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DRI seizes narcotics worth crores of rupees

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The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) has seized huge quantity of Tramadol, a psychotropic substance, worth crores of rupees from a factory in Palghar near here.

Tramadol, a painkiller, is abused all over the world by drug addicts.

India recently brought the drug within the ambit of the Narcotic Drugs & Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, 1985, making its production and sell without the approval of the Central Bureau of Narcotics, Gwalior, illegal

Acting on intelligence, searches conducted by the DRI officials at the factory premises resulted in the recovery of Tramadol tablets and Tramadol powder, worth several crores of rupees in international drug market,, an official statement issued today said.

Further searches conducted at a warehouse situated at Dronagiri, Raigad district, resulted in the recovery of 959 cartons containing 4,48,68,000 Tramadol tablets having international value in crores of rupees.

Thus, Tramadol tablets totally numbering 6,11,48,000 (2,708 kgs) and 56.4 kgs Tramadol in powder form, which were manufactured and attempted to be cleared by the drug syndicate, were seized, it said.

The director of the factory and a chemist have admitted their respective roles in the offence of illegal manufacture of psychotropic substance in large quantity on behalf of a merchant exporter based in Haryana, the DRI said in the statement.

A middleman, who had placed orders for such huge quantity on behalf of the exporters and had given him advance for procurement of raw materials, was also apprehended, it said, adding that the trio have been arrested.