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The Anti Drug Setup in Pakistan was established during 1957, which was then known as Pakistan Narcotics Board (PNB). Subsequently, in 1973 it was re-named as Pakistan Narcotics Control Board (PNCB) while in 1991 the Anti Narcotics Task Force (ANTF) was established. On 21 February 1995 Pakistan Narcotics Control Board (PNCB) and Anti Narcotics Task Force (ANTF) were merged to constitute the Anti Narcotics Force (ANF).

The ANF being the lead drug control agency has a three-fold strategy, which includes supply reduction, demand reduction and co-ordination at national and international levels. Supply Reduction: Dismantling of Drug Trafficking networks, Develop and execute intelligence led operations, Limiting the smuggling, trafficking and distribution of Narcotics through vigorous enforcement measures, Coordinating, eradication of opium / poppy through the Provincial Governments, Ensuring, no heroin lab becomes functional on Pakistan's soil, Inquire and investigate assets of drug barons, Pursuing legal cases through the judicial system, Strict control on movements of Precursor Chemicals through an elaborated precursor control regime.

Drug Demand Reduction: Reducing the demand of illicit drugs through creating mass awareness programs specially targeting the youth, preventive education about drug abuse. Treatment of drug addicts as per international protocols and rehabilitation of drug addicts to bring them back to the normal economic and social life, generate healthy living activities as well as harm reduction programs and activities.

International Cooperation: For enhancing international co-operation in the fight against drugs, ANF is responsible for; Maintaining liaison with all national and international narcotics control authorities/ organizations such as United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), International Narcotics Control Board (INCB), Interpol, Narcotics Affairs Section (NAS), Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) of the USA, Serious Organized Crimes Agency (SOCA) from the UK and Drug Liaison Officers (DLOs) of various countries posted in Pakistan.

Biography

Muhammad Usman Sardar completed his Master in Commerce from National University of Modern Languages, Pakistan. He has received many honor and awards for social works. His is a Staff Officer at Anti Narcotics Force, Pakistan. He is also taking different trainings in the field of addiction, social work, psychotherapy, awareness, hotel management, accounting and some others aspects.

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