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## Need To Launch Mass Awareness Campaign To Check Drug Abuse In The Country

**Thaawarchand Gehlot**

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**USPA NEWS** - The Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment, Mr. Thaawar Chand Gehlot presented the certificates at the launch of the Skill development programme for the unskilled Women Safai Karmacharis, in New Delhi on November 04, 2015.

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There is a need to launch mass awareness campaign to check drug abuse in the country. A well trained work force is required to take up this challenge. This was stated by Mr. Thaawarchand Gehlot, Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment while laying Foundation Stone of the new building of National Institute of Social Defense (NISD) on November 4. He said that NISD has been mandate to address issues regarding the abuse and to prepare schemes and plans to check this evil in the country effectively.

Mr. Gehlot said that the NISD, an autonomous body of the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment was envisaged as the nodal Institute for imparting training and conducting research in the field of Social Defense. The NISD is assigned the task of human resource development in the areas of prevention of substance abuse and alcoholism, care giving for the elderly persons, prevention of beggary and other related social defense issues. The Institute constantly strives to achieve the objectives and developing policies which are preventive, curative and rehabilitative in nature in the field of social defense.

On the occasion, Mr. Vijay Sampla, Minister of State in the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, said that it is gratifying to note at this juncture that the NISD is getting a new building of its own at a time when the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment is planning to make the Institute a Centre of Excellence and an Institution of national repute.

NISD is working broadly in four major areas, Old Age Care, Drug Abuse Prevention, Elimination of Beggary and Welfare of Transgender. It is undertaking various Training Programme / Courses, Research & Development in field of Social Defense. Issues regarding social defense in its wider spectrum have to be dealt with utmost priority for any progressive society.

Picture Description: The Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment, Mr. Thaawar Chand Gehlot presented the certificates at the launch of the Skill development programme for the unskilled Women Safai Karmacharis, in New Delhi on November 04, 2015. The Minister of State for Social Justice & Empowerment, Shri Krishan Pal and the Secretary, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Ms. Anita Agnihotri are also seen.

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