

SOCIAL EVILS

1..DRUGS ...PRESENT STATUS

- Drug use and peddling are showing an increasing trend
- 100 million substance addicts in the country, India has seen a 70 percent rise in narcotic consumption in the past eight years (UN)
- India – one of the biggest markets for opioids, reported largest seizures for certain synthetic drugs
- Onset of drug use is 16 to 20 years in approx. 50% of users (Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Govt of India)
- Young children not spared
- Campuses have turned hotspots...students act as carriers to make money
- Drug use normalized among youngsters
- Result in early sexual involvement, Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STDs), mental health issues, domestic violence, crimes against women and children

1..DRUGSPRAYER POINTS

- To loosen the grip devil has on the society through drug addiction
- Individuals to have discretion regarding what is harmful for them and the society
- Govts and Social activists to prioritize this area
- Police to be more vigilant and effective against drug mafia..protection of sincere police and judicial officers
- Parents and teachers to be sensitive to the gravity of the situation, and respond
- Church to have a burden and train people who can interact with addicts and intervene effectively

2. ALCOHOLISM...SITUATION

- More than 31 per cent Indians are current drinkers
- Tendency of binge drinking among Indian teenagers aged between 15-19 years (WHO)
- Lowest recorded age at first drink is 13 according to literature, but on the ground situation can be even worse
- Consumption by school children shows an upward trend
- 36% of Christian men consume alcohol (NFHS -5, 2021); society associates Christianity with higher alcohol consumption
- Proven reason for physical and mental health issues, aimless living, poverty, violence (murder, rape etc), discord in family, strained relationships

2.ALCOHOLISM ...LET'S PRAY

- Alcoholism will be realized as a social evil
- Normalization of alcoholism among Christians will end
- There will be multi pronged intervention among youngsters that will deter them from experimenting with alcohol
- Christian homes will have the right models...will be protected from evil forces
- Teachers and influencers to set the right example

3.SEXUAL PERVERSION IN MEDIA...STATS

- Media has exposed people to sexuality like never before
- A survey pointed out that over 50 per cent of teenagers have been exposed to porn by the age of 13
- 44% of teenage participants revealed that they had viewed online pornography intentionally; 58% of participants stumbled on porn accidentally
- Most ads, shows and movies have sexual overtones
- Children exposed to sexual content at an unbelievably early age
- Leads to awakening of sexual desires before time, urge to experiment, sexual immorality, perversions like homosexuality and crimes
- Interaction with opposite sex has become too casual
- Strong distraction from studies, work and life...disrupts family life

3.. SEXUAL PERVERSION IN MEDIA ...PRAYER POINTS

- Church to be aware of the stark reality...understand the issue in all its seriousness
- Be on the knees, repent and intercede...Be on guard
- Engage youngsters fruitfully..not leave them unguarded to what the world has to offer
- Work towards strong family system...praying, faithful partners and parents..spend time with each other and kids
- Godly teachers and mentors
- Church to teach strong values based on the word of God

4. CHILD ABUSE / TRAFFICKING....STATS

- In 2022, India witnessed a staggering 8.7% increase in child abuse cases (NCRB)
- Many cases go unreported due to fear and social stigma
- Nearly 55% of children in India have experienced some kind of abuse (National Commission for Protection of Child Rights)
- Another study says that over 90% of Indian children experience some form of abuse before they reach the age of 18
- Reflection of social media influence, drug use
- Child labor still prevalent in many parts...50% of human trafficking is child trafficking
- Irreparable psychological damage on children, impacting their growth and development

4... CHILD ABUSE....PRAY

- Strong laws will yield results
- Safety and well being of children will be top priority for govt and families
- Church will have clear cut action plans for children, focusing on the future
- There will be Godly teachers and mentors whom children can confide with
- Strong resistance from judiciary and police

5..UNEMPLOYMENT STATS

- Unemployment and poverty – pervasive challenges in India
- Unemployment rate in India rose sharply to 9.2 per cent in June 2024 from 7 per cent in May 2024 (Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy)
- Christians most educated, but figure top in unemployment list (National Sample Survey Organization)
- Has direct bearing on poverty and low self esteem, leading to drug addiction, alcoholism, depression, suicide
- Lazy and aimless lifestyle among youngsters
- Preference for white collared jobs among a vast majority
- High rate of emigration among skilled workforce

5..UNEMPLOYMENT PRAYER POINTS

- There will be more entrepreneurs and more jobs will be generated
- Opportunities will be notified on time
- Youngsters will be equipped with the right skill set
- Youth will be focused, purpose driven and productive
- Needs of the country will be realized by the young workforce, and brain drain of highly trained and equipped individuals will come to an end

6. SOCIAL MEDIA STATS...EFFECTS

- Keep people apart, rather than connect
- Mental and developmental impacts on children
- Urge to follow media influencers' lifestyle
- Keeping believers engaged... Distracted...AI has worsened the situation
- Keeping believers away from the word.... Prayer
- Non stop news... Keeping people on the edge.
- Result - weak saints everywhere...
- Making people dull to the things of god.
- Materialistic lifestyle.
- Exponential growth of religious / self help channels.
- Most Christian media are not very effective.

6. SOCIAL MEDIA....PRAYER POINTS

- Ethical media professionals to produce quality work
- Endless possibilities of passing on ministry information. Of the past and the needs of the future...Christian church will step up accordingly
- Effective Christian media..skilled manpower...technology..Godly content
- Media that will advance the society...not pull back.
- Believers to have wisdom in sharing ...content.
- People especially youth should know when and where to draw the line when it comes to viewing and engaging in media.
- People will have a hunger for Godly content

7. CHRISTIAN DEADDICTION CENTRES & ORPHANAGES

1. Lately, many deaddiction centres and orphanages run by Christian organizations have been denied license to continue
2. Face charges of conversion and illegal cash flow from foreign countries...defunding
3. Shortage of manpower and supplies

LET'S PRAY

- The quantum of work done by Christians for the underprivileged and marginalized in this country will be recognized
- Policies favorable to functioning of these institutes..Christian men and women in power
- Burden for this segment among skilled workforce..more people to work..more resources
- Organization leaders not to be discouraged...continue the work at all costs..reveal God's love

8 CHURCH AND ITS RESPONSIBILITY

- Have a burden for the unsaved and struggling within and outside church
- Identify those struggling with addiction/abuse in the church and help them battle it out
- Be united in the cause
- Be spiritually enriched..prayer and fasting
- Have Godly leaders..purpose driven..mentor missionary leaders
- Pray and work for more believers in powerful positions
- Have compassion on the society...Heart of Jesus will be reflected..will impact life of non believers
- Adapt to times..Have well planned modern strategies to combat the challenges...intervene on time