PROUD Programme for Removal Of Unused Drugs

DRUGS CONTROL DEPARTMENT KERALA

Why PROUD????

Current practice of disposing unused & date expired medicines – dumping in lands, Water bodies,
 iS one of the primary reasons for AMR, water pollution, destruction of aquatic flora



കാഞ്ഞിരപ്പള്ളി കുരിശിങ്കലുള്ള സ്വകാര്യ മരുന്നു വ്യാപാര സ്ഥാപനത്തിലെ മാലിന്യങ്ങളാണ് കഴിഞ്ഞ ദിവസത്തെ മഴയിൽ പൊതുവഴിയിൽ നിക്ഷേപിച്ചത്. ഉച്ചതിരിഞ്ഞു പെയ്ത ശക്തമായ മഴയിൽ ഒഴുകി വന്ന വെള്ളത്തിലേക്കാണ് സ്ഥാപനത്തിൽ നിന്നുമിറങ്ങി വന്ന വ്യക്തി ഒരു ചാക്കു നിറയെയുള്ള മാലിന്യങ്ങൾ നിക്ഷേപിച്ചത്.





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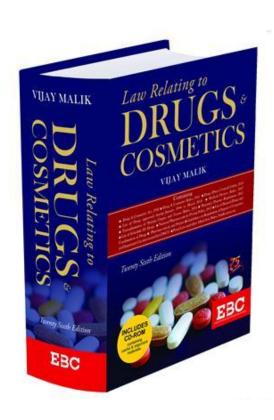
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 Nearly 90% of the drugs sold in the state are manufactured in other states and most of the firms do not take back unused stock or expired drugs from distributors or retailers

• Booming of large number of marketing firms —leads to unsafe & unscientific disposal of drugs

Flooding of branded generics

• There are **no regulatory guidelines** in Drugs & Cosmetics Act, regarding the disposal of unused & expired drugs



 Limitation of incineration plant within the state – now there is only one unit 'IMAGE' which is already saturated with disposal management of hospital waste

About PROUD.....

Programme for Removal of Unused Drugs – joint initiative of State Drugs
 Control Department and All Kerala Chemists & Druggists Association

• Launched on a pilot basis in Thiruvananthapuram district on 15.04.2019

Around 35 collection bins placed in various parts of the district



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INSTRUCTIONS







- UNUSED AND EXPIRED PORTION OF CAPSULES, TABLETS, ORAL LIQUIDS, OINTMENTS AND EMPTY STRIPS CAN BE DEPOSITED IN THE BIN FOR SCIENTIFIC DISPOSAL
- PLEASE DO NOT LITTER UNUSED AND EXPIRED MEDICINES CARELESSLY
- BE RESPONSIBLE IN HANDLING MEDICINES
 FOR A CLEAN, GREEN ENVIRONMENT AND
 A BETTER TOMORROW





How it works....

• Specially designed locked drug collecting bins/boxes are kept at selected medical shops in the district, where people can deposit expired/unused/waste drugs, aluminium strips of tablets, capsules

• On monthly basis, drug filled in the bins will be collected and sorted at a central collection point, from where it will be transported to incineration plant

Major Challenges.....

- Expensive collection, transportation and disposal of unused & expired drugs is an expensive exercise, requiring huge funding
- Regulatory provisions are to be included through amendments in Drugs & Cosmetics Act, regarding the disposal of unused & expired drugs
- Acceptance, cooperation and trust from the public

Thank You