

PRESS NOTE

- **NCB busts transnational drug trafficking network involving illegally overstaying foreign nationals**
- **Nationwide fortnight-long drive “Trinetra” planned in September, 2026 to identify overstaying foreigners and initiate action**

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In pursuance of the Government of India’s policy of Zero Tolerance against Drugs and NCB’s sustained focus on dismantling entire drug trafficking networks rather than individual seizures, the NCB, in coordination with state police authorities has disrupted a drug trafficking network involving foreign nationals illegally overstaying in India.

Acting on intelligence input from UP STF, a joint search conducted by UP STF and NCB at Raju Park, Khanpur, New Delhi on 18.07.2026, resulting in recovery of 5.087 kg Amphetamine and arrest of Nigerian national Obase Prosper Ogboronjor who was also wanted by UP STF in a major cyber-fraud case involving about ₹68 lakh. Investigation revealed that he had been overstaying in India despite expiry of his medical visa in June 2023.

During, further investigation, search at a premises at Hans Enclave, Gurugram on 21.07.2026 resulted in recovery of 9.7 kg Amphetamine and 67.84 kg Pseudoephedrine and arrest of another Nigerian national, Abuchi George Okorie. Pseudoephedrine is a notified controlled substance under the NDPS Act and can be diverted for illicit manufacture of Methamphetamine.

Investigation revealed that Abuchi George Okorie came to India on medical attendant Visa which was valid till June 2015. He was illegally staying in India thereafter.

Following backward linkages in the matter led to identification of a suspected premises at Mehrauli, New Delhi. The search at this premises, on 03.08.2026, led to recovery of 318 grams of Cocaine and 6 grams of Heroin and arrest of two Nigerian nationals, Uchenna Stephen Nwanko and Chikezie Joshua Igwe. Both the Nigerian nationals have been found to be illegally residing in India for over last 13 years.

During this operation one African woman, whose identity is being established, attempted to escape and jumped from the balcony injuring herself. She is presently under treatment.

The operation has so far resulted in seizure of 14.787 kg Amphetamine, 67.840 kg Pseudoephedrine, 318 grams Cocaine and 6 grams Heroin, collectively valued at approximately ₹15 crore.

Further investigation to identify the backward and forward linkages of the transnational trafficking syndicate is underway.

The arrest of overstaying foreign nationals involved in illegal narcotics trade brings into focus the need for greater vigilance regarding foreign nationals who continue to stay in India after expiry of their visas and indulge in illegal activities.

Hotels, guest houses, landlords and other accommodation providers are required to comply the legal provisions governing accommodation of foreign nationals, including timely furnishing of prescribed information regarding their stay to the concerned authorities as per the Immigration and Foreigners Act 2025.

Such reporting is important not merely for immigration regulation but also for enabling law-enforcement agencies to identify illegally overstaying foreign nationals and prevent their involvement in organised criminal activities.

To address this issue in a coordinated manner, NCB, in association with State/UT Police and Immigration authorities, will be launching a fortnight-long nationwide campaign “Trinetra” in the first week of September 2026 to identify such illegally overstaying foreign nationals suspected to be involved in drug trafficking. The campaign will focus on intelligence-based identification and verification of such persons, examination of their immigration status and linkages with drug trafficking networks, and appropriate legal action in coordination with the concerned authorities.

The initiative forms part of NCB’s broader network-centric approach to disrupt the individuals, facilitators and support systems sustaining organised and transnational drug trafficking in India.