the Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act, 2003 (COTPA) and the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985.

These initiatives broadly include the implementation of the Tobacco-Free Educational Institutions (ToFEI) Guidelines, marking of yellow line within 100 yards area from the outer limit of boundary wall/fence of the educational institutions, prohibition of sale of tobacco products within 100 yards of educational institutions, implementation of the Tobacco-Free Youth Campaign (TFYC), administration of the Nasha Mukh Bharat Pledge, launch of the Nasha Mukh Vidyalaya Portal, organization of the School Rally Challenge for students on the MyGov platform, and community outreach activities such as Nukkad Natak, Poster Making, Slogan & Poem writing in coordination with the State/UT Governments and line Ministries/Departments.

In addition, the Ministry of Education has launched a dedicated three-year Action Plan on Nasha Mukh Vidyalaya (2026–29) for educational institutions. Under the Action Plan, all

States/UTs have been advised to establish 500-meter radius around educational zones as ‘Drug Free Zones’, through sustained awareness and sensitization activities in schools & colleges. The States/UTs including the State of Himachal Pradesh are implementing these initiatives by issuing necessary instructions to educational institutions and participating in campaigns for the prevention of drug and substance abuse among students.

(b): Under Samagra Shiksha, the Centrally Sponsored Scheme, the State of Himachal Pradesh has taken financial support for activities aimed at the prevention of drug and substance abuse in educational institutions. The year-wise details of funds allotted for the above activity is as follows:

Financial Year	Name of the Activity	Fund Allocation	
		Physical (in unit)	Financial (in lakh)
2024-25	Adolescence Education and Drug Abuse Campaign Centers	140 (Blocks)	56.00
2025-26	Adolescence Education and Drug Abuse Campaign Centers	141 (Blocks)	100.11

Source: PRABANDH Portal

(c)&(d): The aforesaid initiatives of the Ministry of Education are continuous in nature and are being implemented on an ongoing basis. The three-year Action Plan on Nasha Mukta Vidyalaya (2026–29) for educational institutions was prepared in consultation with the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT), the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB), the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), and other relevant stakeholders, with a view to further strengthening awareness, prevention, and capacity-building initiatives against drug and substance abuse.

As part of the Action Plan, the Ministry also launched a dedicated portal, namely the Nasha Mukta Vidyalaya Portal available as (<https://tofei.education.gov.in/>), to facilitate educational institutions in undertaking sensitization and awareness activities. All schools across the country, including the State of Himachal Pradesh have been encouraged to conduct activities as per the guidelines and declare themselves as Nasha Mukta Vidyalaya on the portal and digitally download the self-certification of compliance.
