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TALK ON WHOLE OF NATION APPROACH TO NASHA MUKT BHARAT BY DR. ANUPAMA NILEKAR CHANDRA DIRECTOR GENERAL (INVESTIGATION) NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION (NHRC)

EVENT REPORT



24TH JUNE 2026 , WEDNESDAY

Report on the Talk on "Whole of Nation Approach to Nasha Mukht Bharat"

Date: 24th June 2026

Time: 4:00 PM onwards

Venue: Nalanda Hall, Dr. Ambedkar International Centre (DAIC), 15, Janpath, New Delhi



Dr. Ambedkar International Centre (DAIC), under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India, organized an enlightening talk on **"Whole of Nation Approach to Nasha Mukht Bharat"** on **24th June 2026** at **Nalanda Hall, DAIC**. The programme was organized as part of DAIC's continuing efforts to facilitate informed discussions on issues of national importance.



The programme commenced with the **Director, Dr. Ambedkar International Centre**, extending a warm welcome to the distinguished speaker and the audience. In his introductory remarks, the Director highlighted the significance of the Government of India's vision of **Nasha Mukht Bharat** and introduced the keynote speaker, **Dr. Anupama Nilekar Chandra, Director General (Investigation), National Human Rights Commission (NHRC)**. He briefly outlined her distinguished career in public service and her vast experience in policing, investigation, and human rights, making her an eminent authority on the subject.



Delivering the keynote address, **Dr. Anupama Nilekar Chandra** emphasized that the challenge of substance abuse can only be effectively addressed through a **Whole of Nation Approach**, wherein every stakeholder—including government agencies, educational institutions, healthcare professionals, law enforcement authorities, civil society organizations, families, community leaders, and citizens—works together in a coordinated manner. She highlighted that prevention through awareness, timely intervention, rehabilitation, and social reintegration are equally important alongside stringent action against drug trafficking networks.

Dr. Chandra also discussed the human rights dimensions of substance abuse, stressing that while drug traffickers must be dealt with firmly, individuals battling addiction should be supported through counselling, treatment, rehabilitation, and opportunities for reintegration into society. She underscored the importance of youth engagement, community participation, and value-based education in building a healthier and drug-free nation.

Following the keynote address, an interactive **Question and Answer Session** was conducted, during which participants enthusiastically engaged with the speaker. Officers, students, researchers, academicians, and members of the audience posed insightful questions on issues relating to preventive strategies, rehabilitation mechanisms, inter-agency coordination, community participation, and the role of educational institutions in addressing substance abuse. Dr. Chandra responded to the queries with practical insights and encouraged collective responsibility in achieving the vision of **Nasha Mukht Bharat**.

The programme concluded with a **Vote of Thanks** delivered by the **Director, Dr. Ambedkar International Centre**, who expressed sincere gratitude to **Dr. Anupama Nilekar Chandra** for

her enlightening and thought-provoking address. He also thanked the participants, officers, faculty members, students, and guests for their active participation and meaningful interaction, which greatly enriched the programme.

The event concluded with the singing of the **National Anthem**, marking the successful culmination of an informative and engaging session. The programme effectively reinforced the message that creating a **Drug-Free India** is a shared national responsibility requiring sustained cooperation among all sections of society.

