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As part of this strategy a number of steps have been taken which includes:

- Organizing NCORD meetings of all stake holders at all level of the four tier system on regular basis.
- Launch of a dedicated centralized NCORD Portal for sharing of activities and best practices.
- Formation of a Joint Coordination Committee for coordination on operational matters of specific large cases, which have connections with other crimes and international ramifications.
- Establishment of a dedicated Anti-Narcotics Task Force (ANTF) in each state/UTs.
- High priority to Drug Disposal drive.
- Launch of NIDAAN Portal for Narco offenders.
- Creation of canine squads for drug detection.
- Strengthening the forensic capabilities.
- Establishment of Special NDPS Courts and Fast Track Courts.
- Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyan (NMBA) for generating Awareness against drug Abuse.

The NCORD mechanism was formed in 2016 for better coordination between states and Ministry of Home Affairs. It has been further strengthened through a four-tier system in 2019. It has an Apex Level NCORD Committee, which is headed by Union Home Secretary, Executive Level NCORD Committee, which is headed by Special Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, State Level NCORD Committees, headed by Chief Secretaries and District Level NCORD Committees – headed by District Magistrates.

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