Drug Abuse: A Persistent Evil

June 26 was observed as International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking. The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) set this day through the resolution 42/112 in December 1987. The basic objective behind designating this day was to raise awareness and to call upon all of us to join hands to fight against the menace of drug abuse and its harmful effects on society. Unfortunately, the war on drugs has been undermined by drug-related activities. Therefore, it is preferable that the government must try to facilitate the farmers,

While discussing drug abuse, it is important to note that Afghanistan is also a country that is largely influenced both by drug abuse and its trafficking. It is really important that the country should make efforts to change the lives of those who are influenced by this menace and the same time divert attention to important sectors like health, rights and sustainable development. However, it would not be an easy fight for Afghanistan as the country has an established trend of drug addiction and its trafficking. There are many people, mostly youngsters, addicted to various types of drugs and their number is swolling with each passing day. One of the most frightening fact is that children and women are also in the list of addicted and they do not know any way of coming out of this quagmire. Actually, they are not able to resist against severely cold weather and also are skillless to fight against different seductions.

However, it is no secret that the poppy cultivation and its trafficking in Afghanistan is a part of the war economy of organized crime with the supporters in the international drug market and national authorities who should otherwise be the protectors of the nation. The most disastrous facts is that they have their associations with the terrorist networks in the country. The rising incidence and the surge in the overall volume of exports and other activities can come to imagine financial support for massive drug trafficking. This should alarm the Afghan government to take necessary measures to make sure that the production is reduced to a considerable extent.

The Afghan government should take tough measures to make sure that the production is reduced to a considerable extent. Moreover, the government must try to facilitate the farmers, landowners and the society to grow alternative crops to become drug free. However, the government must ensure the security of these farmers so that they are able to enjoy positive social life. In addition, corruption, in this regard, should never be accepted, as it has already become a major problem for the country.