

## DRUG CULTURE IN INDIA

The book addresses the issues related to present-day drug use in the Indian context. It stresses the need for drug policies to address the socio-cultural realities of the local situation in order to be relevant and effective. Through details of street-level drug use, the authors bring forth the process of marginalisation of drug users and subsequent hurdles it creates in the journey of becoming drug free. With the use of cartoons, the thoughts are synthesized and through laughter, sensitive issues in drug abuse control efforts are highlighted. The qualitative data on the micro aspects of drug use are utilized to raise queries about efforts undertaken at the macro level. The book offers much insight to field workers, professionals and policy makers in the area of drug abuse management.

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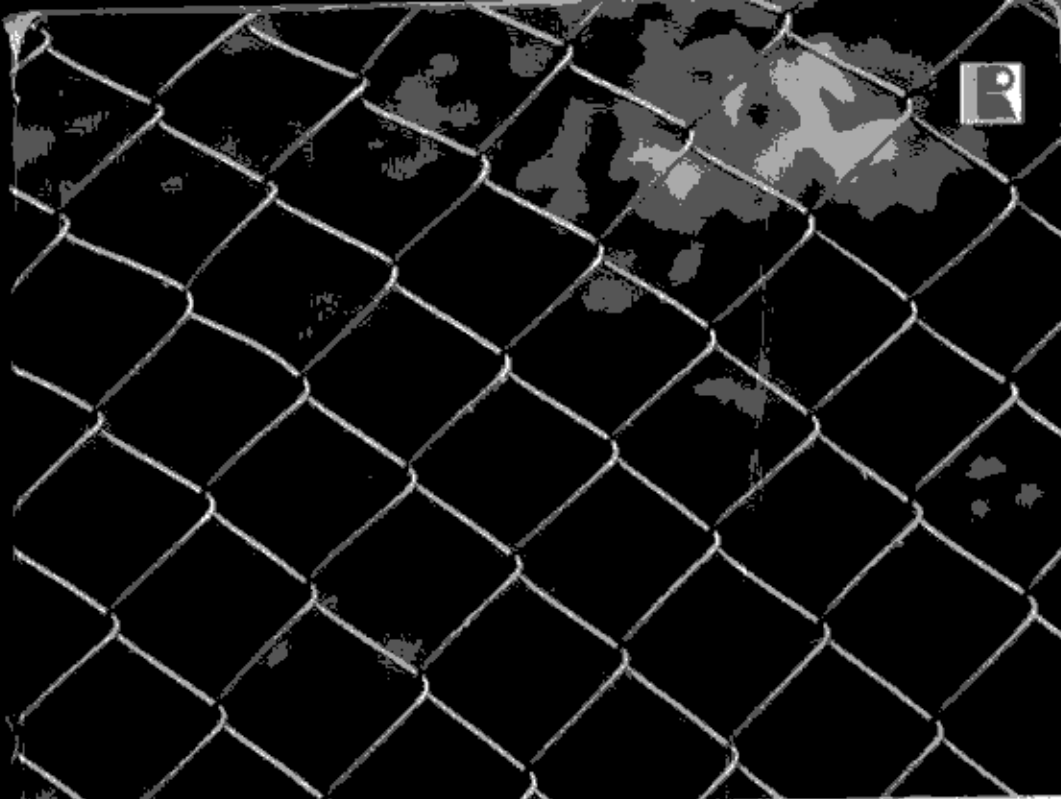
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