

NARCOTICS CONTROL BUREAU

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- **NCB Secures 10 years Rigorous Imprisonment to Accused in 2021 Patiala Opium Recovery case**

The Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) has secured the conviction of an accused in 2021 Patiala opium recovery case. In its verdict, Hon'ble Special Judge, Narcotics Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, Patiala has sentenced accused, Gurminder Singh to 10 years rigorous imprisonment along with fine of 1 lakh rupees. The Court has convicted Gurminder Singh under various sections of the NDPS Act, holding that the opium was recovered from his conscious possession and that he was engaged in illegal trafficking 2.625 Kilogrammess opium was recovered on 20.09.2021 from a vehicle driven by Gurminder Singh near Patran, Patiala.

The NCB Chandigarh Zonal Unit had made seizure of opium. In this case, Gurminder Singh, a resident of Patiala, and Gautam Kumar, a native of Jharkhand were prosecuted for offences under the NDPS Act. However, Gautam Kumar has been acquitted.

The conviction exemplifies the NCB's commitment to accomplish the vision of DRUG FREE INDIA through proper investigation and prosecution of case.