

## **NARCOTICS CONTROL BUREAU**

### **NCB Apprehends Long-Hunted Absconders in Landmark Heroin & Opium Cases**

#### **Decades-Long Vigilance Pays Off**

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The Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) has struck a major blow against organised narco-crime by apprehending two long-absconding offenders, years after their crimes.

In a transnational heroin trafficking case of 2012, NCB Chennai Zonal Unit had seized 3.306 kg of heroin at the Koyambedu Mofussil Bus Terminus, Chennai, on 9 May 2012. The probe revealed that the consignment was destined for Sri Lanka and was part of a wider transnational drug syndicate. Two couriers were arrested at the time, while a key conspirator, Mohamed Munauwar, managed to evade capture for over 13 years. On 10 August 2025, acting on a Look-Out Circular, Bureau of Immigration officials detained Munauwar on arrival at Chennai Airport. Following NCB interrogation, he was arrested the next day and remanded to judicial custody.

Last week, the NCB Chandigarh Zonal Unit arrested Jagsir Singh alias Baaz Sran alias Kala — a proclaimed offender in a 2015 opium trafficking case involving 36.15 kg of opium. After obtaining bail in 2016, he vanished, assumed a false identity, and even built a career as a Punjabi singer before being traced and arrested at Mohali after nearly nine years on the run.

These twin operations underline NCB's relentless surveillance and intelligence-led approach. Whether offenders flee abroad, hide under assumed names, or lie low for years, NCB ensures that the long arm of the law eventually catches up with them.

To fight against drug trafficking, NCB seeks support of the citizens. Any person can share information related to sale of narcotics by calling on MANAS- National Narcotics Helpline Toll Free Number-1933. The identity of the informer is kept confidential.