

# GETA Young Scientist

## Samsya Khoj Contest

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<i>Result</i>	<b>Consolation Prize Winner</b>
<i>Problem Title</i>	<b>The Drug Menace: Unraveling the Substance Abuse Crisis in Punjab</b>
<i>Problem Description</i>	<p>The drug problem in Punjab is a complex issue with profound social, economic, and health implications. High levels of drug abuse have plagued the state, leading to a surge in addiction-related problems. The primary contributors to this crisis include easy availability of drugs, unemployment, and a lack of awareness.</p> <p>The rampant availability of drugs, especially synthetic opioids like heroin, has fueled addiction rates. The porous border with Pakistan facilitates the smuggling of narcotics, exacerbating the situation. Unemployment and economic distress in the region have left many vulnerable to the allure of drug peddling and abuse as an alternative source of income. Moreover, a lack of awareness and education about the consequences of drug abuse has perpetuated the problem. Social stigma surrounding addiction further discourages individuals from seeking help, creating a vicious cycle of silence and suffering.</p> <p>The Government's efforts to combat the issue have been inconsistent and there is a need for comprehensive strategies that encompass prevention, treatment, and rehabilitation. Community-based initiatives, educational programs, and job creation projects could address the root causes, providing a more sustainable solution.</p> <p>In conclusion, the drug problem in Punjab demands a multi-faceted approach involving strict law enforcement, economic development, and extensive awareness campaigns. Only through collaborative efforts can the state hope to overcome the challenges posed by drug abuse and build a healthier, more resilient society.</p> <p>I will help for drug addict people. Supporting someone with addiction involves encouraging them to seek professional help, such as counseling or rehabilitation programs. Additionally, showing understanding, empathy, and being non-judgmental can contribute to creating a supportive environment.</p> <p>Thank you so much</p>
<i>Affected Audiences</i>	My relatives and neighbours
<i>Impact Size</i>	Hundreds and more
<i>Location</i>	Universal
<i>Scope</i>	National
<i>Place</i>	Universal
<i>Occurrence</i>	Frequently

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<i>Life risk involved?</i>	Yes
<i>Financial loss or Saving potential</i>	Lakhs or more
<i>Student</i>	<b>G. Sreya, 11th Class</b>
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