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Opium: Advantages & Disadvantages

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Opium (KANI) cultivation has been practicing in the two district of mishmi belt namely Anjaw and Lohit since the time Immemorial. As per the believe of our Mishmi people, there was a women, who was the ugliest in the Mishmi community and everybody hates her. People didn't even want to look her face, she has been totally rejected by the people of our community. But when she was dying, she said that, after 3 days in the cremation spot of her, there will get a something valuable thing and after 3 days they really found something like a small grasses amidst the Ashes spot of her. They planted it which later on turned into the opium (KANI). In the very initial stage, most of our Mishmi people did not know about the value of the opium but in the due course of time. They came to know that by planting and nurturing the opium. It gives a lot useful in many respects. So, Mishmi people supposed Opium is the part and parcel of our Mishmi community and they have decided not to give up the opium cultivation at any cost.

Both advantages and disadvantages have been given of the opium.

ADVANTAGES

A. RITUAL PURPOSE (PUJA): This is one of the foremost important purposes of our Mishmi people that no any kind of Puja can organize without the opium. It becomes a the compulsory to give a piece of the opium to Gukhan (Priest) without giving the opium to Gukhan (Priest) the victimized person cannot be cured or recovered. It clearly signifies that how important and valuable thing the God has given to us. So, we the Mishmi people do not want to give up this cultivation at any cost, and people wanted that Government of India should make it legal. So that we can practise opium cultivation without any hampers.

B. TREATMENT PURPOSE: When a person gtt unconscious state of mind. In this hour of need, we give a tiny piece of the Opium to the ghost (ATMA) who made a person unconscious by chanting some certain kinds of magic words, by giving and throwing this tiny piece of the opium a person will definitely be cured. It depends on the ghost. Suppose, it (ghost/ATMA) demands the opium, then you

are bound to accept its demands, if you will try to throw or give any other thing like money, water, food etc. which is the again of its proper demand. Then a victim may die. Thus, we consider it as a savior of mankind.

C. MEDICAL PURPOSE: During the absence of medical facilities in our Mishmi area our grandfathers used to took it as the best medicine. Suppose a person got stomach ache then our grandfathers used it as the fastest relief of pain. Not only this, it is useful for all purposes, such as joint pain, headache etc.

D. SOURCE OF INCOME: Since there is no any other common source of income other than the opium that is why our Mishmi people are bound to practise the opium cultivation. As a fact that whoever is a rich person in our Mishmi society is due to the opium business. Out of 100%, 99% are getting or earning money through the opium business and rest of 1% is addicted the opium in our Mishmi community and non cultivators of the opium are more in number than cultivators such as Nepali, Khamti, Adi and Singpho etc.

E. EDUCATION PURPOSE: Since there is no any other profitable source of income even the students are bound to practise the opium cultivation during the vacation time, as a fact that, whoever is the highly educated person in our Mishmi society are due to the expenses through the business of the opium. It is very important and good source of income especially for those who belong to from the poor and backward family background. In our Mishmi society still there is a poor and backward class which is lower than the upper class, out of 100%, hardly 5% are rich but rest of 95% are still in bottom-line. But slowly and gradually our parents are moving towards the way of positive path by bearing expenses for the purpose of study of their sons and daughters. There are still so many advantages of the opium which is not possible to include all.

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DRAWBACK/ DISADVANTAGES

By taking opium regularly a person may become the victim of the following negatives/drawbacks/disadvantages.

- A. A person will become thin just like a needle.
- B. A person's lip will become as black as coal.
- C. A person's eyes will get shrunken.
- D. If a person goes 2 or 3 days without taking opium may even die.
- E. If a person goes 1 or 2 days without taking opium will definitely result into the blood vomiting or blood dysentery.
- F. His temper will increase if he does not get the opium in a day. By result of this, he may even commit to steal indulge in or crime. be careful before such an addicted person.

- G. In order to quench the thirst of the opium he does not even hesitate to sell off their worthy possessions or valuable things, by result of this, dispute arises among the of family members and disorders the peaceful atmosphere within the family. Eventually, the opium addictor becomes very poor selling off their valuable things and by destroying their own health.

Opium is not merely for the purpose of business or profit but it is related with all aspects the Mishmi people it is considered as the lifeblood of the Mishmi people; But the Govt. of India is trying to destroy it at any cost but we will never let it slip from our hands. So let's join hands together and demand for legal practice of the opium cultivation.

Idu Mishmi - English Equivalents for Numerals, Days and Months.

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Numericals

Sl. No.	English Words	Sl. No.	Idu Mishmi Words	Sl. No.	English Words	Sl. No.	Idu Mishmi Words
1.	One	1.	Khege	21.	Twenty One	21.	Anihu Khege
2.	Two	2.	Kani	22.	Twenty Two	22.	Anihu Kani
3.	Three	3.	Kaso	23.	Twenty Three	23.	Anihu Kaso
4.	Four	4.	Kapri	24.	Twenty Four	24.	Anihu Kapri
5.	Five	5.	Manga	25.	Twenty Five	25.	Anihu Manga
6.	Six	6.	Taaho	26.	Twenty Six	26.	Anihu Taaho
7.	Seven	7.	Ewu	27.	Twenty Seven	27.	Anihu Ewu
8.	Eight	8.	Eyuu	28.	Twenty Eight	28.	Anihu Eyuu
9.	Nine	9.	Khini	29.	Twenty Nine	29.	Anihu Khini
10.	Ten	10.	Huh	30.	Thirty	30.	Aasuhu
11.	Eleven	11.	Holoke	31.	Thirty One	31.	Aasuhu Khege
12.	Twelve	12.	Huluni	32.	Thirty Two	32.	Aasuhu Kani
13.	Thirteen	13.	Holoso	33.	Thirty Three	33.	Aasuhu Kaso
14.	Fourteen	14.	Holopri	34.	Thirty Four	34.	Aasuhu Kapri
15.	Fifteen	15.	Holoma	35.	Thirty Five	35.	Aasuhu Manga
16.	Sixteen	16.	Holoho	36.	Thirty Six	36.	Aasuhu Taaho
17.	Seventeen	17.	Huluwu	37.	Thirty Seven	37.	Aasuhu Ewu
18.	Eighteen	18.	Huluyuu	38.	Thirty Eight	38.	Aasuhu Eyuu
19.	Nineteen	19.	Hulukhini	39.	Thirty Nine	39.	Aasuhu Khini
20.	Twenty	20.	Anihu	40.	Forty	40.	Kaprihu

The fountain of knowledge is in everyone of us

Swami Vivekananda

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DRUG ABUSE

Human being is a social animal and being in society we have to face many troubles and problems. Some say making life means making trouble. But there are certain troubles which are created by the human being themselves. There are many problems which we are facing today. These problems are global or universal rather than territorial. One of the hazardous problems which we are facing today of 'Drug Abuse'. Already there are many problems to be tackled and drug abuse has burdened it more. Drug Abuse is the problem, especially, related with the youths of today. It takes away everything and gives nothing. It ruins our precious lives and makes us worthless.

Since time immemorial we have been facing the problem of 'Drug Abuse' but these days it is intensified and has enveloped all the sections of the people. In this way or other we are addicted to drugs. For taking drugs one does many misdeeds and some time it costs him his life too.

Drug Addiction is not new for us but it never created any major problem for us. But today the situation is changed. Everyone is addiction to drugs without knowing its results. Drug addicted people are worthless to the society for they contribute nothing for the development of the society and nation. One cannot be a responsible person if he is addicted to drugs. He cannot look after his family. He cannot provide good education to his children.

Drug addiction may result in many dreadful diseases. Best example is AIDS, and once the person is trapped by this disease his death is certain. Nothing on earth can make him cured. But we the youths can prevent the spread of Drug Abuse. There is nothing on earth which cannot be done.

We should analyse the matter the matter situation or condition he takes it. Instead of neglecting him we should try to know the reasons which compel them to do so. There are many reasons which instigate them to take drugs. That reasons must be found out. We should teach them the harmful effects of drugs.

Recently Prince Harry was in news for he took drugs. Few months back daughter of American President Georg W. Bush was also found guilty of taking wine. It is not that Drug Abuse traps only general people.

In our place, that is, Lohit, is known to WHO for one of the places affected by opium.

Drug Abuse should be stopped at any cost. We know, it will take time but there is nothing wrong to imagine "Drug Free Society"

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