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A comprehensive anti-drug strategy must address both the supply of narcotics and the vulnerabilities that sustain demand. Discuss.

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Answer Hint

Drug trafficking, organised crime, law enforcement, rehabilitation, prevention, inter-agency coordination, accountability

Model Answer

Drug abuse and trafficking pose interconnected challenges to public health, internal security and social stability. An effective anti-drug strategy must therefore combine enforcement with prevention, treatment and rehabilitation.

Supply-side interventions

1. **Intelligence-led policing:** Strengthen intelligence gathering, surveillance and action against trafficking networks.
2. **Inter-agency coordination:** Improve cooperation among State Police, Narcotics Control Bureau, customs and border agencies.
3. **Financial investigations:** Trace and disrupt proceeds of drug trafficking and associated money-laundering networks.
4. **Technology:** Use data analytics and monitoring mechanisms to identify emerging trafficking routes and organised networks.

Demand-side interventions

1. **Awareness:** Conduct sustained educational campaigns, particularly among vulnerable youth.
2. **Rehabilitation:** Expand accessible de-addiction facilities, counselling and community-based treatment.

3. **Social support:** Involve families, educational institutions and civil society in prevention and reintegration.
4. **Evidence-based policy:** Use reliable data to identify affected populations and assess intervention outcomes.

Maharashtra's proposed district-level ranking under its Drug-Free Maharashtra by 2029 initiative reflects an administrative approach linking enforcement, rehabilitation and awareness with measurable accountability.

However, performance assessment should not rely solely on seizures or arrests. It must also measure treatment access, recovery outcomes and prevention effectiveness.

A balanced strategy combining law enforcement with public health interventions is essential for sustainable reduction of drug abuse.

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