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Legalization of marijuana

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Abstract

Marijuana refers to the dried leaves, flowers, stems, and seeds from the Cannabis sativa or Cannabis indica plant. The plant contains the mind-altering chemical THC and other similar compounds and elements. Extracts can also be made from the cannabis plant. In this, we have disclosed usage and consumption of marijuana and that consumption how leads to various side effects. But, it the fact that still many countries doesn't legalize the usage of marijuana. Some countries uses Marijuana as a Medical purpose. Even though it cures the disease or control it may lead to demerit of addition which cannot be recovered or recovery. The plantation of marijuana give rises to employment opportunity to people and drastically changes in the Economy level.

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Introduction

Marijuana is also known as cannabis among other names. It is a psycho active drug which is obtained from the cannabis plant. The cannabis plant or marijuana is used as a drug for both recreational and entheogenic purpose. Cannabis can be used by smoking, vaporizing, as an extract etc., The active ingredients are *tetrahydrocannabinol*, *cannabidiol*, *cannabinol*, *tetrahydrocannabivarin*. Main producera pf marijuana are Afghanistan, Canada, China, Colombia, India, Mexico, Netherland, pakisthan, Spain, Thailand, Turkey, United Kingdom, and unites States. Cannabis has various mental and physical effect which includes euphoria, alters status of mind and sense of time, difficulties in

concentrating, impaired short – term memory, movements of body are impaired and increase in appetite. These effects last for two to sic hours based upon on the amount taken or consumption of cannabis. Short term side effects may also arise due to intake or consumption of marijuana such as dry mouth and red eyes. Long – term effects may be include addiction, decrease of mental ability, chronic coughing etc., And cannabinoid hypermesis syndrome. Cannabis is the most commonly used and largely – illegal drug in the World. Adults in the zambia uses these drugs are highest and also unites states, Canada and Nigeria as of report of 2018.

Uses of cannabis

Cannabis are used in various field and for several purposes such as medical drug, recreational and also used for spiritual purposes.

- **Medical** : Medical marijuana or medical cannabis, refers to the use of cannabis to treat various disease or improve symptoms. There is a limited evidence suggesting cannabis can be used to reduce nausea and vomiting during chemotherapy, to improve appetite in people with HIV/ AIDS or to treat chronic pain and muscle spasms. So far, the cannabis is used in a limited number of territories for medical purpose such as Canada, Belgium, Australia, Netherland, new Zealand, Spain and many Unites States. The usage of these cannabis needs a prescription and distribution is usually done within a framework defined by local laws.

- **Recreational** : According to DEA administrative law judge, Francis young, "cannabis is one of the safest therapeutically active substance known to man."
- **Spiritual** : Marijuana was given a status of sacred in spiritual of several religion and has served as an entheogen – a chemical substance used in religious, shamanic or spiritual contexts – in the Indian subcontinent, since the Vedic period.

Consumption

There are several and different ways to consume marijuana. It involve heat to decarboxylate THCA into THC. The most common modes and ways of consumption include:

1. Smoking
2. Vaporizing
3. Edibles
4. Cannabis tea
5. Capsules
6. Tincture of cannabis

Pros and cons of marijuana

Pros

- The main advantages of marijuana usage is its medical use. It can cure children with disabilities especially those with Autism Spectrum disorder.
- Marijuana supporters states that marijuana helps them with insomnia, epilepsy and chronic pain.
- That weeds of Marijuana helps to improve the status of cancer person.
- Researchers claim that the Marijuana can destroy cancer cells.
- Certain studies stated that consuming of marijuana might improve (increase) the mood of peoples.
- It could help to cure nausea and pain, anxiety.
- Another main merit of marijuana gas the ability to treat the appetite loss of HIV / AIDS or cancer person.

- It plays an important role in relaxing the muscles of the people.
- Some or certain studies suggest that the Marijuana can eliminate nightmares, increase the level of creativity of a person.

Cons

- The major and biggest disadvantage of the use of marijuana is it is a drug and it can be subjected to misuse or addiction.
- It has several health effects like lung damage (lung Cancer).
- It also affects the mouth and eyes by making dry.
- Marijuana can even cause low blood pressure, liver disease and diabetes problems.
- If the amount of marijuana taken largely or heavily it leads to decrease in testosterone (i.e.) decrease in the level of testosterone in Person, which might affect the quality and quantity of sperm count.
- It can cause severe psychological problems and side effects like; paranoia, Depression, suicidal thoughts, schizophrenia.
- It can cause problems in a person's cognitive system. Even, sometimes it can affect the driving skills of a person and cause accidents.
- The heavy and high dosage of marijuana can affect the driving skills of a person and cause accidents.
- Marijuana is still illegal in several parts of world, specifically in US and India.

Legality of marijuana

According to the provisions under the "Narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances Act of 1985", marijuana is illegal in India. According to the provision, a person who possess a small amount or less quantity of marijuana will be imprisoned for 6 months and have to pay penalty or fine of Rs.10, 000. Simanteously, sec 2(III) of act, excluded the usage of bhang (liquid form of marijuana



/cannabis). The government of India allows the bhang although some states like Assam, Gujarat, Maharashtra and Karnataka have banned the use and sale of bhang (Gujarat late decriminalized it in 2017). In the case of **Arjun Singh vs state of Haryana**, court held that bhanges are not cannabis even though it is a cannabis plant. Thus, it is not necessarily unlawful to eat cannabis under the said rule.

Marijuana is legal

The state of Colorado and Washington became the first states to vote for legalization of marijuana for recreational Purposes in 2012. By the act of these States, nine more states and Washington DC started to follow.

- Marijuana legalization – Generally, legalization is regarded as the removal of all government enforcement and enforced penalties for possessing and using of marijuana.
- Marijuana decriminalization – decriminalization means eliminating jail or prison time or imprisonment for limited possession of Marijuana but some other penalties such as fine remains same. If any person caught for possessing or selling an amount within the decriminalized limits are still fined.
- Medical marijuana – Doctors are recommended or suggest Marijuana for the various and several conditions from pain to nausea to inflammatory bowel disease to PTSD

Above mentioned three categories of marijuana don't cover full array of options for marijuana reform with a report by RAND 2015.

Income and Jobs

Setting up marijuana nurseries and dispensaries would be the first and important step for the states that voted in favor of medical marijuana. These would not only create employment but also set for economic activity in the pot industry. In states like California and Nevada where such infrastructure already exists, the economic impact has become more

computable as the sector has already matured. An RCG Economics and Marijuana Policy Group study on Nevada says that legalizing recreational marijuana in the state could support over 41,000 jobs till 2024 and generate over \$1.7 billion in labor income. The ICF study estimates at least 81,000 additional direct, indirect, and induced jobs in California as a result of legalized marijuana sales. It also projects an increase in total labor income by at least \$3.5 billion.

Treatment

No medications and medicines are currently available to treat marijuana use disorder, but behavioral and emotional support has been shown to be effective. Examples: therapy and motivational (providing rewards to patients who remain drug-free).

Conclusion

As far as concern, the legalization of marijuana it has pros and cons. Based on the facts and evidence reviewed here, it seems timid to conclude that, if there is any medical role for cannabinoid drugs, it lies with chemically modified extracts, not with unrefined cannabis plant. It States that legalization marijuana have recognized various economic benefits. There are direct tax proceeds generated for the state. States employ thousands of employees of oversee the production, distribution, and management of the sector. There are also potential savings to the legal enforcement of the substance if precise criteria are no longer illegal.

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