

DRI Seizes Over 845 kg of Contraband Drugs and Arrests 15 in Nationwide Crackdown

- Significant quantities of ganja, charas, cocaine and amphetamine seized; 15 persons arrested
- **Major Nationwide Crackdown:** *India's Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) conducted multiple intelligence-led operations across the country, seizing over 845 kg of illicit drugs and arresting 15 individuals under the NDPS Act, 1985.*
- **Charas and Hashish Seizures:**
 - *Officers at Gorakhpur Railway Station intercepted two women traveling on the Jan Nayak Express from Nepal, recovering approximately 6 kg of charas concealed under their sarees using knee caps.*
- **Massive Cannabis & Hydroponic Weed Interceptions:**
 - *A container truck near Bodh Gaya (Bihar) was intercepted with roughly 752.3 kg of ganja concealed in rice husk.*
 - *An operation in Odisha with the Forest Department yielded 48.5 kg of ganja.*
 - *Customs authorities at Mumbai and Bengaluru airports seized about 28 kg of high-grade hydroponic weed from four passengers arriving from Thailand and Vietnam.*
- **Cocaine Seizure at IGI Airport:**
 - *An Indian passenger arriving from Dubai via Doha was arrested at New Delhi's IGI Airport after officers discovered roughly 5.8 kg of cocaine hidden in checked-in baggage.*
- **Amphetamine-Type Stimulants:**
 - *Cumulative seizures totaling about 4.5 kg of amphetamines were conducted across Mumbai, Calicut Airport, and Indore, revealing creative concealment tactics including baby powder bottles and traditional salwar suit sets.*

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Continuing its sustained crackdown on illicit drug trafficking, the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI), has effected significant seizures of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances in multiple intelligence-led operations across the country. **Over 845 kg contraband, including ganja/cannabis, charas, Amphetamine has been seized and 15**

persons have been arrested under the provisions of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985.

Seizure of *charas* and cannabis

On 20.09.2026, based on specific intelligence regarding smuggling of Charas/Hashish from Nepal, DRI officers intercepted two female passengers travelling by Jan Nayak Express at Gorakhpur Railway Station. Their personal search resulted in the recovery of around **6 kg of Charas/Hashish**, concealed in knee caps wrapped around their thighs and hidden under their sarees. The contraband was seized and both passengers were arrested under the NDPS Act, 1985.



In addition, DRI officers also seized around 801 kg cannabis in two significant operations. On 17.09.2026, in an intelligence led operation, DRI officers intercepted a container truck near Jindapur Toll Plaza, Bodh Gaya. Search of the vehicle resulted in the recovery of around **752.3 kg ganja/cannabis**, packed in 737 packets and concealed in rice husk. The contraband, vehicle and rice husk were seized and the driver was arrested.



Seized 752.3 kgs cannabis at Bodhgaya

On 11.09.2026, DRI, in coordination with the Ghariyaband Forest Department, intercepted two persons at Mentri village in Odisha, who were allegedly proceeding to deliver narcotic drugs. Search resulted in the recovery of around **48.5 kg of Ganja**, packed in 25 packets in 3 sacks along with the scooter used for transportation. The contraband and vehicle were seized and both persons were arrested.



Seized 48.5 kg cannabis in Odhisa

In addition, based on intelligence shared by DRI, Customs authorities at Mumbai and Bengaluru international airports seized approximately **28 kg high-grade cannabis/hydroponic weed** from four passengers arriving from Thailand and Vietnam. The contraband was seized under the provisions of the NDPS Act, 1985, and all four passengers were arrested.

Seizure of cocaine

In another major intelligence led operation at IGI Airport, New Delhi, on 15.09.2026, DRI officers intercepted an Indian passenger arriving from Dubai via Doha. Detailed examination

of his checked-in baggage resulted in the recovery of around **5.8 kg white-coloured powder packed in nine packets**, which tested positive for Cocaine during field testing. The contraband was seized and the passenger was arrested under the NDPS Act, 1985.



Seizure of Amphetamine

In series of operations, DRI intercepted multiple consignments of Amphetamine and seized cumulatively around 4.5 kgs of Amphetamine type stimulants and a total of five persons were arrested in these three operations.

At Mumbai, on 16.09.2026, an Indian woman passenger travelling from Delhi was intercepted and around **493 grams pills** concealed inside bottles marked as Baby Powder were recovered; the pills tested positive for Amphetamine/Ecstasy. The suspected pills were seized and the passenger was arrested.

At Calicut Airport, on 09.09.2026, around **1.9 kg of Amphetamine** was recovered from a passenger's baggage and a subsequent operation resulted in the arrest of the receiver and organiser, with an additional **17 grams Amphetamine** and Rs. 3.45 lakh in cash recovered from their possession/vehicle.

At Indore, on the same date, DRI officers intercepted a passenger travelling by bus from Delhi and recovered around **2 kg Amphetamine**, concealed inside salwar suit sets. The contraband was seized and person was arrested.



Seized Amphetamine from salwar suits

These operations underscore DRI's continued focus on disrupting organised drug-trafficking networks, intercepting narcotic consignments at different stages of their movement and detecting innovative methods of concealment.