

Abstract

Drug abuse has become a growing in the country today despite significant efforts initiated by the authorities to minimize demand and supply reduction. In Sri Lanka we have been able to keep an eye on the various faces of the growing problem during the past two and a half decades and this helps us to form a rough idea of the problem in the country both from a historical and sociological standpoint. Because the use of these drugs is illicit, and often hidden, it is difficult to estimate the prevalence of their use and the occurrence of adverse health consequences. The use of other narcotics too is a major problem in Sri Lanka. Smoking and Alcohol are also very prevalent addictive substance use among school children in the country. Despite, these difficulties, it is apparent that illicit drugs cause considerable disease burden and their use is increasing in many countries including in Sri Lanka creating so many social and economical problems.

This study seeks to explore the existing regulations, the failures and the ole of various institutions for effective and sustainable mechanism to ensure, that integrated approaches result in real and measurable gains in the drug abuse, prevention and control.

The first Chapter introduces the background and significance of the study. Further, it covers the objectives, methodology, structure and limitations of the study. The second chapter provide an overview of drug abuse, prevention and control. The fourth chapter is the main third chapter is the main body of the research paper where it focuses on data analysis and discussion. Finally the fifth the chapter is dedicated for summery, conclusion and it ends with recommendations for new improvements. The recommendations are given to improve and to build the awareness in order to eradicate this problem of drug abuse.