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PRESS NOTE: -

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AIOCD Condemns Illegal Trade of Narcotic Cough Syrups and Reaffirms Commitment to "Drug-Free India"

The All India Organisation of Chemists and Druggists (AIOCD), representing over 12.4 lakh chemists across India, has strongly condemned recent incidents reported in a few states involving illegal trade and misuse of narcotic cough syrups and other psychotropic medicines.

In a statement issued by AIOCD President Mr. J. S. Shinde and General Secretary Mr. Rajiv Singhal, the organization stated that such unethical and criminal acts tarnish the image of the entire fraternity. "AIOCD clearly stands against any individual or entity found involved in such illegal drug trade. Those guilty must face strict legal action without any leniency," the statement emphasized.

AIOCD has directed all state, district, and local associations to remain vigilant and to immediately report any suspicious activity related to the sale or purchase of narcotic or codeine-based formulations to local police and drug control authorities.

The Organisation has also advised all chemists and druggists to:

1. Purchase narcotic or codeine-based cough syrups only in limited and legitimate quantities.
2. Maintain accurate and complete records of purchase and sale.
3. Report any unusual bulk demand to concerned authorities.
4. Cooperate transparently with official inspections and record verifications.

Reiterating its support to the Government of India's campaign "**Ek Yudh Nasha Ke Virudh**" (A War Against Drugs), AIOCD pledged its full cooperation in protecting India's youth from drug abuse and in building a healthy, responsible, and drug-free nation.

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To,

ALL OFFICE BEARERS / PRESIDENTS / SECRETARIES AND
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS OF AIOCD

Sub : General Caution regarding Sale of NDPS / Habit-Forming Medicines reg...

Dear Members,

AIOCD your association has a vibrant legacy of 50 years. All these five decades journey of AIOCD has created a clean and respected image of our members in the eyes of public.

Recently it's observed in news media dealers found involve in illegal trade of narcotic cough syrups or other habit-forming medicines. This tarnish our reputation, though our main stream members are not involved in such activities, reports indicate that certain anti-organizational and anti-social elements are involved in such unlawful activities. The police authorities have already initiated legal proceedings against such persons, and FIRs have been registered in several cases.

The All India Organisation of Chemists and Druggists (AIOCD) strongly condemn and denounces such heinous and unethical acts. The Organisation firmly believes that anyone found guilty of indulging in or supporting such criminal activities must be strictly punished under the law without any leniency.

All State, District, and Local Associations are hereby instructed to remain vigilant in their respective regions. In case of any information or suspicion regarding such activities, it should be immediately reported to the local police and drug authorities, and full cooperation should be extended in all official investigations.

All member chemists and druggists are advised to strictly adhere to the following guidelines:

1. Purchase cough syrups or codeine-based formulations only in limited and reasonable quantities.
2. Maintain a complete and accurate record of all purchases and sales of such medicines.

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3. If any customer, retailer, or distributor attempts to procure these medicines in unusually large quantities, report the matter promptly to the concerned authority or association.
4. Be prepared to present all records transparently whenever demanded by any authorized officer. Failure to produce such records or concealment of transactions may invite disciplinary or legal action.

AIOCD reiterates its firm commitment to support the Government of India's national campaign – “**Ek Yudh Nasha Ke Viruddh**” (A War Against Drugs).

On behalf of over 12.40 lakh chemists across India, we pledge our full cooperation to ensure that India's youth are protected from the menace of drug abuse, and to contribute actively towards building a healthy, responsible, and addiction-free nation.

Thanking you,

For **The All India Organisation of Chemists & Druggists (AIOCD)**


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