

Press Release

Dismantling of a clandestine pharma manufacturing unit by NCB Delhi Zonal Unit

As part of its sustained efforts to combat drug trafficking and curb the misuse of pharmaceutical drugs, the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB), Delhi Zonal Unit, has successfully dismantled a major network engaged in the illegal diversion and distribution of pharmaceutical medicines for non-medical use. The operation, which spanned across Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, and Uttarakhand, also revealed suspected international linkages.

The operation commenced with an interception on 09.01.2025 at a courier facility in Delhi, leading to the seizure of **3.6 kg of Codeine Phosphate tablets** in loose form. Using **Bottom to Top** investigative approach, the source of the substance has been identified and **illegal pharmaceutical manufacturing unit located in Sidcul, Haridwar (Uttarakhand) was busted on 06.06.2025**. From January to June 2025, follow-up searches in Delhi and Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh led to the recovery of **9.144 kg of Alprazolam and 2.360 kg of Codeine Phosphate**, approx 10000 multiple brand NRx tablets in strips, 1.383 KG of Psuedoephedrine and **130.440 kg of raw material /tablets** in loose form. So far **eight individuals** were arrested in the case.

Subsequent investigations uncovered that clandestine lab in Haridwar was operating without a valid drug manufacturing license. It was revealed that psychotropic substances were being manufactured in bulk for illegal trafficking.





(Photographs of clandestine pharmaceutical factory)

Further investigation is ongoing to trace and apprehend other individuals and entities associated with this syndicate.

Earlier in the month of May-2025 , NCB Amritsar zonal unit axed a drug diversion cartel thorough a four month long operation across Punjab , Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh and Delhi and seized drugs worth 547 crore and arrested 15 persons .

This seizures exemplifies the NCB's commitment to successfully disrupt trans-national and interstate drug networks to achieve the vision of DRUG FREE INDIA.

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.