



Narcotics Control Bureau

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- **2025 Witnesses Massive Anti-Narcotics Drive; NCB Seizes 1.33 Lakh kg Drugs Worth around Rs 2,000 Crore**
- **Over 77 thousand kg of Narcotic Drugs Destroyed, Valued at Rs 3,889 Crores**
- **Achieved convictions of 265 narcotics offenders, including nine foreign nationals, during the year**
- **Conviction rate recorded increase to nearly 67% in 2025 from 60.8% in 2024**
- **37 Interpol Notices issued Against Fugitive Drug Traffickers; Achieved Success in Getting 5 Fugitive Deported to India**
- **Anti-Narcotics Helpline MANAS receives overwhelming public response; Registers record 1.19 lakh citizen interactions**

The Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) continued its unwavering resolve and operational excellence in its fight against the drug menace throughout 2025. Through sustained and aggressive nationwide enforcement efforts, the agency seized 1,33,965 kilograms of narcotic drugs valued at approximately Rs 1,980 crore. Stepping up its action against organized drug syndicates, the NCB arrested 994 drug traffickers, including 25 foreign nationals, in 447 cases during the year in line with its firm commitment to dismantling drug networks and safeguarding society.

Conviction of Drug Traffickers

In 2025, conviction of 265 drug offenders in 131 cases was achieved. Of them, 39 were awarded the maximum sentence of 20 years while 210 others were awarded sentence of 10 years or more but less than 20 years. A total fine of Rs. 3.3 crores was

imposed on these convicts. The convicted offenders included nine foreign nationals. To further strengthen its prosecution framework, the Bureau institutionalised a robust system for monitoring trial cases at the Zonal, Regional, and Headquarters levels. This focused approach led to a rise in the conviction rate to 66.8% in 2025, up from 60.8% in 2024.

Dismantling International Drug Networks

NCB has further intensified its multi-dimensional operations against drug trafficking through coordinated national and international operations, resulting in major seizures of synthetic drugs and illegal pharmaceuticals. Key operations include **Operation Crystal Fortress**, under which 328 kilograms of high-quality methamphetamine were seized in Delhi. Under **Operation Ketamelon**, one of the largest darknet drug syndicate in India was busted, leading to the seizure of 1,127 LSD blots, 131.66 grams of ketamine and cryptocurrency worth Rs. 70 lakhs. Additionally, under **Operation Med Max**, an international pharmaceutical trafficking network spread across four continents and more than 10 countries was dismantled. The investigation began with the seizure of 3.7 kilograms of tramadol in Delhi and exposed an India-based network supplying controlled medicines to the United States, Europe and Australia through encrypted platforms, drop-shipping models and cryptocurrency.

NCB Mumbai seized 200 grams of cocaine concealed inside a projector being sent to Australia via DHL courier. Subsequent detailed follow-up investigations resulted in the seizure of 11.54 kilograms of cocaine, hybrid cannabis, THC-based gummies, and drug trafficking proceeds. In this case, the kingpin was later deported. All these operations underscore NCB's robust inter-agency coordination framework, advanced financial and digital investigation capabilities in combating physical and cyber-enabled drug trafficking networks.

Disposal of Narcotics Drugs

To send a clear and strong message to drug trafficking syndicates, special emphasis was given on the swift disposal of seized narcotic drugs. The Narcotics Control Bureau, destroyed 77,773 kilograms of narcotic drugs in 2025, valued at around Rs 3,889 crores.

Busting Clandestine Labs

During the year, the Bureau also busted six clandestine drug laboratories operating in Rajasthan, Maharashtra, West Bengal, and Madhya Pradesh. From these facilities, 110 kilograms of narcotic drugs—both finished products and substances under manufacture—were seized. These laboratories were mainly engaged in the illegal production of synthetic drugs such as mephedrone, alprazolam, ketamine, and similar substances.

PIT-NDPS & Interpol Notices

In 2025, the NCB also intensified the use of the PIT-NDPS Act, with success in issue 16 preventive detention orders by the competent authority against habitual offenders. Strong measures were taken against the illegal proceeds of narcotic drug trafficking by freezing assets worth Rs 96.69 crore in 70 cases during the year.

The Bureau also made notable progress in international cooperation, particularly in identifying and extraditing absconding accused. During the year, 14 Interpol Red Notices, 22 Interpol Blue Notices and 1 Interpol Silver Notice were issued. As a result of effective coordination with foreign law enforcement agencies, five absconding accused persons were successfully deported from the United Arab Emirates, Sri Lanka and Malaysia, reflecting NCB's strong global partnership in combating international narcotic drug trafficking.

Anti-Narcotics Task Force (ANTF) Conference

The 2nd National Conference of Anti-Narcotics Task Force (ANTF) Heads of States and Union Territories was organised in New Delhi on 16–17 September, 2025. The conference was attended by ANTF Heads from all States and Union Territories, along with stakeholders from other government departments. Inaugurating the conference, Hon'ble Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah, underlined Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's resolve for a drug-free India, stating that the fight against drugs can succeed only if NCB, the Ministry of Home Affairs, all departments of the Government of India, State Governments and ANTF teams make it their own resolve. The two-day conference concluded with participating

States and Union Territories reaffirming their commitment to effectively combat drug abuse and achieve a drug-free India by 2047.

A two-day Regional ANTF conference of the 7 North-Eastern States, Sikkim and West Bengal was organised at Dimapur in November to address the special challenges of drugs trafficking and drug abuse in the NE States.

MANAS Helpline

During the period, India's national anti-narcotics helpline, MANAS (*Madak Padarth Nishedh Asuchna Kendra*) – 1933, has emerged as the country's most extensive citizen-supported narcotics intelligence platform, achieving significant operational and public-outreach milestones within a short span. Operated by the NCB, the helpline received over 1.19 lakh citizen interactions including several actionable drug-related tips. These inputs have directly contributed to the registration of NDPS cases, major narcotics seizures and the arrest of traffickers and peddlers across the country. Based on information received from MANAS, a total of 110 cases were registered by NCB and ANTF units of various States/Union Territories.

MoUs & Collaborations

The agency signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Central Board of Secondary Education to strengthen cooperation in the field of awareness against drug abuse in CBSE affiliated schools. The MoU aims to increase awareness and to equip Teachers/students/parents against drug abuse and its legal consequences through awareness programmes & workshops. Over 140 schools have been identified for awareness programmes, and 55 such programmes have already been organised under this collaboration, which adopts a hub-and-spoke model to ensure wider outreach among students, educators, and parents.

The year also witnessed targeted regional training initiatives, enhanced emerging-threat preparedness (including maritime routes, crypto transactions and precursor monitoring), and stronger institutional partnerships, significantly strengthening national narcotics control capabilities. A MoU was signed between NCB and Rashtriya Raksha University, Gandhinagar to bolster action against cyber-

enabled and darknet-based narcotics crime. For cooperation in forensic sciences, capacity building, research, advanced analysis and technology sharing in drug law enforcement, NCB also inked a MoU with the National Forensic Sciences University, Gandhinagar. NCB has additionally made special efforts toward the establishment of the SCO Anti-Drug Center (ADC) in Dushanbe, Tajikistan — a long-felt need for a structured and continuous platform within the SCO framework. It is a permanent institutional mechanism of the SCO to strengthen cooperation among Member States in combating illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances, and their precursors.

Besides, the NCB has also undertaken major initiatives to raise awareness against drug abuse across the country.

- To mark the **International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking**, a Nasha Mukt Bharat Pakhwada was celebrated during 12th to 26th June, 2025 in which 630 awareness related programmes were organized and around 33 lakh participants were sensitized.
- The **Nationwide Anti-Drug Awareness Campaign** held on 15–16 August, 2025 saw participation from 25.4 lakh people across the country. Organized in close collaboration with Central Ministries, State Governments, Union Territories, paramilitary forces, educational institutions, NGOs, youth groups and community organisations, the campaign featured street plays, skits, *nukkad nataks* and role-play activities at major public locations across all districts.
- To spread awareness against ill effects of drugs, NCB in coordination with states and other stakeholders has created an **e-pledge with title- “Say Yes to life, No to drugs”** which has been uploaded on the website <https://pledge.mygov.in>. Till date, 60 lakh citizens have taken the E-pledge.
- Under the **Mission Drug Free Campus** programme, around 200 events were organised in 2025 which registered the participation of around 32 thousand students.
- NCB has launched a special public awareness campaign involving spiritual leaders and social workers. In collaboration with the Spiritual organisations,

total 25,647 Awareness programmes were also conducted and 3,47,18,980 participants were sensitized across the country through these programmes.

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