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Subject: Evolving effective strategy to deal with Drug Menace in the State.

Seizure of a large quantity of phensedyl and other codeine-based syrups, including ephedrine and pseudo-ephedrine in 2013 from various districts of the State, including those having borders with Bangladesh shows a perceptible rise in smuggling of these drugs. Street corners and forlorn public spaces are frequented by adolescents, who publicly indulge in smoking cannabis and other intoxicating substances. The situation demands strong law enforcement measures be initiated and effectively enforced to address this grave issue at the PS and OP level. It must be borne in mind that drug abuse leads to the commission of more serious crimes. If drug circulation and abuse are checked, the source of some very dangerous crimes could be prevented.

District Superintendents of Police are, therefore, instructed to ensure that strict watch is maintained over the movement and smuggling of these drugs. Preventive vigilance should be undertaken to nab the smugglers before the drugs are supplied to the market.

All OCs and ICs or special squads should map vulnerable areas of different localities and public spaces where drug peddlers and smugglers and drug users frequent or reside. The route that is frequently used in smuggling activity should also be put under surveillance. Illicit cannabis, opium cultivation should be located and expeditiously destroyed.

Further, OCs and ICs should also develop intelligence on any possible existence of clandestine laboratories for manufacturing of Acetic Anhydride in their areas. It should be understood that Acetic Anhydride is a precursor chemical used in production of Heroin and other related drugs.

OCs and ICs of PSs/OPs located in areas of Indo-Bangladesh border should be adequately instructed to liaise with the local Commanders of Border Security Force with a view to taking steps in detection of Phensedyl and other drugs.

It should be impressed upon the OCs and ICs that good detection of drugs is a commendable duty that fetches handsome reward from the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) with proper and prompt reporting.

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