

TN CM Launches 'Drug and Tobacco-Free Campus' Initiative

Chief Minister C. Joseph Vijay administered a state-level mass pledge for a 'Drug-Free Tamil Nadu' at Presidency College, Chennai.

A state-wide anti-drug campaign and campus initiative aimed at eradicating drug abuse through awareness, NDPS Act orientation, and institutional measures.

KEY EXAM POINTS

- **Chief Minister C. Joseph Vijay** administered the state-level anti-drug mass pledge at **Presidency College** in **Chennai**.
- The event was organized by the **Home, Prohibition and Excise Department** of Tamil Nadu.
- Around **2,000 students** from **73 educational institutions** participated in the mass pledge event.
- The Chief Minister launched the '**Drug and Tobacco-Free Campus**' initiative for educational institutions across the State.
- Under the initiative, new college students will receive orientation on drug abuse risks, **NDPS Act** penalties, and counselling options.

STATICS & SYLLABUS FOCUS

Article 47 of the Indian Constitution directs the State to endeavor to bring about prohibition of intoxicating drinks and drugs harmful to health.

The Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act was enacted by the Parliament of India in **1985**.

The Prohibition of Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act (**COTPA**) was passed in **2003** to prohibit smoking in public places.

The **Home, Prohibition and Excise Department** in Tamil Nadu manages the enforcement of prohibition laws and state excise duties.

Presidency College in Chennai, established in **1840**, is one of the oldest government higher education institutions in India.

International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking is observed globally every year on **June 26**.

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TN CM launched 'Drug and Tobacco-Free Campus' initiative under Home, Prohibition and Excise Department.

Syllabus Relevance: High relevance for Group 1, 2, 2A, and 4 under State Welfare Schemes, Health Policy, and Administrative Reforms.

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