

PRESS RELEASE

Busting of International Drug cartel in Mumbai

Pursuant to the vision of Hon'ble PM Shri Narendra Modi of a DRUG FREE INDIA (Nasha Mukht Bharat) and acting upon the directives of Hon'ble Union Home Minister Narcotics Control Bureau in its drive against drug trafficking syndicates busted a major drug syndicate having international footprints.

Initial seizure in this matter was on account of logical pursuit of the leads available during a seizure of 200 grams of cocaine in the month of January, 2025. After developing the leads generated in this case through analysis of technical and human intelligence, the NCB officials recovered of 11.540 Kg. of very high grade Cocaine bricks, 4.9 Kilogram hybrid strain Hydroponic Weed/Ganja and 200 packets (5.5 kgs) of Cannabis gummies & Rs.1.60 lakhs in cash from Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra.

Initial recovery in this matter was made from an unclaimed parcel concealed in a projector intercepted at an international courier agency in Mumbai, destined to Australia. NCB investigation backtracked this supply to the bulk quantity, which was found concealed in a flat at Navi Mumbai.

Initially 03 persons were arrested in this case followed 03 others who were found involved in managing the finances through hawala, transshipment, procurement and further distribution of illicit drugs.

Investigation has revealed the involvement of this cartel in smuggling of drug using the same modus in May 2024

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Investigation conducted so far has brought out that this syndicate was being operated by group of persons based abroad. The seized contraband is revealed to be sourced from USA, concealed in children toys. This contraband after receipt at Mumbai was being dispatched to multiple receivers in India and abroad through courier/small cargo services and human carriers. The kingpin of the drug syndicate who is presently based abroad has been identified.

Investigation has revealed that this accused managed the entire network through social media viz. Telegram, Whatsapp and Snapchat using virtual numbers. The accused involved in this case are educated technologically equipped and also hold foreign degrees. Some evidence of their linkage with known gangsters of Mumbai has also come to light.

Further investigation in this matter is underway.
