

## **Press Release**

In a significant achievement, the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB), Chennai Zonal Unit, has successfully secured the conviction of five accused involved in trans-national drug trafficking.

In January 2019, officers of the NCB Chennai Zonal Unit intercepted two vehicles and seized 107.2 Kgs of Ganja and arrested Eswaran, Jayaprabhu, Jayachandran, Surulivel & Ramesh all residents of Theni district, Tamil Naidu. The contraband was concealed in the dickey of one vehicle and other vehicle was used as pilot to evade detection. The investigation established that the accused were involved in the international trafficking of Ganja. The drug was sourced from Andhra-Odisha border region and was intended to be smuggled to Sri Lanka.

Upon completion of the investigation and collection of evidence, a complaint was filed before the Hon'ble Court in June 2019. On 29.05.2025, the Hon'ble NDPS Court, Chennai, convicted all five accused and awarded each a sentence of 10 years of Rigorous Imprisonment (RI), along with a fine of ₹1 lakh under the provisions of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, 1985.

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

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.

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