

them to a stage from where there is no return and thereby not only ruining them and their families but also the nation.

#### 2.4 Drug abuse and AIDS.

The menace of drug abuse has become more serious in recent times due to spread of HIV virus in India. 80% of victims of AIDS can be linked with drug abuse. HIV can be acquired in three ways - (a) through sex, (b) through blood and (c) by birth from parents suffering from HIV. As far as acquiring of HIV through sex is concerned, the drug addicts are more exposed to the same because a drug addicted boy or girl can pay any price and unmindfully can go to the extent of even indulging in sex abuse. HIV can also be acquired by the drug addicts through blood while sharing of the needles. A stage comes when drug addicts require intravenous injections of drug to get kick and quick effect and such an addict is not mentally sound at that stage and can use any needle timely available and thereby prone to acquire HIV if the needle was previously used by any person infected with HIV.

#### 2.5 An Appraisal.

For dealing with the menace of drug abuse and illicit trafficking therein due to geographical location of India between "GOLDEN TRIANGLE" and "GOLDEN CRESCENT", the major