

NARCOTICS CONTROL BUREAU

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Press Note

Busting of Clandestine Labs

In an operation conducted by Rajasthan Police, Maharashtra Police and Narcotics Control Bureau on July 22-23, 2025, an inter-state drug syndicate involved in manufacture of synthetic drugs has been busted. It started with a detection of a clandestine facility at Village Dholakia, District Barmer, Rajasthan on July 22, 2025 by Barmer district police, where several precursor chemicals like Chloroform, Ammonium Chloride, Propylene Chloride, Toluene, Bromine etc. were found along with lab equipment to manufacture the synthetic drug Mephedrone. This clandestine facility was installed inside a buffalo barn in the secluded area of the Village Dholakia.

2 Two members of the drug syndicate were detained by the police, and NCB Jodhpur collaborated with the district police in the investigation of the case. Interrogation of the accused has revealed the involvement of other members of the syndicate including one who was a resident of district Raigad, Maharashtra and had brought the chemicals and lab equipment to set up the clandestine facility.

3 The information about this accomplice was immediately shared with the Raigad Police by NCB, following which he was detained by Raigad Police and during interrogation it was revealed that he used to work in a factory of M/s Rohan Chemicals at Mahad, Raigad, which is now closed.

4 Search of the premises of M/s Rohan Chemicals by NCB, Mumbai and Raigad district police has led to a recovery of about 34 kg. of Ketamine in powdered form & 12 litre Ketamine in liquid form. Several precursor chemicals like Chloroform, Ammonium Chloride, Propylene Chloride, Toluene, Bromine, Cyclohexanone etc. were found along with lab equipment. These shut premises were being used to run the lab clandestinely to manufacture Ketamine. Investigation has further revealed involvement of a mastermind who has been involved in earlier drug trafficking cases of DRI and NCB.

5 It was due to real-time sharing of information and coordinated operations by Barmer Police, Raigad Police and NCB Zones at Jodhpur, Ahmedabad and Mumbai that this interstate syndicate involved in the manufacturing of synthetic drugs could be busted over two days of continuous operations.

6 Investigations in the matter are under progress by the respective district police of Barmer and Raigad.

7 Earlier, a clandestine lab manufacturing Mephedrone was busted by NCB Jodhpur at Sri Ganganagar in which 5 kg. Mephedrone drug with precursor chemicals were recovered and accused including physics & chemistry teachers were arrested.

8 To arrest the trend of manufacturing of synthetic drugs in clandestine facilities, NCB has shared the “red flag indicators” for identification of such facilities with the DGsP of State Police.

9 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 caller is kept confidential.