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## **MESSAGE**

### **International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, 2022**

I take this opportunity on the occasion of International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking to sensitize people of Tripura about hazardous and deadly effects of drug abuse which is greatly affecting our younger generation and playing havoc with their minds and bodies. Drug addiction makes a person incapable to behave rationally and appropriately in a society, and takes a complete toll on the life of the drug user.

The Government of India has also adopted a vision for a "Drug Free India" and "*Nashe Se Azadi Pakhwada*" from 12<sup>th</sup> June to 26<sup>th</sup> June, 2022. With this aim, Tripura Police is relentlessly pursuing every lead and hint to reach the drug dealers and their associates for destroying their network across the Country. It has greatly intensified its efforts to dismantle the supply chain network by establishing a robust intelligence set up, with coordinated and targeted efforts by involving sister agencies like ED, BSF, DRI, NCB etc. and also by applying advance scientific techniques like GPS, Satellite images etc. The positive result in curbing drug abuse is very much evident in the seizure data pertaining to illicit drugs of the last year. In the last one year, Tripura Police has seized huge quantities of Cannabis -56799 kg, codeine based cough syrup- 2,88,471 bottles, tablets-2,88,582 nos., heroin-5335 gms and destroyed 69,95,136 nos.(approx) of ganja plantation. In the last one year 513 cases under different sections of NDPS Act have been registered at different PSs along with arrest of 681 persons involved in the illicit trade of drugs.

During this year the results are even more encouraging. In short span of five months, the Tripura Police has registered 253 cases and seized 25,497 kg of Cannabis, 1,08,184 bottles of codeine based cough syrup, 94,828 nos Tablet and 3,226 gms of Heroin.

On 17/06/2022 Tripura Police made the largest seizure of 5364 kg ganja in the history of the State from a LPG Bullet Tanker worth around Rs.8 Crores.

However, all these achievements would not have been possible without the active and continuous support of people of Tripura. I hope the same help would be received in future also with greater participation to achieve the goal of making the State of Tripura drug free.

Jai Hind

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