



## World Drug Day 2024

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Every year **International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking**, popularly known as **World Drug Day**, is observed on **26th June**.

- This day was established in **December 1987** by the [United Nations General Assembly](#), to raise awareness about the global fight against drug abuse and illicit drug trafficking.
- The **theme for 2024** was **“The evidence is clear: invest in prevention”**.
- The illicit trafficking of narcotic drugs and their abuse is an international problem and as per the [United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime \(UNODC\)](#), **around 269 million people worldwide used drugs in 2018**.
  - Established in **1997**, **UNODC** acts as the Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention globally.
- In India, according to the **Ministry of Home Affairs**, **Uttar Pradesh**, **Maharashtra**, and **Punjab** are the top three states with the highest number of FIRs registered under the [NDPS Act](#) in three years between 2019 and 2021.

**Read more:** [International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking](#)

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