

**"FROM PUNISHMENT TO SUPPORT: A HUMANISTIC APPROACH TO
DRUG LAW AMENDMENTS"**

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"All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights"¹.

ABSTRACT

Drug misuse is a pervasive phenomenon in Indian society and millions of Indians are dependent on alcohol, cannabis, and opiates.² In India, estimates of people using various illicit drugs run into crores: about 2 crores for cannabis, 2 crores for opioids, and 1 crore for sedatives.³ About 209 million people used cannabis, while 61 million people used opioids in 2020.⁴ In India, NDPS Act, 1985, which is enacted to curb the problem of drug trafficking and abusing of drugs, disregard the humanistic approach.

KEYWORDS: *Cannabis, Humanistic, 'Possession, Assignatory, Criminalizing, Demonstrates.*

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