

Book Review

Drug Addiction: Socio-Legal Dimensions

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Dr. Mehraj Uddin known as an active teacher & researcher. He also served as director Academic Staff College, Kashmir. He has published number of books like "Crime & Criminal Justice System in India (1984) and "Towards Better understanding of Higher Education" in 1993. He collaborated the menace of drugs with the legal implications.

It has been observed that much work has been done to penetrate the ill effects of drugs and drug addiction. But here the author adopted a unique assignment to make reader aware about the legal aspect of drug and drug addiction. Author tried to made an attempt to trace the possible outcomes of this epidemic. He tried to extract all possible psychological and sociological considerations of the drug addiction.

The contents of the book are arranged in a systemic pattern under various sub plots like Drug abuse , Drug addiction : impact and implication, Drug abuse : cause & treatment, Drug offences: the legal control etc. The concern of the author regarding the ill effects of this addiction can be judged in his dedication towards his father, who died due to Chain Hooka smoking. This book can be useful for the diverse segment of the society especially the dependent itself, sociologist, psychologist , medical experts and legal advisor etc. Earlier much work has been done pertaining to the drugs and drug addiction : cause, treatment and methods etc. But it lays specific emphasis on the legal or law related to the drug and drug addiction, smuggling etc which sometimes are completely ignored or of least attention.

In this book, author started in a very novice method with the basic concept of drug and drug abuse, classification of drugs, hard & soft drugs, ill effects all various systems of the body and slowly proceeded towards smuggling and trafficking of drugs in developed and underdeveloped countries and moving towards the last segment he discussed important features pertaining to various legal aspects.

The language of the book is simple and precise to understand but the drawback lies in the basic concepts of the book, like there is tons of literature available regarding the concept of drug and drug addiction in other books which can be obtained at lower cost and cover the maximum part of the book.

The bright colored cover page itself reflects the idea behind the thought as the portrait of lean and timid men, surrounded by various drugs clearly reflects that the author wants to put forth the ill effects of these drugs & drug addiction on the health of human being. This book contains quality hard bond pages bind in a hard board.

It seems that author gone through a series of literature and references to form the idea behind the book. Somehow, the author achieved what he tries to achieve by his readers with the special emphasis on the legal implication of the drug addiction.