

WHEN VIRTUAL WORLD MEETS THE REAL WORLD: CYBER CRIME INDUCED DRUG TRAFFICKING

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ABSTRACT

Crime has several forms and these thrive mainly on lust for power, thirst for ego and quest for wealth. Crime promises rewards, albeit with huge risks, which lure the person to commit the crime. The things which are constantly changing in the field of crime are its form, complexities, modus operandi etc. In the world of crime Drug Trafficking is arguably the most serious as well as heinous type of organized crime which hampers the economy of the nation and also has its social and political and individual consequences. Things become more complex when no physical transfer of drugs takes place but still the crime of drug trafficking is commenced, this is when the trafficking takes place in the virtual cyber world but actually the crime is being committed in the physical world. This paper is an attempt to get insights into one such type of Cyber induced Drug Trafficking case with the help of the study of a real case, in which the researcher tried to examine the complex modus operandi adopted by the offender in detail. And also the researcher had find out the problems faced by investigation agencies. Methodology adopted was exploratory in nature, extensive study of the case from every possible angle is done and also the interview of the investigation officers and NDPS judges is conducted with the help of Interview Schedule and Interview Guide to get insights into the prevalent problems in our governing legislations which are often misused by the offenders to evade the law process. Some suggestions have also been provided on the preventive strategies which can be adopted.

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