

Participation in conferences

New Delhi, India: UNODC participated in a national seminar on *Narcotics, Narco Terrorism and Money Laundering* organized by the National Academy of Customs, Excise and Narcotics. UNODC made two presentations on (i) the illicit drug scenario in South Asia and (ii) the universal instruments on terrorism.

New Delhi, India: UNODC was invited as a speaker to share its experience with opioid substitution treatment, especially in prisons, at a workshop organized by the International Drug Policy Consortium together with India HIV/AIDS Alliance, global harm reduction networks and drug user forums.

South Asia: As in 2013, UNODC is once again supporting the International Center for Journalists in an online training course for young journalists. The course focuses on women, migration and organized crime in South Asia.

India: Encouraging ethics in business

Indian small and medium enterprises (SMEs) account for over 40 percent of the country's industrial output, export and employment. This sector commands a strong presence across India and is a key GDP growth driver with 30 million enterprises, creating 1.3 million jobs every year and producing over 8,000 products for Indian and international markets. It is therefore crucial that ethical practices and norms usually followed by large enterprises must also be echoed by small and medium enterprises. To this end, the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) organized a conference titled: *Developing Competitive Advantage for SMEs through Ethical Business Practices*. The conference focused on the steps taken by the Government to create an ethical business environment in the country and also shared how SMEs can align themselves with global values on ethics in business. UNODC participated in the conference and delivered a special address highlighting that ethics in business should be encouraged at three levels: at the national level, at the industry level, as well as at the company level. Furthermore, a balance between incentives and sanctions is needed to encourage ethical practices in business.

Nepal: Launch of women drug users network



UNODC, together with DRISTI Nepal, launched the first-ever network for women drug users in Nepal. The network is formally called "Nepal Drug Users Prevention Association (By and for Women who use drugs in Nepal)". It has 7 NGOs and 30 individuals as members, with a board also comprising of women who use drugs. UNODC extends its heartiest congratulations to partner NGOs, community members and all those who worked relentlessly to help form this network.

India: Sensitizing youth on anti-corruption



In 2013, UNODC partnered with the Art of Living, an NGO, over a youth centric initiative called 'Volunteer for a better India'. The initiative was launched on International Anti-Corruption day 2012 and it focused on a number of issues where the youth felt that their contribution would go a long way. The youth are encouraged to volunteer 2 hours every week for a cause they are most concerned about. Some of the issues included in the initiative were safety for girls, drug de-addiction, HIV and anti-corruption.

At the heart of this initiative lay a series of awareness raising workshops conducted through 2013 and 2014 in Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, Punjab and New Delhi. UNODC conducted the workshop on anti-corruption titled 'Know it to fight it.' The youth shared their daily life experiences with corruption and debated on how they could counter corruption. Through these workshops, 500 youth from India were sensitized on anti-corruption issues.

India: Training for study on female drug use



In India, very little is known about the extent and trend of drug use amongst women; particularly in the north-eastern part of the country, where evidence suggests an increasing trend. Realizing that having adequate data on women and drug use is the first step towards addressing the problem, UNODC is undertaking a study among women who use drugs in northeast India. In February 2014, UNODC organized a training for the data enumerators of the study. 16 participants were trained in data collection. As part of this study, 1000 women drug users will be interviewed to provide a comprehensive understanding of the problem in the northeast. The objective of the study is to identify places where women drug users can be reached and provided with appropriate services and to understand drug use related characteristics, risk behaviours, adverse health and other consequences.

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The Office welcomes on board



Mr. Atul Jain joined UNODC as an Assistant Lotus Notes Developer working with the IT team based at the Regional Office for South Asia.

Mr. Gary Skjoldmose-Porter joined UNODC as the Regional Coordinator of the global Container Control Programme in South Asia. Gary, a national of the UK, is a law enforcement and security expert, who has vast experience in safety management especially related to shipping.



Colors, energy and fun at the Holi celebrations organized at ROSA

