



Narcotics Control Bureau

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- **NCB Chandigarh secures conviction in a cross-border heroin case; Smuggler sentenced to 12 years rigorous imprisonment**
- **In another case, NCB Lucknow secures 10-year conviction of a drug peddler in 2022 Charas recovery case**
- **NCB achieves conviction of 219 drug traffickers in 103 NDPS cases in 2025.**

The Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB), Chandigarh has secured the conviction of a drug peddler in the 2021 heroin seizure from the Indo–Pakistan border area. In a significant judgment reinforcing the crackdown on cross-border drug smuggling, a Special NDPS Court, Fazilka has convicted Gurpreet Singh @ Mangal, resident of Village Kotha, District Fazilka on 07.11.2025 and sentenced him to 12 years rigorous imprisonment with a fine of ₹1.5 lakh under various sections of the NDPS Act, 1985.

The case pertains to the seizure of 5.958 kg heroin on 14.04.2021 from the border area near BOP Lakha Asli, Fazilka, Punjab by NCB Amritsar in coordination with the BSF. The heroin was recovered from Gurpreet Singh @ Mangal, who was apprehended near the Indo–Pakistan border while attempting to receive the smuggled consignment. After thorough investigation and trial, the Hon'ble Court found Gurpreet Singh @ Mangal guilty and held that he was in conscious possession of a commercial quantity of heroin, in violation of the NDPS

Act. This conviction underscores NCB's sustained efforts to combat cross-border drug trafficking and bring offenders to justice.

In an another significant judgement, a Special NDPS Court, Barabanki vide judgment dated 05.11.2025 has sentenced an accused Azad to 10 years rigorous imprisonment and a fine of ₹ 1 Lakh under Section 08/20 of the NDPS Act, 1985, in connection with the seizure of 2.7 Kg Charas.

The case dates back to 18.11.22, when acting on specific intelligence, the NCB Lucknow Zonal Unit intercepted accused Azad from a spot near District Mahilla Hospital, Barabanki, Uttar Pradesh and recovered 2.7 Kg Charas from his possession and subsequently, he was arrested. After a thorough investigation, a formal complaint was filed before the Hon'ble Court on 12.05.23. The trial involved examination of 04 prosecution witnesses, culminating in conviction on 05.11.2025. This successful prosecution is a significant milestone in the Bureau's mission against drug trafficking and reaffirms NCB's commitment to safeguarding society from the menace of narcotics.

The Narcotics Control Bureau has achieved conviction of 219 drug traffickers in 103 NDPS cases in 2025 (till October).

The NCB seeks the support of citizens to fight against drug trafficking. Any person can share information relating to drug trafficking by calling the MANAS – National Narcotics Helpline (Toll-Free Number 1933). The identity of the caller is kept confidential.
