

# **BRAVERY AWARD TO SHRI WAZIM MUSTAFA**

**Posted in the eastern-most Zonal Unit of DRI. Mr. Wazim Mustafa is responsible for investigations pertaining to cross-border illicit movement of contraband across the porous international borders in the region. Such detections require not just knowledge about the prevalent modus operandi, but also familiarity with the tough geographical terrain and a reliable human intelligence network.**

**As part of his interdiction efforts, the officer cultivated an informer who was entrusted with the task of making inroads into a ganja smuggling syndicated based in the state of Tripura. After several attempts, a deal was struck for the purchase of a sizeable quantity of ganja. The officer camped in Agartala for several days, mounting multiple discreet surveillance operations. especially during the night, to identify specific details of the persons involved and the location of contraband storage. Eventually on the night of 4 September 2022, the ganja trafficker agreed to take the informer to an interior village and show the contraband that was ready for delivery. However, he imposed certain new conditions, derailing the operational plan.**

**Instead of waiting for the support team to arrive and delaying execution of the operation, Mr. Wazim Mustafa disguised himself as a potential buyer and came into direct contact with the drug trafficker in a remote and sensitive area without fearing about his personal safety. With presence of mind and courage, the officer was successful in physically restraining the trafficker after considerable physical altercation, till reinforcements arrived for his support. The team was able to retrieve 293 kg ganja stored inside the identified premises and the same was evacuated to safety swiftly from the highly sensitive area along with the trafficker.**

**DRI commends the courage and commitment of Mr. Wazim Mustafa by presenting him with DRI's Veerta Prashasti Patra 2023.**