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**KUALA NERANG:** Police are monitoring students involved in drug abuse to curb the menace, said Inspector-General of Police Tan Sri Khalid Abu Bakar.

He said based on records, there were syndicates trying to recruit students to distribute drugs to other students.

"The students involved are not traffickers, but are paid a token by the syndicates; even an ice cream would do.

"The situation, however, is under control. We are monitoring such activities," Khalid said after the launch of the national-level 2017 Jom Ke Sekolah programme.

The programme was launched by Education Minister Datuk Seri Mahdzir Khalid at SMK Dato Syeikh Ahmad here.

"Police are also keeping an eye on students involved in ketum abuse and militant elements," Khalid said.

Khalid said last year, there were 113 drug cases involving students in

Kedah. Eight cases were recorded last month.

He said police involvement in schools, through their appointed school liaison officers, would curb misconduct among students and their involvement in crime.

"We want to see students being involved in the Police Cadet Corps, not just to fill up their co-curricular requirements, but to be the 'eyes and ears' of their school and police."

Mahdzir called upon schools to revive the use of the Student Disciplinary Complaint Box, which allows students to report misconduct among their peers anonymously.

He said the Complaint Box, was introduced in July 2010.

"The information in the box will be shared with police through school liaison officers who visit schools at least once a month," he said, adding that the boxes were managed by the schools' senior assistant principal for student affairs and disciplinary teacher.