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Directorate of Higher Education
Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-1

Dated: Shimla-171001 the 24th June, 2024

To

1. All the Principals of Govt. Colleges, in district Shimla, HP
2. All the Principals GSSSs in district Shimla, HP.

Subject: -

Virtual conference: The Evidence is Clear: Invest in prevention, on the International Day against Drug Abuse & Illicit Trafficking.

Please find enclosed herewith copy of agend with outline of poster received from Vyaktitva Foundation, on the subject cited above.


In this context, as you are aware that the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking is observed on 26th June every year, to create awareness amongst the students and public regarding ill effects of Drug Menace. In this regard, a virtual conference on International day against Drug Abuse & Illicit Trafficking is being organized by the Vyaktitva Foundation in collaboration with education department of HP on 26th June, 2024 at 12:00 Noon to 01:00 PM and the Secretary (Education) to the Govt. of HP will be the Chief Guest of this awareness session of the virtual conference.

In view of above, all heads of institutions are directed to go through the contents of aforesaid agenda of the conference and to join the virtual conference as per scheduled date and time positively alongwith one faculty member. Nominated trainer will later attend sensitization session. Further, all are directed to keep the camera on during the program. Link of the virtual conference is as under:-

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/9079676708> Meeting id - 89079676708 Password - 123456

Encl: As above.

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Director of Higher Education
Himachal Pradesh
the 24th June, 2024

Copy for information and further necessary action is forwarded to:-

1. The DDHE Shimla with the direction to circulate the above instructions to all the Principals under their control to attend the virtual conference as per scheduled date and time.
2. The Supdt., College Branch, Directorate of Higher Education, Shimla HP to intimate all concerned.
3. Technical Officer I.T. Cell (Internal) with the request to upload the same on departmental website without any delay.
4. Guard File.


Director of Higher Education
Himachal Pradesh



INTERNATIONAL DAY



AGAINST DRUG ABUSE AND ILLICIT TRAFFICKING

**THEME 2024: THE EVIDENCE IS CLEAR:
INVEST IN PREVENTION**

JUNE 26, 2024



FLAG OFF BY SECRETARY EDUCATION
MR. RAKESH KANWAR GOVT. OF HP

STAKEHOLDERS MEET

TO KICKSTART SERIES OF AWARENESS SESSIONS IN SHIMLA DISTRICT

Virtual Conference: The Evidence is Clear: Invest in Prevention

Introduction

This virtual conference on the **International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking**, organised by the Vyaktitva Foundation in collaboration with the **Education department of Himachal Pradesh**.

This year's theme, aligned with the UN's World Drug Day campaign, is:

"The evidence is clear: invest in prevention."

The global drug problem is a complex challenge, impacting millions worldwide. From individuals struggling with addiction to communities facing the consequences of drug trafficking, the effects are far-reaching.

Focus on Prevention

This year's World Drug Day emphasises a critical point: **prevention is key**. Evidence shows that investing in evidence-based prevention strategies is not only effective but also cost-effective. These strategies can significantly reduce the harms associated with drug use.

Through this conference, we will kick off the UDAAN program in Shimla with educational institutes. The key focus will be on preventing substance use while simultaneously exploring the theme of prevention with a focus on:

- The importance of prevention in tackling the drug problem.
- The effectiveness of evidence-based prevention strategies- strengthening protective factors
- How to empower communities to build resilience against drug use.

Detailed Agenda

Time	Agenda Item	Description
12:00: 12:10	Welcome & Introduction (10 min)	- Master of Ceremonies (MC) welcomes attendees. - Brief overview of the organisation and the program UDAAN in collaboration with the Education department
12:10: 12:25	Experience of Stakeholders (15 min)	- Experience sharing of the pilot program - Principal St. Bedes - Sister Molly Abraham - Faculty Laal Paani - Mr. Bhupesh - Major Vikas and Mr. Kulpreet Saini (Resource persons)
12:25: 12:30	Investing in Prevention : A review of evidences	-Dr. Deepak Yadav - Social Scientist and Program Mentor -National Drug Treatment centre AIIMS Delhi
12:30: 12:50	Launch of the program	- Thoughts and guidelines about the UDAAN intervention by Education Director Dr. Amarjeet K Sharma - Formal Inauguration by Honourable Education Secretary of Himachal Pradesh Mr. Rakesh Kanvar
12:50: 13:00	Q & A	- Q& A from the audience and friends of media
13:00: 13:05	Vote of Thanks	- Ms. Smita Dixit (Co-Founder Vyaktitva Foundation)

Join the conference by using the below meeting link through Zoom :-

All heads of institutes along with one nominated teacher to attend the virtual conference

(Nominated trainer will later attend sensitization session)

Register in advance by writing your institute name and your designation

Link to Join -

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0tcOCuqT0tGtzb6R5zGwJqbo5EQeZCocMj>
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After registering, you will also receive a confirmation email containing this information about joining the meeting.