

INTEGRATED REHABILITATION CENTRE FOR ADDICTS (IRCA)

The Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India has been implementing the Scheme of Prevention of Alcoholism and Substance (Drug) Abuse since 1985-86. IRCA scheme provide financial assistance to support NGOs to provide treatment for addiction. It was initiated in the year 1987 and Minimum Standards of Care as fixed in 2001.

The Integrated Rehabilitation Centre for Addicts (IRCA) (replacing the earlier existing Counselling and Awareness Centres and Treatment-cum-Rehabilitation Centres, where the functions of both would be merged) would provide composite/integrated services for the rehabilitation of the addicts.

AIM

The aim of ICRA is to help drug users achieve total abstinence – a drug free life.

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Scheme for Prevention of Alcoholism and Substance (Drug) Abuse are:

- a) To create awareness and educate people about the ill-effects of alcoholism and substance abuse on the individual, the family, the workplace and society at large;
- b) To provide for the whole range of community based services for the identification, motivation, counselling, de-addiction, after care and rehabilitation for Whole Person Recovery(WPR) of addicts;
- c) To alleviate the consequences of drug and alcohol dependence amongst the individual, the family and society at large;
- d) To facilitate research, training, documentation and collection of relevant information to strengthen the above mentioned objectives; and
- e) To support other activities which are in consonance with the mandate of the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment in this field.

ACTIVITIES

Preventive education and awareness generation, screening and motivational counselling, Detoxification and Whole Person Recovery (WPR), Care and support to families of drug users, referral services, aftercare and follow-up and rehabilitation

AMK - IRCA FACILITIES:

- 15 Bedded care centre
- Highly trained compassionate staff
- Good medical care by physician/psychiatrist and nurses
- Medical and psychological services provided on in-patient basis

After care and follow-up services provided on outpatient basis
Psychological care provided by social workers, psychologists for two years
Caring the addicts as own family member
More than 30,000 addicts recovered through our centre and living a normal life
Won the Best de-addiction centre award from Government of Tamil Nadu

IMPLEMENTING NGO:-

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