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NEWS SUMMARY

News Summary

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- Gujarat (Gandhinagar): NCB secured conviction of 2 traffickers in a 2023 mephedrone case.
- Punjab (Amritsar): NCB froze assets worth ₹2.79 crore of absconding trafficker, allegedly linked to cross-border trafficking case involving 18 kg narcotics.
- Jharkhand (Karra): NCB in a joint operation with Khunti police seized 205 kg ganja; 5 arrested.

Heroin / Brown Sugar Trafficking

- Nagaland (Dimapur): 800 g heroin seized; 6 arrested.
- Punjab (Amritsar): 5.569 kg heroin seized in three operations; 5 arrested.
- Jammu & Kashmir (Kathua): 35 g heroin seized in separate operations; 3 arrested.
- West Bengal (Siliguri): 1 kg brown sugar seized; 2 arrested.

Opium / Poppy Straw Trafficking

- Rajasthan (Chittorgarh): 132.630 kg opium poppy-straw seized 1 arrested.
- Jharkhand (Jamshedpur): 460 kg opium poppy-straw powder seized; 2 arrested.

Ganja / Cannabis Trafficking

- Bihar (Champanan): 162 kg ganja seized from two vehicles; 3 arrested.

Synthetic Drugs Trafficking

- Assam (Jiribam): 90k Yaba tablets & 48 g heroin seized; 6 arrested.
- Maharashtra (Thane): 33.41 g mephedrone seized; 4 arrested.

Convictions

- Uttar Pradesh (Unnao): Charas trafficker sentenced to 12 years' RI in a charas seizure case of 2023.
- Jharkhand (Chatra): Two opium traffickers convicted in the cases of 28.45 kg wet opium.

Emerging Modus Operandi

- Hybrid ganja concealed inside biscuit/chocolate snack packaging and transported through a courier network.
- An interstate MDMA network allegedly used a specially fabricated hidden compartment in a car to transport drugs.
- An investigated MDMA network allegedly used foreign-number WhatsApp accounts, SIM-less phones, borrowed Wi-Fi and applications capable of scrambling IP addresses.
- A schoolteacher allegedly processed brown sugar at a rented house before packaging it for distribution through carriers.

Key Trends

- Interstate and cross-border networks remain prominent, particularly along Punjab, Northeast and eastern India corridors, with alleged Pakistan-linked and cross-state supply chains.
- Traffickers are increasingly using concealment and evasion techniques involving courier parcels, ordinary agricultural commodities, modified vehicles, trains, fake identities and digital communication methods.
- Enforcement is increasingly targeting the wider trafficking ecosystem, including financial assets, suppliers, receivers, couriers, buyers and supporting infrastructure.
- Synthetic drugs and pharmaceutical substances remain a significant concern, alongside continued large seizures of heroin, ganja and opium/poppy straw.

NCB

Gandhinagar Mephedrone Smuggling 2023 Case: NCB Secures Conviction of 2 Drug Traffickers, Sentenced to Jail

LT lokmattimes.com/national/gandhinagar-mephedrone-smuggling-2023-case-ncb-secures-conviction-of-2-drug-traffickers-sentenced-to-jail-a525

Lokmat Times Desk

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The case began in February 2023, when an NCB squad intercepted a bus at Chandrala Police Naka in Gandhinagar as part of an anti-drug operation. During the interception, the agency seized 198.90 grams of mephedrone, also known as MD.

The Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) has convicted two drug traffickers in a 2023 mephedrone smuggling case in Gandhinagar, Gujarat. Shahida Bibi, also known as Saida Bee, a resident of Sujapur in Ratlam, Madhya Pradesh, was convicted to 20 years of rigorous imprisonment (RI) and fined Rs 2 lakh by the Gandhinagar District and Sessions Court. Co-accused Radheshyam Solanki of Jaora in Ratlam was sentenced to ten years in prison and a Rs 1 lakh fine. The case involved the illegal transportation of 198.90 grams of Mephedrone from Madhya Pradesh to Gujarat, reported IANS.

Mephedrone Seizure

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Court Verdict

Following the investigation and subsequent trial, the Gandhinagar District and Sessions Court convicted both defendants in the illicit drug trafficking case. The court remanded Shahida Bibi to 20 years of hard jail and a Rs 2 lakh fine, while Radheshyam Solanki was sentenced to 10 years of rigorous imprisonment and a Rs 1 lakh fine. The convictions represent a significant step forward in the NCB's efforts to combat synthetic drug trafficking.



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🚨 NCB secures conviction of 2 drug traffickers in 2023 Gandhinagar Mephedrone smuggling case.

◆ District & Sessions Court, Gandhinagar, Gujarat, has sentenced Shahida Bibi @ Saida Bee, r/o- Sujapur, Ratlam, Madhya Pradesh to 20 years of RI along with a fine of Rs 2 lakh. <https://t.co/OGGMVAg2FK>



Shahida Bibi @ Saida Bee,
r/o- Sujapur, Ratlam,
Madhya Pradesh

Radheshyam Solanki,
r/o- Jaora, Ratlam,
Madhya Pradesh

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NCB Mumbai Seizes Codeine-Based Cough Syrups and 1.06 Kg Charas

The Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) in Mumbai confiscated 15,018 bottles of Codeine-Based Cough Syrup (CBCS), 12,240 Tramadol tablets, and 1.060 kg of Charas in two separate investigations targeting an interstate drug trafficking network. The activities resulted in the arrest of two people. In the first operation, the NCB Mumbai confiscated 1,080 bottles of Codeine-Based Cough Syrup weighing about 108 kg and detained N. Shaikh on August 8. In the second case, on August 12, the NCB Mumbai searched the residence of a woman named A.J. Shaikh in Ghatkopar based on specific information and seized 1.060 kilogram of Charas. The contraband was allegedly hidden among household items and purchased for further sale in Mumbai and surrounding areas.

NCB freezes Rs 2.79-crore assets of absconding drug trafficker

 tribuneindia.com/news/amritsar/ncb-freezes-rs-2-79-crore-assets-of-absconding-drug-trafficker/amp

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The Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB), Amritsar Zonal Unit, has frozen assets worth around Rs 2.79 crore allegedly acquired from the proceeds of narcotics trafficking by an absconding drug trafficker identified as Harmanjit Singh Sandhu, a resident of Naushehra Dhalla village in Tarn Taran.

The action follows an investigation into a drone-based cross-border drug trafficking case in which 18 kg of narcotics was recovered from the border area on February 15, this year. Two persons were arrested on the spot, while two other associates were subsequently arrested during the follow-up investigation.

According to the NCB, investigation revealed that Harmanjit Singh Sandhu, a resident of Naushera Dhalla village in Tarn Taran, was allegedly coordinating with Pakistan-based smugglers and managing the delivery of narcotic consignments. He remains absconding and has been evading arrest, the agency said.

NCB had announced a reward of Rs one lakh to anyone who would share any information regarding his whereabouts in May this year. The agency said information regarding his whereabouts can be shared with the NCB Amritsar Zonal Unit and assured that the identity of the informer would be kept confidential.

An NCB official said that the financial investigation allegedly traced several assets to the proceeds of drug trafficking. These include around 93 kanals and 11 marlas of agricultural land valued at Rs 1.75 crore, two vehicles worth around Rs 32.90 lakh and a residential house in Naushera Dhalla valued at Rs 71.28 lakh. The total assessed value of the assets is approximately Rs 2.79 crore.

The NCB said no satisfactory legitimate source of income commensurate with the acquisition of the assets had been established during the investigation.

Sandhu's anticipatory bail application was rejected by a competent court in Amritsar and his subsequent petition before the Punjab and Haryana High Court was also dismissed. He also has criminal antecedents relating to narcotics offences, according to the agency.

With the accused continuing to evade arrest and allegedly not cooperating with the investigation, proclamation proceedings have been initiated against him by the competent court at Amritsar.

करा में 205 किलो गांजा के साथ पांच तस्कर गिरफ्तार

 livehindustan.com/national/story-major-drug-bust-police-seize-205-kilograms-of-cannabis-in-khunti-201787229743114.amp.html

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खूंटी पुलिस और एनसीबी ने एक चारपहिया वाहन से 205 किलो गांजा बरामद किया। आरोपियों की पहचान हजारीबाग जिले के पांच लोगों के रूप में हुई है। गांजा का बाजार मूल्य लगभग 61.5 लाख रुपये है। पुलिस ने आरोपियों को गिरफ्तार कर उनसे पूछताछ शुरू की है।

करा, प्रतिनिधि। खूंटी पुलिस और नारकोटिक्स कंट्रोल ब्यूरो (एनसीबी) की संयुक्त टीम ने गुरुवार सुबह करा थाना क्षेत्र के लोधमा पुलिस पिकेट के समीप बड़ी कार्रवाई करते हुए एक चारपहिया वाहन से करीब 205 किलोग्राम गांजा बरामद किया। पुलिस ने गांजा तस्करी के आरोप में वाहन समेत पांच लोगों को गिरफ्तार किया है। बरामद गांजा का अनुमानित बाजार मूल्य करीब 61 लाख 50 हजार रुपये बताया गया है। गिरफ्तार सभी आरोपी हजारीबाग जिले के बरही क्षेत्र के रहने वाले हैं। आरोपियों की पहचान रवि शंकर मालाकार, रवि कुमार, मो. इस्राफील, मो. अफरीदी और रिजवान खान के रूप में हुई है। ओडिशा से रांची ले जाया जा रहा था गांजा:

जानकारी के अनुसार

जानकारी के अनुसार, पुलिस अधीक्षक ऋषभ गर्ग को गुप्त सूचना मिली थी कि ओडिशा से सिमडेगा, कमडारा और करा के रास्ते एक चारपहिया वाहन से भारी मात्रा में गांजा लेकर तस्कर रांची की ओर जा रहे हैं। सूचना मिलने के बाद एसपी के निर्देश पर करा थाना प्रभारी राजू कुमार के नेतृत्व में करा पुलिस और एनसीबी की टीम ने संयुक्त कार्रवाई की योजना बनाई। गुरुवार सुबह विशेष टीम ने लोधमा पुलिस पिकेट के सामने वाहन जांच अभियान शुरू किया। इसी दौरान सूचना के आधार पर संदिग्ध चारपहिया वाहन को रोककर उसकी गहन तलाशी ली गई। तलाशी के दौरान वाहन में छिपाकर रखा करीब 205 किलोग्राम गांजा बरामद हुआ। इसके बाद वाहन में सवार सभी पांच आरोपियों को मौके पर ही गिरफ्तार कर लिया गया।

एनसीबी कार्यालय में आरोपियों से पूछताछ

कार्रवाई के दौरान पुलिस ने 205 किलोग्राम गांजा, तस्करी में प्रयुक्त चारपहिया वाहन और तस्करी से जुड़े अन्य साक्ष्य जब्त किए। कार्रवाई के बाद एनसीबी की टीम बरामद गांजा, जब्त वाहन और गिरफ्तार आरोपियों को रांची स्थित एनसीबी कार्यालय ले गई। वहां आरोपियों से पूछताछ की जा रही है। पूछताछ में गांजा की आपूर्ति कहां से हुई, इसे कहां पहुंचाया जाना था और तस्करी के नेटवर्क में कौन-कौन लोग शामिल हैं, इसकी जानकारी जुटाई जा रही है। मामले में आगे की कानूनी कार्रवाई एनसीबी द्वारा की जा रही है। खूंटी पुलिस ने कहा कि जिले में मादक पदार्थों की तस्करी के खिलाफ अभियान लगातार जारी रहेगा। संयुक्त कार्रवाई को नशे के कारोबार के विरुद्ध बड़ी सफलता माना जा रहा है।

NORTH EAST

Six Smugglers Apprehended With ₹27.288 Crore Yaba, Heroin Haul In Barak River Operation

F freepressjournal.in/amp/india/six-smugglers-apprehended-with-27288-crore-yaba-heroin-haul-in-barak-river-operation

Digjyoti Lahkar

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Six suspected smugglers were apprehended after allegedly jumping into the Barak River to escape an Assam Rifles interception in Jiribam. The joint operation with Boro Bekra Police led to the seizure of 90,000 Yaba tablets and 48 grams of heroin worth ₹27.288 crore. A boat, six mobile phones and other items were also seized.

Guwahati: Six suspected smugglers were apprehended after they allegedly attempted to escape by jumping into the Barak River during a midnight interception in the Tupidhar area of Jiribam. Assam Rifles and Boro Bekra Police seized Yaba tablets and heroin valued at approximately ₹27.288 crore in the operation.

The operation was carried out after Assam Rifles troops detected a suspicious country-made boat moving across the river under the cover of darkness. Poor visibility hampered the operation, but the movement raised suspicion and the troops moved to intercept the vessel.

The boat was challenged and ordered to halt midstream. Instead, the occupants abandoned the boat and jumped into the river in an attempt to flee towards the dense jungle along the riverbank.

Assam Rifles personnel launched a coordinated pursuit and sealed the escape routes. Despite the difficult terrain and low visibility, all six suspects were apprehended.

A subsequent search led to the recovery of 90,000 Yaba tablets weighing 9.414 kg and valued at approximately ₹27 crore. The joint team also seized 48 grams of heroin, packed in four soap cases and valued at ₹28.80 lakh.

The total estimated value of the seized narcotics stands at ₹27.288 crore.

The operation also led to the seizure of six mobile phones, four side bags and the country-made boat allegedly used to transport the contraband across the Barak River.

The six apprehended individuals, along with the seized narcotics and other material, were subsequently handed over to Boro Bekra Police for detailed investigation and further legal action under the NDPS Act.

The operation was carried out by Assam Rifles in coordination with Boro Bekra Police and resulted in the interception of the alleged narcotics consignment being smuggled from Mizoram into Assam.

Mon Police busts inter-state drug trafficking network, seizes 800 grams of heroin

 easternmirrornagaland.com/mon-police-busts-inter-state-drug-trafficking-network-seizes-800-grams-of-heroin

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Mon Police has busted an inter-state drug trafficking network and seized approximately 800 grams of heroin in one of its largest anti-drug operations so far

DIMAPUR — Mon Police has busted an inter-state drug trafficking network and seized approximately 800 grams of heroin, locally known as “Shan Flower,” in one of its largest anti-drug operations so far.

According to police, the consignment was being transported from Mon to Sonari in Assam and was subsequently intended to be taken to Dimapur.

Acting on specific intelligence, Mon Police launched a coordinated operation to identify and apprehend those involved in the alleged supply chain, leading to the initial seizure and arrest of three persons identified as Nokteih, Poungying and Pulei, who were responsible for sending the consignment from Mon.

The Mon police further informed, without mentioning the date, that a joint operation was conducted with Charaideo Police of Assam following interrogation of the detained accused and investigation, leading to the arrest of one Md. Taher Hussain, the alleged intended receiver, near Sonari. Then two women identified as D. Robila Roziine and Kaili Aye, who were allegedly supposed to receive the consignment in Dimapur from Hussain, were arrested with the assistance of Dimapur Police Commissionerate.

The drug trafficking chain, from the source in Mon to the intermediate receiver and facilitator in Sonari, to the intended recipients in Dimapur were identified and disrupted during the operation that continued for nearly three days, said the police.

It went on to say that the Mon Police conducted the operation under the supervision of the Director General of Police and the Anti-Narcotics Task Forces (ANTF) of Assam and Nagaland, with coordination and support from Assam and Dimapur Police.

The police also appealed to the public to support the fight against drug trafficking by sharing information including financiers, mule accounts, carriers, couriers, transporters and persons involved in the storage or sale of banned substances.

Well-wishers of drug users have also being requested to contact Nagaland Police either in person or through its social media platforms so that the supply can be disrupted.

Drug peddler arrested with 14.18 grams of heroin, stolen scooter in Guwahati

 indiatodayne.in/amp/assam/story/drug-peddler-arrested-with-1418-grams-of-heroin-stolen-scooter-in-guwahati-1440739-2026-08-20

India TodayNE

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Drug peddler arrested with 14.18 grams of heroin, stolen scooter in Guwahati

A Noonmati Police team arrested Haren Kalita during a raid at Borochoawk and seized suspected heroin. The operation also led to the recovery of a stolen scooter as investigators probe a wider drug network.

Acting on intelligence inputs, a team from Noonmati Police Station under the Guwahati Police Commissionerate arrested a suspected drug peddler during a raid at Borochoawk.

The accused has been identified as Haren Kalita (39), a resident of Haripur.

According to police, Kalita was apprehended with 12 vials of suspected heroin weighing 14.18 grams. Police also recovered six empty vials, ₹5,650 in cash and a mobile phone from his possession.

During the operation, police further recovered a stolen Yamaha Ray Z scooter, which is suspected to be linked to the accused.

The accused has been taken into custody and legal action has been initiated. Further investigation is underway to determine the source of the drugs and the alleged involvement of the accused in a wider drug trafficking network.

Tripura: Three Detained With 9.42 Grams of Heroin in Kakraban; Family Alleges False Charges

 northeasttoday.in/northeast/tripura-three-detained-with-9-42-grams-of-heroin-in-kakraban-family-alleges-false-charges

North East Today

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Agartala, August 21, 2026: Acting on a tip-off, police from Kakraban Police Station detained three youths and allegedly recovered 9.42 grams of heroin from their possession during an operation in the Hadra-Samatal Para area on Friday evening.

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According to police, the operation was conducted at around 8 pm. The three youths were detained along with a battery-operated auto-rickshaw, a motorcycle and the suspected contraband. Kakraban Police Station Officer-in-Charge Gopal Shukla Das told the media that 9.42 grams of heroin was recovered during the operation.

Police also seized the battery-operated auto-rickshaw bearing registration number TR-03-D-3656 and a motorcycle bearing registration number TR-03-N-6986.

The detained youths were subsequently brought to Kakraban Police Station. Preliminary police information identified one of them as Arjan Ali, a battery-operated auto-rickshaw driver and resident of the Samatal Hadra area. Another was identified as Alamgir Hossain, a resident of East Palatana. The identity and role of the third youth are expected to become clearer as the investigation progresses.

Following the seizure, SDPO Debanjali Roy visited the spot and later reached Kakraban Police Station. Police have since launched an investigation into the incident.

However, the case has taken another turn after the wife of detained Arjan Ali alleged that her husband had been falsely implicated. She claimed that no drugs were recovered from him and disputed the police version of the incident.

The conflicting claims have put the focus on the ongoing investigation, which is expected to establish the circumstances surrounding the alleged recovery and the role of the detained youths. Police sources said the two identified detainees would be produced before a court on Saturday.

Further developments are expected to clarify the evidence presented by police and the allegations raised by the family.

Two arrested with 45 kg of suspected Opium in Manipur's Senapati

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Senapati District Police arrested two men after recovering 46 packets of suspected opium during a checking operation at Khongnem Thana village. The seizure also included a Mahindra Thar Roxx and Rs 10,000 in cash, and further legal action is under way.

- Senapati police arrested two men during checking at Khongnem Thana village
- The operation took place on August 20 as part of frisking
- Police said 46 packets of suspected opium weighed around 45 kg

Senapati District Police arrested two persons for allegedly possessing 45 kg of suspected opium during a frisking and checking operation at Khongnem Thana village on August 20.

The arrested persons have been identified as Sanesh Limbu (25) and Sachin Thapa (20), both residents of Irang Part-1, Lamchok, under Kangpokpi Police Station.

During the operation, police recovered 46 packets of suspected opium weighing approximately 45 kg.

A Mahindra Thar Roxx four-wheeler and Rs 10,000 in cash were also seized from their possession.

The two accused have been taken into custody, and further legal action and investigation are underway.

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Tripura Police, BSF Seize Ganja and Cough Syrup in Separate Operations; Three Women Held

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Agartala, August 20, 2026: Two separate operations by Tripura Police and the Border Security Force (BSF) on Thursday resulted in the seizure of narcotic and suspected contraband substances from different parts of the state.

In Agartala, three women were taken into custody at Jogendranagar Railway Station after police allegedly found them carrying a large quantity of dried ganja. The operation was conducted jointly by personnel from East Agartala Police Station and College Tilla Police Outpost.

The arrested women were identified as Pinky Kumar, Riku Devi and Munakia Devi, all residents of Bihar. Police said their movements and handling of luggage raised suspicion, following which their bags were searched.

The search reportedly led to the recovery of around 25 kg of dried ganja packed in several packets. During initial questioning, the accused allegedly told investigators that the consignment was intended to be taken to Bihar.

East Agartala Police Station officials said a case would be registered under the applicable provisions of the NDPS Act. Further investigation is underway to determine where the ganja originated and whether the arrested women were working as part of a larger trafficking network.

In another operation along the international border in Sepahijala district, the BSF's 81 Battalion and Sonamura Police recovered 525 bottles of Eskuf cough syrup from the Matinagar area.

The seizure followed intelligence inputs regarding suspected smuggling activity. During a patrol near the border fencing, BSF personnel allegedly noticed suspicious items hidden inside a forested area. Police were subsequently called in and a joint search was conducted, resulting in the recovery of the cough syrup.

Sonamura Police Station OC Tapas Das said the seized consignment was estimated to have a market value of approximately Rs 5 lakh.

Investigators suspect the bottles had been deliberately concealed close to the border with the intention of moving them across into Bangladesh. Police are now working to establish the identity of those behind the suspected cross-border smuggling attempt.

Three Women Held With 25 Kg of Ganja at Jogendranagar Railway Station

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Agartala, 20th August 2026 : Tripura police on Thursday morning detained three women from Jogendranagar Railway Station and seized approximately 25 kg of dried ganja from their possession. The operation was jointly conducted by personnel from East Agartala Police Station and the College Tilla Police Outpost. The detained women have been identified as Pinky Kumar, Riku Devi and Munakia Devi.

According to police, the three women were behaving suspiciously while arranging bags at the railway station. Suspecting illegal activity, police searched their bags and recovered several packets containing dried ganja.

During preliminary questioning, the women reportedly told investigators that they were attempting to transport the ganja to Bihar.

The Officer-in-Charge of East Agartala Police Station said a case would be registered against the accused under relevant provisions of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act.

Police are also interrogating the three women to identify others allegedly involved in the suspected drug trafficking network and determine the source and intended destination of the consignment.

ICR Police seizes 6.39 kg cannabis, suspected heroin; three arrested

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Itanagar, Aug 20: In two separate operations, police in the Itanagar Capital Region (ICR) have seized a total of 6.39 kg of suspected cannabis and over 14 grams of suspected heroin, arresting three persons in connection with alleged narcotics offences, a senior officer said on Thursday.

In the first operation, Naharlagun Police intercepted 22-year-old Tachung Beyong at Boda Namchi, Nirjuli, at around 5:42 pm on Wednesday. During his personal search, police recovered 34 grams of suspected cannabis packed in three packets.

A search of his scooter led to the recovery of another 910 grams of suspected cannabis in 74 packets, while a subsequent search of his rented accommodation resulted in the recovery of 5.446 kg of the suspected contraband. Police also seized Rs 27,400 in cash.

The operation was carried out by a team led by Naharlagun Police Station OC Inspector Krishnendu Dev under the supervision of ASP Rishi Longdo, SDPO Naharlagun.

A case has been registered under Sections 20(b)(ii)(B) and 29 of the NDPS Act. Tachung Beyong, a resident of Pakke Camp, Bameng, East Kameng district, has been arrested.

In a separate operation later the same evening, Banderdewa Police intercepted a Maruti S-Presso bearing registration number AR-01S-6057 at the Banderdewa Check Gate at around 7:20 pm, acting on information about suspected narcotics being transported towards Arunachal Pradesh.

Two occupants of the vehicle, identified as Yorum Soku (24) and Nikja Kaya (24), were arrested after police recovered 12 vials containing orange-coloured powdery substance suspected to be heroin. The total weight, including the vials, was reported to be 14.84 grams.

The operation was conducted by a team led by Banderdewa Police Station OC Inspector Kipa Hamak. A case has been registered under Sections 21(b), 27(A) and 29 of the NDPS Act.

Soku, a resident of Aniya Colony, Nirjuli, and Kaya, an inhabitant of Koloriang, Kurung Kumey district, have been arrested in the case.

Meanwhile, Naharlagun SP Dr Nyelam Nega reiterated the Arunachal Pradesh Police's commitment to combating the drug menace and appealed to the public to extend active cooperation in building a drug-free society.

SOUTH

15,000 km, 5 States, Fake Identities: How Kerala Excise Hunted A Drug Network

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It started with one Creta and 3.5 kg of MDMA on a Kerala highway.

Kozhikode:

When Kerala's Excise on April 23 seized nearly 3.5 kg of MDMA, one of the biggest synthetic drug seizures in the region, little did it know the trail of investigation would send an 11-member investigation team on a 15,000-km hunt across five states, from the Rajasthan border to a hideout near Nepal.

Here is the thrilling story that leads to the Nigerian national still out at large.

Shafeeq PK, 36, from Malappuram, and YouTube influencer Fathima Nasreen, 20, were arrested, but the investigators soon realised they may have caught only the couriers of a much bigger operation. What followed resembled a cross-country manhunt.

Rs 5-Lakh Bribe Offer Opens A Bigger Trail

Four days after the seizure, Excise officers summoned the registered owner of the Creta, Umar Farooq, for questioning.

According to the Excise press release, Farooq allegedly offered the Assistant Excise Commissioner Rs 5 lakh as a bribe after realising that investigators suspected his involvement. He was arrested the next day.

Phone analysis then pointed investigators towards Muhammed Mustafa alias Bilal, 28, from Tirur.

Tracking him was not easy. Investigators say Bilal used WhatsApp registered to a UAE number on a phone without a SIM card. He allegedly connected to other people's Wi-Fi networks to communicate, leaving investigators without the conventional mobile-tower trail used to locate suspects.

The SIT eventually traced him to Kankavli in Maharashtra.

Excise says Bilal was preparing to travel towards Delhi and eventually escape to Nepal when a six-member Kerala team caught him on April 28.

Investigators allege Bilal and Shafeeq were reinvesting profits from earlier drug trafficking to build a much larger narcotics network.

The investigation also threw up another disturbing lead: Bilal was allegedly linked to trafficking Chinese-made pistols, purchased for around Rs 85,000 near the Rajasthan border and sold elsewhere in India.

Two Cars, Nine Officers And A Road Trip To Rajasthan

On May 5, nine SIT officers began another journey. With Bilal and Shafeeq in custody, they drove in two vehicles all the way to Jaipur.

Along the route, the team collected CCTV footage, toll plaza records and lodge details to reconstruct the alleged MDMA procurement route.

Their search led to a flat in Jaipur's Mansarovar area allegedly used by Hiran Karthikeyan, 31, an Alappuzha native with multiple cases against him in different states.

But Hiran had disappeared.

The SIT learned that he and his associate Aromal, alias Gagan, 22, had travelled to Siliguri in West Bengal, apparently intending to cross the border into Nepal.

Like Bilal, Hiran allegedly avoided conventional mobile tracking. His WhatsApp was registered to an Armenian number, while he communicated through Wi-Fi.

Three excise officers flew to Siliguri. This time, they became tourists.

Kerala Officers Turn 'Tourists' Near Nepal

The officers moved around Siliguri's Green Park tourist area without revealing their identities, searching for the two men among homestays and tourists.

Eventually, they found the homestay.

On May 12, Hiran and Aromal were arrested.

The suspects were produced before a Jalpaiguri court, a transit warrant was secured, and the Kerala team flew them back to Kozhikode.

The department says one decision proved critical to the operation: silence.

After the first two arrests, Kerala Excise had largely stopped publicising developments in the investigation. There was a reason.

Investigators discovered that one suspect had stored photographs of Excise intelligence officers that had appeared on social media after the initial bust. Officers suspected the pictures were being circulated so members of the network could recognise investigators approaching their hideouts.

The information blackout meant Hiran and Aromal apparently did not know how close the investigation had come. Excise believes that helped prevent them from immediately crossing into Nepal.

In Tamil Nadu, Women Officers Changed Their Identity

The next hunt took investigators south.

Police records and financial transactions allegedly showed that Shafeeq was using a SIM card and Axis Bank account belonging to Ramsiya, 26, described by investigators as his live-in partner.

Her location led officers to Tenkasi in Tamil Nadu.

She was hiding in a densely populated residential locality, Excise says, making a conventional police-style raid risky. So the women officers on the SIT changed tactics.

They entered the neighbourhood posing as Tamil Nadu government officials offering financial assistance to divorced women.

The cover worked. Ramsiya was located and arrested on June 5.

Investigators say they recovered a book containing records of suspected drug transactions and glass-tube devices allegedly used for consuming MDMA.

Then Came The Nigerian Connection

The investigation eventually brought officers back to Jaipur, where another search of Hiran's flat allegedly yielded MDMA and other evidence.

During questioning, Hiran gave investigators a crucial lead.

He allegedly told them that his supplier was a Nigerian national he had met while lodged in Bengaluru's Parappana Agrahara Central Prison in another NDPS case.

He knew the man only as "Frank Maxin".

Investigators took Hiran to the Bengaluru prison and showed him photographs of Nigerian nationals who had been lodged there during the relevant period. He identified a man.

Kerala Excise says further investigation established his identity as Emmanuel Afam, 46.

The SIT alleges Afam used around 19 Indian and Nigerian mobile numbers and communicated through phones without SIM cards, Wi-Fi networks and applications capable of scrambling IP addresses.

Investigators obtained his travel records through the Foreigners Regional Registration Office.

Afam has now been named as the eighth accused. A Vadakara NDPS court issued an arrest warrant against him, while a Look Out Circular was issued through the Bureau of Immigration.

He remains among the accused yet to be arrested.

The Car Itself Was Built To Carry Drugs

The Creta that triggered the entire investigation also had another secret.

Excise says the hidden compartment used to transport MDMA had been specially fabricated at a workshop in Kankavli, Maharashtra.

Officers travelled there posing as customers interested in modifying their own vehicle.

They eventually arrested workshop operator Sandesh Mohan Walke, 27.

The investigation also led to the arrest of Noushad, 49, from Kozhikode, who allegedly purchased MDMA from Shafeeq and Umar Farooq and transferred money into Ramsiya's account.

15,000 Km, 8,000 Calls, 160 Tower Locations

By the time the operation reached this stage, the numbers showed the scale of the investigation.

The SIT says its officers travelled approximately 15,000 km across five states, including two trips to Jaipur, three to Kankavli, three to Bengaluru and operations in Siliguri and Tenkasi.

They examined around 8,000 phone calls, more than 50 mobile phones, 160 tower locations, over 30 bank accounts and nearly 100 social media accounts.

Ten toll plazas were checked.

Five lodges and eight houses were raided.

Apart from the original seizure, another 24 grams of MDMA was recovered along with 13 mobile phones, four CCTV hard disks and around 50 documentary exhibits.

The operation was carried out under the supervision of Kozhikode Deputy Excise Commissioner Jimmy Joseph, with Assistant Excise Commissioner S. Nijumon as investigating officer. Wayanad Assistant Excise Commissioner RN Baiju was among the senior officers involved.

For Kerala Excise, the case that started beside a highway in Kozhikode had become something much larger.

Suspects allegedly communicated through foreign WhatsApp numbers and borrowed Wi-Fi. Cars were modified with secret drug compartments. Officers discovered their own photographs on suspects' phones. Women investigators assumed false identities. Another team pretended to be tourists while hunting two men near the Nepal border.

It started with one Creta and 3.5 kg of MDMA on a Kerala highway. Fifteen thousand kilometres later, the trail had crossed five states, uncovered an alleged arms link and reached a Nigerian suspect at the centre of an interstate synthetic-drug investigation.

WEST

Fadnavis Orders Crackdown on Drug Mafia, Pledges 'Drug-Free Maharashtra'

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Mumbai: Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis has directed the state administration to adopt an aggressive, zero-tolerance approach against drug peddlers, mafias and the illegal networks pushing young people into substance abuse, as part of the government's mission to build a "Drug-Free Maharashtra."

Chairing a high-level review meeting at his official residence, Varsha, Fadnavis instructed the administration to remain on high alert and take decisive action against the entire ecosystem involved in the illegal drug trade. The meeting was attended by Ministers of State for Home (Rural) Dr Pankaj Bhoyar and Home (Urban) Yogesh Kadam.

The Chief Minister directed authorities to immediately remove all illegal stalls and establishments operating around schools and colleges and ensure that educational institutions and their surrounding areas are declared drug-free zones.

Rehabilitation Alongside Strict Enforcement

Recognising that young people struggling with addiction also need rehabilitation, the government has decided to establish modern de-addiction centres at all government medical colleges across the state. The initiative aims to treat and rehabilitate people battling substance dependence rather than treating them solely as offenders.

The government will also strengthen the legal response to drug-related offences. Special fast-track courts under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act are proposed to ensure speedy disposal of cases. A separate panel of special public prosecutors will also be appointed to handle narcotics-related cases effectively.

Districts to Be Ranked on Anti-Drug Performance

To ensure accountability and prevent administrative delays, district-level committees will be evaluated on their performance in tackling the drug menace. A district ranking system will be developed to assess the effectiveness of enforcement and prevention measures.

The state-level campaign will be directly monitored by the N-CORD State-Level Apex Committee, chaired by Chief Minister Fadnavis. The committee will oversee coordination among various agencies and monitor progress in the fight against narcotics.

The government's multi-pronged strategy combines strict action against drug mafias and traffickers with prevention, rehabilitation and faster prosecution. The initiative is aimed at dismantling the illegal drug supply chain while protecting Maharashtra's youth from the growing threat of substance abuse.

Mumbai: 43 Lawyers Seek More NDPS Courts As 4,747 Cases Remain Pending

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Forty-three lawyers have urged the Bombay High Court to increase Mumbai's special NDPS courts from four to eight amid a backlog of 4,747 cases. They cited prolonged trials, heavy daily listings and 15-16 new cases each week, with one case pending since 1989.

Lawyers have urged the Bombay High Court to expand the number of special NDPS courts in Mumbai amid a heavy case backlog | AI Generated Representational Image

Mumbai, August 20, 2026: Concerned over a backlog of around 4,747 cases registered under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, including one dating back to 1989, 43 lawyers have written to the Bombay High Court seeking an increase in the number of special courts hearing drug trafficking and consumption cases.

Lawyers Seek More Special Courts

Earlier this month, the lawyers submitted a letter to HC guardian judges Justice MS Karnik and Justice Neela Gokhale, seeking an increase in the number of special courts from four to eight.

The lawyers said there are currently four special NDPS courts, of which one has remained vacant for the past two months. Around 4,747 cases are pending before these courts, while trials are under way in only 509.

Heavy Caseload Slows Trials

According to the letter, the courts are able to conclude no more than two cases a month because they must handle the heavy pendency and custody matters along with bail pleas, remand applications and other miscellaneous applications. Around 60 cases are listed before each court every day.

Adding to the burden, an average of 15 to 16 new cases are registered every week by agencies including the Narcotics Control Bureau, Directorate of Revenue Intelligence, customs, Anti Narcotics Cell of the Mumbai Police and local police stations.

Long Custody And Delays

The lawyers said that in several cases, accused persons remain in custody for more than three years before their trials begin, with many of them being women. Trials can also be lengthy because the list of witnesses often ranges from 15 to 40, while some cases have more than 100 cited witnesses.

A senior public prosecutor representing special agencies, speaking on condition of anonymity, said cases involving accused persons who are on bail get delayed because cases involving those in custody are given priority. In several instances, accused persons also abscond by the time their cases reach the trial stage, causing further delays.

“This delay further collapses the judiciary system as it is difficult to trace witnesses, evidences, besides, the record also gets misplaced and seized contraband with passage of time loses its veracity. All this also results in agencies losing their case before the court,” the prosecutor said, stressing the need for more courts and better infrastructure.

Noted criminal lawyer Ayaz Khan, who has also one of the signatory to the letter said that, the judges presently are trying their best to dispose of the cases but with the huge quantum of the cases, they also cannot focus on trials. “With the huge work load the trial in the cases take a back stage, causing further delay. The judges cannot focus on quality as they have so many applications to decide which are time bound,” Khan said.

Meth in maize? How Indian authorities busted a novel transnational drug trafficking move

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DRI foiled a transnational drug smuggling attempt which involved meth amounted to ₹300 crore from the Nhava Sheva Port in Navi Mumbai

Highlights

- Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) seized 56kg of methamphetamine mixed with corn in an export consignment at Nava Sheva Port
- The drug was ingeniously concealed within agricultural commodity bags destined for Saudi Arabia
- The operation led to arrests of individuals involved in coordinating the shipment, with potential links to Pakistan-based narco-trafficking networks

India is the fifth-largest producer of maize (corn) in the world. Some know it as *bhutta*, others know it as *makki atta*, and—if the latest news is to be factored in—certain actors know it as the perfect mule commodity to transport drugs. Or so they thought.

In an intelligence-led op led by the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI), authorities recovered a whopping 56kg of methamphetamine (more commonly known as meth) from an export consignment at the Nhava Sheva Port in Navi Mumbai. The enforcement action happened between August 16 and 17.

The street value of the contraband could go up to ₹300 crore. According to DRI, the meth was "ingeniously mixed with maize in one of the 351 bags contained in this consignment". It was scheduled to head to Saudi Arabia from India.

"Investigation revealed that the transporter/freight forwarder was coordinating with an overseas buyer for transportation and customs clearance of the export consignment. Based on their respective roles in the attempted trafficking, both persons were arrested under the provisions of the NDPS Act, 1985," read the official statement from the Union Ministry of Finance.

Multiple ground reports have linked the consignment to a Mohammad Hussain Dad, who allegedly Pakistan-based narco-trafficking syndicate.

The DRI is yet to provide a statement regarding the allegations. It however noted: "The method of concealment—mixing a large quantity of Methamphetamine inextricably with maize and disguising the consignment as an ordinary agricultural commodity—represents a distinctive modus operandi intended to evade routine examination and detection during export."

From taking the usual dubious routes to the "dangerous smuggling rings" popularised by movies, Indian drug authorities might have seen it all. But the fact that the humble corn took up the burden to carry so much drugs points to the fact that even drug traffickers are getting increasingly innovative. But kudos to DRI for finding the maize in the maze.

Hybrid ganja worth Rs 20L seized from courier firm office

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Ahmedabad: The special operations group (SOG) of the city police seized 590g of hybrid ganja worth Rs 20.7 lakh from a courier facility on Gita Mandir Road in Behrampura. The contraband, sent from Kolkata, was concealed in biscuit and chocolate snack packaging to evade detection.

According to police, the parcel had arrived at a Shree Maruti Courier near Bhulabhai Park BRTS stand. Suspicion was raised when an unidentified man arrived to collect the consignment using its tracking ID. Courier staff found discrepancies in the delivery address, which mentioned Upleta in Rajkot, and asked him to produce identity documents.

The man allegedly produced fake credentials before fleeing the premises, leaving behind a contact number. Soon after, courier staff noticed a pungent smell coming from the parcel and alerted the cops.

A police team led by inspector K D Gohil, accompanied by independent govt witnesses and forensic science experts, searched the courier office and examined the consignment.

During the search, police found a large cardboard box containing sealed snack packets and carbon-wrapped parcels. The parcels contained 590g of high-grade hybrid cannabis, police said.

The SOG subsequently registered an FIR under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act. The accused mentioned in the FIR include Bikrant Sharma of Kolkata, who allegedly sent the parcel; Nirav Saha of Upleta, the intended recipient; and an unidentified person who had come to collect the consignment.

Police are investigating the identities and roles of the sender, recipient and pickup agent, as well as the source of the contraband and its intended distribution network.

Pune Crime: 43 Held During Anti-Drug Task Force Raid In Kondhwa; 3kg Ganja Seized

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Pune: The Maharashtra Anti-Drug Task Force's Pune unit conducted an early-morning operation in Kondhwa, arresting two alleged drug peddlers and detaining 43 people who had reportedly gathered to purchase cannabis, officials said on Thursday.

Police seized around 3kg of ganja, 14 two-wheelers, three three-wheelers, 35 mobile phones and ₹26,960 in cash during the operation.

The two alleged drug peddlers have been identified as Aju Ahmed Shaikh, a resident of Kondhwa, and Ganesh Sidhu Patole, a resident of Buddhavihar Society in Kondhwa. According to police, Patole worked for Shaikh for a monthly payment of ₹500. Both allegedly have two previous cases registered against them under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, including a case involving possession of 200 grams of cannabis.

Acting on information that cannabis was being sold in Kondhwa, the Anti-Drug Task Force laid a trap near a dargah in Shivneri Galli, Kakade Vasti. Shaikh and Patole allegedly arrived at the spot carrying cannabis and were apprehended by the police.

As part of the operation, some police personnel went undercover and posed as customers. They allegedly approached the accused to purchase cannabis worth ₹500 or ₹1,000. Once prospective buyers asked to purchase the drug, the undercover personnel took them aside and detained them.

According to police, 43 people arrived at the spot to allegedly purchase cannabis and were subsequently taken into custody for questioning.

The operation was carried out under the supervision of Jyotipriya Singh, head of the Maharashtra Anti-Drug Task Force's Pune unit, along with Deputy Inspector General Pravin Patil, Deputy Commissioner of Police Anuj Tare, Deputy Superintendent of Police Nandini Vagyani and other officers and personnel.

Further investigation is underway to ascertain the source of the cannabis and the network involved in its distribution.

नागपुर में MD ड्रग्स पर क्राइम ब्रांच का शिकंजा, 10 ग्राम मेफेड्रोन के साथ युवक गिरफ्तार

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नागपुर: शहर में नशे के कारोबार के खिलाफ क्राइम ब्रांच की कार्रवाई लगातार जारी है। क्राइम ब्रांच यूनिट-4 ने नंदनवन थाना क्षेत्र के केडीके टी-पॉइंट पर कार्रवाई करते हुए 10 ग्राम मेफेड्रोन (MD) के साथ एक युवक को गिरफ्तार किया है। आरोपी के पास से मोबाइल फोन, मोपेड और नकदी समेत करीब 1.78 लाख रुपये का माल जब्त किया गया है।

10 ग्राम MD के साथ आरोपी गिरफ्तार

क्राइम ब्रांच यूनिट-4 की टीम ने केडीके टी-पॉइंट पर संदिग्ध अवस्था में घूम रहे नूर मोहम्मद उर्फ मोबीन को हिरासत में लिया। तलाशी के दौरान उसके पास से करीब 10 ग्राम मेफेड्रोन (MD) बरामद हुआ।

पुलिस ने MD के अलावा आरोपी के पास से मोबाइल फोन, मोपेड और नकदी भी जब्त की। जब्त किए गए सामान की कुल कीमत करीब 1 लाख 78 हजार रुपये बताई जा रही है।

महिला से MD खरीदने का दावा

पूछताछ के दौरान आरोपी ने कथित तौर पर पुलिस को बताया कि उसने यह MD रुखसार नामक महिला से खरीदा था। इसके बाद पुलिस ने रुखसार की तलाश शुरू कर दी है।

पुलिस के अनुसार, रुखसार का पति कथित तौर पर ड्रग्स तस्करी के एक मामले में जेल में बंद है। जांच में यह जानकारी सामने आई है कि पति के जेल जाने के बाद रुखसार कथित तौर पर ड्रग्स के कारोबार को संभाल रही थी। पुलिस अब इस दावे की भी जांच कर रही है।

ड्रग्स नेटवर्क की जांच जारी

गिरफ्तार आरोपी को मेडिकल जांच के बाद आगे की कानूनी कार्रवाई के लिए नंदनवन पुलिस के हवाले कर दिया गया है। वहीं, क्राइम ब्रांच रुखसार की तलाश के साथ-साथ इस नेटवर्क से जुड़े अन्य लोगों की जानकारी जुटा रही है।

पुलिस को उम्मीद है कि रुखसार की गिरफ्तारी के बाद शहर में MD की सप्लाई से जुड़े नेटवर्क के बारे में और अहम जानकारी सामने आ सकती है।

ठाणे में मेफेड्रोन बरामद, 20 लाख रुपये नकद जब्त; चार गिरफ्तार

 hindi.theprint.in/india/mephedrone-recovered-in-thane-rs-20-lakh-in-cash-seized-four-arrested/1016855

भाषा

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ठाणे, 21 अगस्त (भाषा) महाराष्ट्र के ठाणे जिले में पुलिस ने मादक पदार्थ मेफेड्रोन बरामद कर 20 लाख रुपये से अधिक की नकदी जब्त की है तथा इस सिलसिले में चार लोगों को गिरफ्तार किया है। एक अधिकारी ने यह जानकारी दी।

उल्हासनगर के पुलिस उपायुक्त (डीसीपी) सचिन गोरे ने बताया कि संदिग्ध गतिविधियों की सूचना मिलने के बाद पुलिस ने हाल में भगत सिंह नगर इलाके में तलाशी अभियान चलाया।

पुलिस उपाधीक्षक ने बृहस्पतिवार को बताया कि पुलिस ने इस दौरान 33.41 ग्राम मेफेड्रोन बरामद किया, जिसकी कीमत करीब 6.68 लाख रुपये आंकी गई है। इसके अलावा पुलिस ने 20.76 लाख रुपये नकद और 64,700 रुपये मूल्य के सोने-चांदी के आभूषण भी जब्त किए।

उन्होंने बताया कि इस मामले में अयाज साहिबजाद सैयद, नूरजहां तौफीक शेख, शकीरा इश्तियाक अंसारी और शरीफ सलीम शेख को गिरफ्तार किया गया है।

उन्होंने कहा कि अदालत ने चारों आरोपियों को 21 अगस्त तक पुलिस हिरासत में भेज दिया है। जांच के दौरान चार अन्य संदिग्धों का पता चला है जिनकी तलाश के लिए पुलिस की टीमें जुटी हुई हैं।

अधिकारी ने बताया कि उल्हासनगर पुलिस ने पिछले एक साल में करीब पांच करोड़ रुपये मूल्य के मादक पदार्थ बरामद किए हैं।

NORTH

A Kashmiri Pandit's arrest opens a new front in J&K drugs-terror probe

 indianexpress.com/article/india/kashmiri-pandit-arrested-jammu-narco-terror-financing-sia-10842794

Arun Sharma

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The SIA has arrested 35-year-old Manoj Kumar Bhat in Jammu over alleged links to a cross-LoC narcotics trafficking and terror-financing network. (Express Photo by Shuaib Masoodi)

When the sleuths of the State Investigation Agency (SIA) arrested a 35-year-old man from Jammu for alleged involvement in [a cross-border narco-terror financing network](#), it revealed a new and challenging dimension of the problem.

A specialised anti-terrorism and law enforcement agency set up by the J&K government, SIA has been looking for this man for four years to little success. The man, now 35, would keep changing his hideout, and rarely carried a mobile phone. He had managed to give police the slip, leaving behind a stash of heroin, only three months ago.

The arrest, therefore, marked a major success for the police.

Punjab Police's Major Anti-Drug Drive: 1,331 Arrested in Fazilka

oneindia.com/india/punjab-anti-drug-crackdown-fazilka-arrests-ndps-act-012-8182717.html

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Punjab police report a major anti-drug drive in Fazilka, arresting 1,331 people in 924 NDPS Act cases. The operation yielded heroin, opium, charas, and thousands of capsules, with vehicles seized. Emphasis on rehabilitation and enhanced surveillance supports ongoing community safety efforts.

Under the Punjab Government's anti-drug campaign "Yudh Nasheyan Virudh" (War Against Drugs), Fazilka Police has carried out a major crackdown on drug trafficking over the past eight months. A total of 1,331 accused persons have been arrested in 924 cases registered under the NDPS Act. During the operation, police recovered more than 41 kg of heroin, along with opium, charas, and thousands of intoxicating capsules and tablets. Authorities also seized 38 vehicles allegedly used for drug trafficking.

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Punjab Director General of Police (DGP) Gaurav Yadav said that along with strict action against drug smugglers, the campaign is also focusing on rehabilitation and de-addiction. Hundreds of people have been linked to de-addiction centres and treatment programmes.

Fazilka Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Gagan Ajit Singh said the police have also intensified action against associates of gangsters. Several cases have been registered under the Arms Act, leading to the recovery of weapons, ammunition and drones. He added that CCTV surveillance, digital forensic tools and modern technology have helped police improve crime detection and investigations.

Apart from enforcement, the police have organised awareness campaigns and community outreach programmes to educate people about the dangers of drug abuse. Officials said the anti-drug drive will continue with the aim of making society safer and drug-free.

NDPS trial delays: HC summons Haryana DGP to explain police witnesses' absence

 tribuneindia.com/news/news-legal/ndps-trial-delays-hc-summons-haryana-dgp-to-explain-police-witnesses-absence

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Court says repeated non-appearance despite warrants is a 'deeply disturbing and systemic lapse'; accused granted interim bail

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The Punjab and Haryana High Court has directed the Haryana Director-General of Police to remain personally present before it on the next date of hearing and explain why prosecution witnesses, particularly police officials, are repeatedly failing to appear before trial courts to record their evidence in NDPS cases despite warrants being issued against them.

The direction was issued by Justice Sumeet Goel while dealing with a petition seeking regular bail in a drugs case registered at a police station in Ambala district under the provisions of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act in January last year.

After hearing counsel Ashok Giri and Mohit Giri for the petitioner, the court noted that the accused was arrested on January 24, 2025, and the challan was presented on June 24, 2025. Although 19 prosecution witnesses had been cited, "none has been examined till date."

The court also recorded that the plea was the petitioner's second attempt to seek regular bail. The first petition had been dismissed as withdrawn on November 19, 2025. Justice Goel, during the course of hearing, noted that the problem of official witnesses not appearing in NDPS trials was not confined to the present case.

"It has been repeatedly observed that official witnesses in NDPS cases—who, in most cases, comprise police personnel—are consistently failing to appear before the court to tender their evidence, despite the issuance of bailable warrants and, in numerous instances, even non-bailable warrants," Justice Goel observed.

The court noted that the problem extended even to the execution of warrants. "Alarming, there exist several cases where even bailable warrants remain unexecuted for extended periods, resulting in routine adjournments of trials under the NDPS Act solely on this count."

Describing the situation as more than an isolated lapse, Justice Goel termed it as "a deeply disturbing and systemic lapse in the prosecutorial mechanism, whereby the trial is stalled indefinitely due to the indifference or willful non-cooperation of official witnesses."

The Court linked the failure of official witnesses to the constitutional right to a speedy trial. "Such conduct not only frustrates the right of the accused—whether incarcerated or on bail—to a speedy trial as enshrined under Article 21 of the Constitution of India, but also gravely undermines the

administration of criminal justice,” Justice Goel observed.

The court also expressed concern over the consequences of such conduct for public confidence in the justice system. Justice Goel observed: “The abdication of duty by official witnesses, who are employees of the State, erodes public confidence in the justice delivery system and emboldens criminal elements by showcasing prosecutorial apathy.”

The court cautioned against a situation in which procedural failures were allowed to impede the functioning of courts by saying: “It sets a dangerous precedent where procedural laxity takes precedence over judicial efficacy.”

The order also connected the delay in trials with the larger objective of the NDPS Act. Justice Goel observed: “The resultant delay compromises deterrence and enables the recycling of narcotic offenders back into society during pendency of trial and obstructs the overarching objective of the NDPS Act—namely, the containment of the menace of drug trafficking and substance abuse.”

The Court said the failure of State officials, particularly serving police officials, to perform their duties amounted to “an affront to both rule of law and societal welfare. “Senior police officials—in particular, at the helm of the police force at the district level, i.e. the concerned SSP/SP are also under a bounden duty to monitor the conduct of police officials and ensure their presence for tendering evidence before the concerned trial court,” Justice Goel added.

The court also questioned the failure of senior officers to address the conduct of officials working under their supervision. “This seeming abdication of duty by the senior police officials, by not paying any heed to this conduct of police officials, under their supervision, is, thus, a malady to which this court finds itself unable to turn a nelson’s eye,” Justice Goel observed.

Against this backdrop, the court ordered the petitioner to be released on interim regular bail until the next date of hearing. At the same time, it directed the Haryana DGP to appear personally and explain the situation. “The Director-General of Police, Haryana, is directed to remain present, in Court, on the next date of hearing to explain the malady of prosecution witnesses, especially when such witnesses are police officials, not appearing in the trial Court for having their testimony recorded as prosecution witnesses, despite repeated warrants having been issued against them,” Justice Goel added, while fixing the matter for September 1.

Amritsar police seize 5.569 Kg heroin in three separate operations

 punjabnewsline.com/news/amritsar-police-seize-5569-kg-heroin-in-three-separate-operations

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Amritsar Police have launched a major crackdown on drug trafficking, recovering a total of **5.569 kg of heroin** in three separate operations. Five suspects have been arrested and cases have been registered against them under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act. Police are now questioning the accused to trace the source of the heroin and identify others involved in the supply network.

The first operation was carried out by the Lopoke police in **Vanike village**. According to police, they received information that **Sandeep Singh and Soraf Singh** were allegedly procuring heroin from Pakistan and supplying it to different districts of Punjab. Acting on the information, police arrested both suspects and recovered **4 kg of heroin** from their possession. Investigators are questioning them to identify other members of the alleged supply network.

The second operation took place in the **Gharinda police station area**, where police arrested **Arjun Singh**, a resident of Bachiwind. Police said he was allegedly involved in selling heroin and was waiting to deliver the drug to another person. A search led to the recovery of **1 kg of heroin** from his possession.

In another operation in the Gharinda area, police arrested **Vanshdeep Singh and Karandeep Singh**. According to investigators, the two were allegedly walking from the **Defence Canal side towards Attari** to supply heroin. Police stopped and searched them, recovering **569 grams of heroin along with packing material**.

Police said questioning of all five accused is underway to establish the wider drug supply chain and identify other people allegedly involved in the trafficking network.

Three held with 35-gm heroin-like substance in Reasi, Kathua

 dailyexcelsior.com/three-held-with-35-gm-heroin-like-substance-in-reasi-kathua/amp

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JAMMU, Aug 20: Three individuals were arrested and 35-gram of heroin-like substance was recovered from their possession in separate operations in Reasi and Kathua districts today, officials said.

In one of the operations at Baradhari naka area in Reasi district, they said, two persons, identified as Mohammad Parvez of Seela Reasi, and Mohammad Riyaz of Kansipatta, Reasi, were arrested with 28-gram of the narcotic substance.

They were accordingly booked in case FIR number 151/2026 registered under sections 8/21/22/25/29 of the NDPS Act registered at Police Station Reasi.

Meanwhile, one Bodh Raj of Nagri Parole, Kathua, was arrested with 7-gram of heroin-like substance from Mukandpur area under the jurisdiction of Police Station Rajbagh.

He was booked in case FIR number 194/2026 under sections 8/21/22 of the NDPS Act registered at Police Station Rajbagh.

Officials said further investigations in both the cases are underway to ascertain the backward and forward linkages of the arrested individuals.

Panipat News: एनडीपीएस कोर्ट ने एक साल में 96 प्रतिशत मामलों में दोषियों को सुनाई सजा

अ amarujala.com/haryana/panipat/the-ndps-court-sentenced-the-accused-in-96-percent-of-cases-within-a-year-panipat-news-c-244-1-pnp1012-162688-2026-08-21

अमर उजाला ब्यूरो

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पानीपत। पानीपत में नशा तस्करी के नेटवर्क को तोड़ने के लिए अभियोजन द्वारा अदालतों में चल रहे मामलों में सख्त पैरवी की जा रही है। यही कारण है कि एक साल में पानीपत की एनडीपीएस स्पेशल कोर्ट में 96 प्रतिशत मामलों में सजा हुई है। यह आंकड़ा पूरे प्रदेश में टॉप पर है। अभी कोर्ट में 17 ऐसे मामले हैं जिनकी सुनवाई पूरी हो चुकी है। इनमें भी जल्द ही अदालत का फैसला होना है।

जिले में नशे के बढ़ते मामलों को देखते हुए जुलाई 2025 से एनडीपीएस एक्ट के लिए स्पेशल कोर्ट का गठन किया गया था। अतिरिक्त जिला एवं सत्र न्यायाधीश योगेश चौधरी की अदालत नशा तस्करी के मामलों की सुनवाई चल रही है। एक साल में अदालत में 115 मामलों का निस्तारण किया गया। इनमें से 112 मामलों में सजा सुनाई गई है। मात्र तीन मामले ही ऐसे हैं जिनमें आरोपियों को करीब किया गया है।

खास बात यह है कि 115 में 22 मामले वाणिज्यिक से संबंधित थे। जिनमें तस्करों को अधिकतम 20 साल की सजा सुनाई गई है। अदालत में मामलों की पैरवी कर रहे उप जिला न्यायवादी कुलदीप सिंह ढुल ने बताया कि एनडीपीएस के मामलों में तकनीकी रूप से सशक्त पैरवी की जा रही है। जिससे बड़ी संख्या में अपराधियों को सजा दिलाने में सफलता मिली है।

चरस तस्कर को 12 साल की कैद, 1.50 लाख अर्थदंड

 livehindustan.com/national/story-unnao-12-year-sentence-for-sonu-in-ndps-act-case-involving-1-175-kg-charas-201787250527723.amp.html

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उन्नाव में एनडीपीएस एक्ट के तहत सोनू को 12 साल की सश्रम कारावास और 1.50 लाख रुपये के अर्थदंड की सजा सुनाई गई। यह मामला 29 दिसंबर 2023 को थाना दही पुलिस द्वारा 1.175 किलोग्राम चरस के साथ गिरफ्तारी के बाद दर्ज किया गया था। न्यायालय ने अभियोजन की प्रभावी पैरवी के बाद सोनू को दोषी ठहराया।

उन्नाव। एनडीपीएस एक्ट के मामले में अपर जिला एवं सत्र न्यायाधीश-तृतीय की अदालत ने दोषी सोनू पुत्र भंगड़ निवासी ग्राम डीह थाना कोतवाली सदर को 12 वर्ष के सश्रम कारावास और 1.50 लाख रुपये के अर्थदंड की सजा सुनाई है। मामला 29 दिसंबर 2023 का है। थाना दही पुलिस ने सोनू को 1.175 किलोग्राम चरस के साथ गिरफ्तार किया था। विवेचना पूरी करने के बाद पुलिस ने 20 फरवरी 2024 को न्यायालय में आरोप पत्र दाखिल किया। इसके बाद अभियोजन विभाग से विनय प्रकाश शुक्ल और मॉनीटरिंग सेल ने मामले की लगातार प्रभावी पैरवी की गई। न्यायालय ने दोषी करार देते हुए सजा सुनाई।

Rudrapur News: दिनेशपुर में 57 ग्राम हेरोइन के साथ आरोपी गिरफ्तार

 livehindustan.com/uttarakhand/rudrapur/story-dineshpur-police-seizes-57-grams-of-heroin-one-arrested-in-drug-bust-201787229319045.amp.html

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Rudrapur News: नशे के अवैध कारोबार के खिलाफ चलाए जा रहे अभियान में दिनेशपुर पुलिस को बड़ी सफलता मिली है। पुलिस ने ग्राम बुकसौरा क्षेत्र में कार्रवाई करते हुए 57 ग्रा

Rudrapur News: दिनेशपुर, संवाददाता। नशे के अवैध कारोबार के खिलाफ चलाए जा रहे अभियान में दिनेशपुर पुलिस को बड़ी सफलता मिली है। पुलिस ने बुकसौरा गांव क्षेत्र में 57 ग्राम हेरोइन के साथ एक आरोपी को गिरफ्तार किया है। बरामद हेरोइन की कीमत करीब 17 लाख रुपये बताई जा रही है। पुलिस ने आरोपी के खिलाफ एनडीपीएस एक्ट के तहत मुकदमा दर्ज किया है। वरिष्ठ पुलिस अधीक्षक अजय गणपति के निर्देश पर जिलेभर में मादक पदार्थों की तस्करी और बिक्री के खिलाफ अभियान चलाया जा रहा है। दिनेशपुर पुलिस को ग्राम बुकसौरा क्षेत्र में मादक पदार्थों की बिक्री की सूचना मिल रही थी।

पुलिस टीम ने ग्राम बुकसौरा में संदिग्ध अवस्था में एक व्यक्ति को पकड़ा। तलाशी लेने पर उसके कब्जे से 57 ग्राम हेरोइन बरामद हुई। पुलिस के अनुसार गिरफ्तार आरोपी की पहचान छिन्दर सिंह पुत्र दर्शन सिंह निवासी ग्राम बुकसौरा, थाना दिनेशपुर के रूप में हुई है। पूछताछ में बरामद हेरोइन के स्रोत और इसकी आपूर्ति से जुड़े लोगों के संबंध में अहम जानकारी पुलिस को मिली है। पुलिस अब इन सुरागों का सत्यापन कर रही है। थानाध्यक्ष पंकज कुमार ने कहा है कि क्षेत्र में नशे का कारोबार किसी भी कीमत पर बर्दाश्त नहीं किया जाएगा। पुलिस टीम में उपनिरीक्षक अर्जुन सिंह, चौकी प्रभारी जयनगर, एसआई सुरेंद्र सिंह बोरा, महेंद्र आदि शामिल रहे।

132 किलो 630 ग्राम अफीम डोडाचूरा से भरी कार जब्त, एस्कॉर्ट आरोपी गिरफ्तार

pratahkal.com/amp/chittorgarh/afim-dodachura-132-kg-seizure-accused-arrested-sadas-1624237

Gopal Khatik, Chittorgarh

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साड़ास पुलिस ने 132 किलो 630 ग्राम अफीम डोडाचूरा से भरी कार जब्त कर एस्कॉर्ट आरोपी को गिरफ्तार किया, दो तस्करों की तलाश जारी।

पुलिस थाना साड़ास ने मादक पदार्थों की तस्करी के विरुद्ध कार्रवाई करते हुए 132 किलो 630 ग्राम अवैध अफीम डोडाचूरा से भरी किया सेल्टोस कार जब्त की है। नाकाबंदी के दौरान कार छोड़कर अंधेरे का फायदा उठाकर झाड़ियों में फरार हुए दो तस्करों की तलाश के बीच पुलिस ने कार को एस्कॉर्ट करने वाले आरोपी बन्टी बंजारा को गिरफ्तार कर लिया। उसके कब्जे से तस्करी में प्रयुक्त हीरो स्प्लेण्डर प्रो मोटरसाइकिल भी जब्त की गई।

जिला पुलिस अधीक्षक श्री धर्मेन्द्र सिंह ने बताया कि पुलिस मुख्यालय द्वारा चलाए जा रहे विशेष अभियान के तहत अवैध मादक पदार्थों की धरपकड़ के लिए अति. पुलिस अधीक्षक गजेन्द्रसिंह जोधा एवं पुलिस उप अधीक्षक गंगारार उदयसिंह चुण्डावत के सुपरविजन में कार्रवाई की गई।

19 अगस्त 2026 को थानाधिकारी सोनाली शर्मा के नेतृत्व में नाकाबंदी की जा रही थी। इसी दौरान दो तस्कर एक कार को छोड़कर अंधेरे का फायदा उठाते हुए झाड़ियों में भाग गए। पुलिस ने सर्च ऑपरेशन चलाकर उनकी तलाश के काफी प्रयास किए, लेकिन उनका कोई पता नहीं चला।

इसके बाद पुलिस ने किया सेल्टोस कार की तलाशी ली। तलाशी के दौरान कार से 132 किलो 630 ग्राम अवैध अफीम डोडाचूरा बरामद हुआ। पुलिस ने अवैध अफीम डोडाचूरा सहित किया सेल्टोस कार को जब्त कर लिया।

कार को एस्कॉर्ट करने वाले आरोपी बन्टी पुत्र शम्भुलाल बंजारा, उम्र 21 साल, निवासी कुंवालिया का खेड़ा, पुलिस थाना साड़ास, जिला चित्तौड़गढ़ को मौके पर गिरफ्तार किया गया। पुलिस ने एस्कॉर्टिंग में प्रयुक्त हीरो स्प्लेण्डर प्रो मोटरसाइकिल भी जब्त की।

आरोपी बन्टी बंजारा के खिलाफ एनडीपीएस एक्ट में प्रकरण पंजीबद्ध कर अनुसंधान जारी है। वहीं, कार छोड़कर फरार हुए दोनों तस्करों की तलाश में पुलिस के प्रयास जारी हैं।

Bilaspur News: नशे के खिलाफ जागरूकता शिबिर में दिलाई शपथ

A amarujala.com/himachal-pradesh/bilaspur/pledge-administered-at-an-anti-drug-awareness-camp-bilaspur-news-c-92-1-bls1001-165935-2026-08-21

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गेहड़वीं में आयोजित शिविर में युवाओं को नशे के दुष्प्रभावों के प्रति किया जागरूक

संवाद न्यूज एजेंसी गेहड़वीं (बिलासपुर)। सामाजिक न्याय एवं अधिकारिता विभाग की ओर से नशामुक्त भारत अभियान के तहत गुगा मंदिर गेहड़वीं में जागरूकता शिविर लगाया गया। एसडीएम झंडूता अर्शिया शर्मा ने शिविर की अध्यक्षता की। युवाओं, विद्यार्थियों, महिलाओं और स्थानीय लोगों को नशे के दुष्प्रभाव बताए गए और नशे से दूर रहने की शपथ दिलाई गई। एसडीएम ने कहा कि नशा मुक्त समाज के लिए सभी वर्गों की भागीदारी जरूरी है। उन्होंने युवाओं से नशे से दूर रहने और दूसरों को भी जागरूक करने का आह्वान किया। बीडीओ संजीव पुरी ने नशे को समाज के लिए गंभीर चुनौती बताया। पुलिस आरक्षी सत्री कपिल ने एनडीपीएस अधिनियम की जानकारी दी, जबकि स्वास्थ्य शिक्षक कमल ने नशे से होने वाले शारीरिक और मानसिक नुकसान बताए। तहसील कल्याण अधिकारी कमल कांत ने जिले में चल रहे जागरूकता अभियान की जानकारी दी। कार्यक्रम में एसडीएम ने एक पेड़ मां के नाम अभियान के तहत पौधरोपण किया। इस मौके पर पंचायत प्रतिनिधियों सहित अन्य लोग मौजूद रहे।

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Bengal Cabinet approves dedicated ATS, anti-narcotics force in big move

 indiatoday.in/india/story/bengal-cabinet-approves-dedicated-ats-anti-narcotics-force-fight-terrorism-drugs-suvendu-adhikari-2975538-2026-08-20

Anirban Sinha Roy

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The West Bengal Cabinet approved a dedicated Anti-Terrorism Squad (ATS) and a new anti-narcotics task force. The move clears more than 1,000 posts and signals a stronger tech-led response to terror and drug networks.

The decisions were taken at a Cabinet meeting, where the Suvendu Adhikari-led government also sanctioned more than 1,000 posts for the ATS and ANTF, and other security and administrative bodies.

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In a big move to strengthen law enforcement, the West Bengal Cabinet on Thursday approved the formation of a dedicated Anti-Terrorist Squad (ATS) and an Anti-Narcotics Task Force (ANTF) to counter terrorist networks and the growing drug trade in the state.

The ATS will function under the state police with a renewed mandate to counter terrorist and subversive activities. The government has sanctioned 461 regular and permanent posts for the squad, besides five contractual positions for experts in digital data analysis, cyber surveillance and technical support.

Four new ANTF police stations will be set up in Durgapur, Malda, Kharagpur and Nadia, according to administrative sources. The Cabinet has approved 591 new posts at various levels in the police and administration to support the anti-narcotics force.

Teacher 'running drugs unit' held in Jalpaiguri with brown sugar, fake notes

TT telegraphindia.com/west-bengal/teacher-running-drugs-unit-held-in-jalpaiguri-with-brown-sugar-fake-notes-prnt/cid/2175952

Our Correspondent

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A schoolteacher and another person were arrested in Nagrakata of Jalpaiguri for allegedly running a brown sugar processing unit and a narcotics racket from a rented accommodation on Wednesday night.

The arrested teacher, Ranjit Sikdar, 46, taught geography at the Lal Bahadur Shastri School in Nagrakata and was originally from Pakuahat under the Bamongola police station of Malda district.

The other accused, Dhiraj Mahato, is a resident of Pundibari in Cooch Behar. As Sikdar's aide, Mahato worked as a drug mule, the police said.

Acting on a tip-off, a team of the Jalpaiguri district police raided Sikdar's rented place near Chaucharia More in Nagrakata on Wednesday evening. They recovered around 68 grams of brown sugar, ₹8.49 lakh in cash, fake Indian currency notes with a face value of around ₹1 lakh, and some equipment used for processing and packaging narcotics.

A joint team of senior police officers conducted the raid. They were accompanied by a team of the Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB), along with a specially trained narcotics-detection dog, during the search.

During preliminary investigation, the police came to know that Sikdar used to obtain the raw material for the narcotics from Malda and processed it at his rented house in Nagrakata. The narcotics were then packed in different quantities and distributed through carriers to various parts of the Dooars and north Bengal.

The police have registered cases against the accused under relevant provisions of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act and laws relating to counterfeit currency.

"We have seized brown polyester cloth bearing traces of chemicals which seem to have been used in the drying and processing of narcotics, along with a large quantity of packaging material," said a police officer.

"Along with narcotics smuggling, it seems Sikdar is also associated with a network involved in smuggling and circulation of fake currency," the officer added.

Ashighar police arrest two women with 1 kg of brown sugar in Siliguri

siliguritimes.com/ashighar-police-arrest-two-women-with-1-kg-of-brown-sugar-in-siliguri

Siliguri Times

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Siliguri, 21st August: Ashighar police arrested two women and recovered one kilogram of brown sugar during a raid in the Tharughati area under the jurisdiction of the Ashighar outpost.

The arrested women have been identified as Sulekha Khatun, a resident of Malda, and Suprava Chakraborty, a resident of Naxalbari.

According to police sources, the duo had allegedly planned to trade the narcotics in the Tharughati area. Acting on a tip-off, police conducted a raid and detained the two women on suspicion. A search of their belongings led to the recovery of one kilogram of brown sugar.

Preliminary investigation revealed that the narcotics were allegedly brought from Malda and were to be handed over in the Farabari area.

The two accused were produced before the Jalpaiguri Court on Friday. Police have launched a detailed investigation into the case.

Brown Sugar Worth Rs 4.9 Lakh Seized In Jagatsinghpur, One Arrested

 ommcomnews.com/odisha-news/brown-sugar-worth-rs-4-9-lakh-seized-in-jagatsinghpur-one-arrested

OMMCOM NEWS

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Jagatsinghpur: The Excise department Squad of Jagatsinghpur district seized 49 grams of brown sugar worth an estimated Rs 4.90 lakh during a raid on Somanath Hat road and arrested a suspected drug peddler, officials said on Thursday.

According to District Excise Squad Inspector Prabhas Kumar Choudhury, the team had received information that Lipak Kumar Das of Galupada village under Jagatsinghpur Sadar police station was allegedly involved in selling brown sugar.

Acting on the tip-off, the Excise team conducted a raid on Somanath Hat road and intercepted Das. During a search, 49 grams of brown sugar was allegedly recovered from his possession, following which he was arrested.

The seized contraband has been estimated to be worth around Rs 4.90 lakh, the official said.

Sub-Inspector Bhagyalaxmi Dalai, ASI Kshirod Sahu and constables Sukanta Majhi, Biswaranjan Swain and Subhashree Biswal, among others, participated in the raid.

Inspector Choudhury said Das was subsequently produced before a court in connection with the case.

Three held with 162kg ganja in West Champaran

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Bettiah: Police arrested three people and seized 162kg of ganja during a vehicle-checking drive under Balther police station area in West Champaran district on Thursday.

The arrested accused were identified as Sabjat Mian (28) of Pipra Pati, Redil Alam (40) and Sugrim Prasad (35), both residents of Nakad Dehi under Bhangaha police station.

Balther SHO O P Gupta said police had received a tip-off about a large consignment of ganja being transported through the area. Following the information, vehicle checks were intensified.

“Acting on specific information, police stepped up vehicle checking in the area. During the operation, two vehicles were

searched and 162kg of ganja concealed inside them was recovered,” Gupta said.

The three accused were taken into custody and the seized contraband was confiscated.

Police said an investigation is underway to establish the source of the consignment and its intended destination.

Efforts are also being made to identify others allegedly involved in the smuggling network.

Chatra News: अफीम तस्करी में दो अभियुक्तों को 18 और 15 वर्ष की मिली सजा

 livehindustan.com/jharkhand/chatra/story-two-convicts-sentenced-to-18-and-15-years-in-jail-for-opium-smuggling-201787251067049.amp.html

Hindustan | Bureau

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Chatra News: अपर जिला एवं सत्र न्यायाधीश रणधीर कुमार सिंह की अदालत ने गुरुवार को एनडीपीएस केस के अभियुक्त चंद्रदेव गंडू को 18 वर्ष का कठिन कारावास की सजा तथा 1 ल

Chatra News: चतरा विधि संवाददाता अपर जिला एवं सत्र न्यायाधीश रणधीर कुमार सिंह की अदालत ने गुरुवार को एनडीपीएस केस के अभियुक्त चंद्रदेव गंडू को 18 वर्ष का कठिन कारावास की सजा तथा 1 लाख 80 हजार रुपये जुर्माना लगाया गया है। जुर्माना नहीं देने पर दो वर्ष की अतिरिक्त सजा भुगतना होगा। चंद्रदेव जिले के लावालौंग थाना क्षेत्र के पसांगम गांव का रहने वाला है। वहीं दूसरे एनडीपीएस केस के एक अभियुक्त रूपन गंडू को भी 15 वर्ष की सजा तथा 1 लाख 50 हजार रुपए का जुर्माना लगाया गया है। जुर्माना नहीं देने पर 2 वर्ष की अतिरिक्त सजा भुगतना होगा।

रूपन भी चतरा जिले के लावालौंग थाना क्षेत्र के होसिर गांव का रहने वाला है। इस केस के अपर लोक अभियोजक नंदलाल प्रसाद सिंह ने बताया कि यह मामला लावालौंग थाना कांड संख्या 18/24 का है। घटना दिनांक 2 अप्रैल 2024 का है। करीब 6:55 बजे थाना प्रभारी लावालौंग को गुप्त सूचना मिली थी कि रूपन गंडू के घर में अवैध अफीम छुपा कर रखा हुआ है, तत्पश्चात पुलिस छापामारी दल का गठन कर अभियुक्त के घर पहुंच कर छापामारी किया इसके पहले ही अभियुक्त पुलिस को देखकर जंगल झाड़ी का लाभ लेकर भाग गया था। पुलिस ने रूपन गंडू के घर की तलाशी के दरम्यान दो डब्बों में 1 किलो 500 ग्राम तथा दूसरे डब्बे में 4 किलो 300 ग्राम गिला अफीम बरामद किया। इसी दौरान थाना प्रभारी को सूचना प्राप्त हुई की पसांगम गांव में चंद्र देव गंडू के घर में बिक्री करने हेतु अफीम छुपा कर रखा हुआ है। तत्पश्चात सूचना पाते हैं ग्राम पसांगम थाना लावालौंग के लिए दलबल के साथ पुलिस प्रस्थान किया और वहां पहुंचकर छापामारी कर चंद्रदेव गंडू को पकड़ा गया, और उसके घर से तीन डब्बों में 13 किलो 250 ग्राम, 6 किलो 200 ग्राम और 3 किलो 200 ग्राम गिला अफीम बरामद किया गया। इसके बाद पुलिस जब्ती सूची बनाकर एनडीपीएस की सुसंगत धाराओं में प्राथमिक की दर्ज कर अभियुक्त को जेल भेज दिया।

झालदा-बलरामपुर मार्ग पर पुलिस को नाकेबंदी: 460 किलो अफीम डोडा के साथ बीरभूम के दो तस्कर धराए

 jagran.com/jharkhand/jamshedpur-jharkhand-police-seize-459kg-opium-doda-two-arrested-40347018.html

Sudhir Gorai

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बाघमुंडी पुलिस ने झालदा-बलरामपुर मार्ग पर नाकेबंदी कर 459 किलोग्राम अफीम डोडा पाउडर बरामद किया। इस कार्रवाई में दो तस्करों को गिरफ्तार कर एनडीपीएस एक्ट के तहत मामला दर्ज किया गया है।

संवाद सहयोगी, नीमडीह। बाघमुंडी थाना पुलिस ने बुधवार की देर रात 459 किलोग्राम प्रतिबंधित अफीम की पुआल (डोडा पाउडर) बरामद की है।

पुलिस ने इस सिलसिले में दो तस्करों को रंगे हाथों गिरफ्तार किया है। जब्त किए गए नशीले पदार्थ और वाहन को कब्जे में लेकर पुलिस ने मामले की गहन जांच शुरू कर दी है।

रात के अंधेरे में विशेष तलाशी अभियान

पुलिस सूत्रों के अनुसार, 19 अगस्त की रात खुफिया सूचना मिली थी कि झालदा-बलरामपुर मार्ग से नशीले पदार्थों की बड़ी खेप गुजरने वाली है।

सूचना के आधार पर पुलिस टीम ने रात करीब 12:55 बजे नाकेबंदी कर एक संदिग्ध काली स्कॉर्पियो (WB 48 F-7197) को रोककर तलाशी ली।

वाहन की जांच करने पर उसमें से 15 नायलॉन बैग मिले, जिनमें कुल 459.14 किलोग्राम अफीम डोडा पाउडर भरा हुआ था।

दंडाधिकारी की मौजूदगी में जब्ती, दो गिरफ्तार

मौके से पुलिस ने पश्चिम बंगाल के बीरभूम जिले के निवासी हसन अली उर्फ लालन और शेख कुर्बान को गिरफ्तार कर लिया।

यह पूरी कार्रवाई कार्यपालक दंडाधिकारी, बीडीओ, झालदा के एसडीपीओ तथा बाघमुंडी थाना प्रभारी की मौजूदगी में नियमानुसार संपन्न की गई। इतनी बड़ी मात्रा में नशीला पदार्थ बरामद होने से क्षेत्र में हड़कंप मच गया है।

एनडीपीएस एक्ट में प्राथमिकी दर्ज

मामले में बाघमुंडी थाने में एनडीपीएस (NDPS) एक्ट की धारा 15(सी) के तहत प्राथमिकी दर्ज की गई है। पुलिस अब यह पता लगाने में जुटी है कि यह खेप कहां से लाई गई थी और इसे किसे डिलीवर किया जाना था।

अधिकारियों का मानना है कि जांच के दौरान इस अवैध कारोबार से जुड़े अंतरराज्यीय नेटवर्क और अन्य बड़े तस्करों का जल्द ही खुलासा होगा।

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मौके पर काफी संख्या में ग्रामीण उपस्थित थे।

वैशाली में 800 लीटर अवैध कफ सिरप बरामद, एक आरोपी गिरफ्तार

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August 20, 2026

सिद्धार्थ शरद, वैशाली। हाजीपुर से जहां की वैशाली पुलिस ने नशीले पदार्थों की तस्करी के खिलाफ चलाए जा रहे अभियान के तहत बड़ी कार्रवाई करते हुए नगर थाना क्षेत्र से करीब 800 लीटर अवैध कोडीन फॉस्फेट कफ सिरप बरामद किया है। पुलिस ने इस मामले में एक आरोपी को गिरफ्तार किया है। कार्रवाई के दौरान पुलिस ने एक पिकअप वाहन, बाइक, मोबाइल फोन और नकद राशि भी जब्त की है।

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