

# CHILDREN AS VICTIMS OF DRUGS

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# The ACTS

- ▶ The Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Bill, 1985 was introduced in the Lok Sabha on 23 August 1985.
- ▶ It was passed by both the Houses of Parliament and it was assented by the President on 16 September 1985.

# GOALS

- ▶ The four strategic goals are:
- ▶ GOAL 1: Identify the biological, environmental, behavioral, and social causes and consequences of drug use and addiction across the lifespan.
- ▶ GOAL 2: Develop new and improved strategies to prevent drug use and its consequences.

# PRINCIPLES

- ▶ AVAILABILITY AND ACCESSIBILITY OF DRUG DEPENDENCE TREATMENT.
- ▶ SCREENING, ASSESSMENT, DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT PLANNING.
- ▶ EVIDENCE-INFORMED DRUG DEPENDENCE TREATMENT.
- ▶ DRUG DEPENDENCE TREATMENT, HUMAN RIGHTS, AND PATIENT DIGNITY.
- ▶ TARGETING SPECIAL SUBGROUPS AND CONDITIONS.

# CHARACTERISTICS

- ▶ All drug dependency exhibits similar characteristics—
  - Chronic, progressive, and relapsing disease.
  - Biological, psychological, and sociological components.
  - Denial.
  - Lying and deceit.

# THE PSYCHOLOGICAL CHARACTERISTICS

- ▶ Abrupt changes in mood.
- ▶ Decrease in ability to enjoy formerly pleasurable activities.
- ▶ Rationalization and denial.



▶ THANK YOU