



DRI busts multi-state narcotics syndicate; Seizes record 270 kg Mephedrone worth Rs. 81 crore concealed in a consignment of chicken feed; six arrested

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In a major blow to drug trafficking networks, officers of the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) have seized **270 kilogram** of Mephedrone, a synthetic narcotic drug, in a meticulously planned operation spanning multiple states on 11th-12th January, 2026. The contraband was being domestically transported concealed under chicken feed, used as cover cargo, a novel *modus operandi* adopted by the drug syndicate to evade scrutiny.

Acting on specific intelligence, DRI officers intercepted a truck in **Rajasthan** that was ostensibly transporting agro-based cargo. A detailed examination led to the recovery of **270 kg Mephedrone**, having a value of Rs. 81 crore in the illicit market, ingeniously concealed within consignment of chicken feed. The driver of the vehicle and members of the syndicate involved in the transportation and persons escorting the said consignment were apprehended on the spot.

Follow-up searches conducted at multiple locations in **Haryana** resulted in the apprehension of other key members of the syndicate, who were involved in the manufacture and supply of the seized contraband. Some raw material was also found in a **dismantled clandestine drugs manufacturing facility**.

The operation was logistically challenging, involving sustained efforts, inter-state coordination, and precise execution to intercept the movement of the contraband. The seizure of contraband and arrest of six key syndicate members has led to the unravelling of a well-organised, multi-jurisdictional narcotics syndicate, operating across several States.

In the current financial year, 2025-2026, **DRI has already busted six clandestine factories, which were illicitly manufacturing Mephedrone, Alprazolam and Methamphetamine.**

- Mephedrone – Latur in April 2025; Bhopal in August 2025; Wardha in December 2025
- Alprazolam – Vapi in November 2025, and Hyderabad in October 2025
- Methamphetamine – Greater Noida in October 2025.

The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence reiterates its consistent and unwavering commitment to the fight against drug manufacturing, trafficking and realising the goal of '**Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan**'. Drugs pose a serious threat to public health, national security, and the socio-economic fabric of the country. As the apex anti-smuggling agency, DRI has been leveraging intelligence-driven enforcement and coordinated action across the country to curb the menace of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances.



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