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Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) cracks down on a major drug trafficking racket in Kolkata, seizes narcotics worth around Rs. 26 crore, and arrests 10 persons including the mastermind

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The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence, Kolkata Zonal Unit, in its fight against illegal drug trafficking conducted a multi-pronged operation on 12th **September, 2025**. In the early hours of the day, the officers of DRI conducted searches simultaneously at 3 different locations – one in NSCBI Airport, and two residential premises in Bijoygarh locality of Jadavpur.

In the residential location, belonging to the mastermind, Hydroponic Weed, Cannabis and Cocaine of substantial quantity was found. In the second residential location, that was rented and operated by the mastermind, huge quantity of Cannabis was found in a 'packed and ready-to-distribute' manner. Four associates of the mastermind, who were employed for the purpose of sale and local distribution of such narcotics in Kolkata were apprehended at this location. The officials also seized cash in the said locations, which was the proceeds of sale of narcotic substances. On the same day, another member of the syndicate, who is involved in arranging suppliers abroad was also apprehended.

Simultaneously, in a different operation conducted at Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose International (NSCBI) Airport in Dumdum, 4 carriers (including three women) belonging to the said syndicate, arriving from Bangkok were intercepted. From their possession as well, substantial quantity of narcotic substances was recovered.



Collectively, 32.466 Kgs of Cannabis (Ganja), 22.027 Kgs of Hydroponic weed, 345 grams of Cocaine, along with cash have been seized. Ten individuals (all Indian nationals) including the mastermind, carriers coming from abroad, retail distributors and middlemen have been arrested and produced before the courts for judicial remand. All seizures and arrests have been done under the relevant provisions of the **Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, 1985**. Further investigations are underway.

The operation once again highlights the commitment of DRI in dismantling the broader network involved in drug trafficking in the country.

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