

DRI seizes 15 kg methamphetamine, 4 kg pseudoephedrine, 85 lakh smuggled cigarettes, and 2 drone-dropped Pakistan-made pistols in nationwide operations; 5 arrested

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Continuing its sustained enforcement action against organised smuggling syndicates and transnational criminal networks, the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) carried out a series of intelligence-led operations across the country, resulting in the seizure of 15 kg Methamphetamine tablets, around 4 kg Pseudoephedrine, nearly 85 lakh smuggled cigarettes, and two drone-dropped Pakistan-made pistols. Five persons were arrested in connection with these operations.

On **15.07.2026**, acting on specific intelligence, DRI officers intercepted a truck on the Aizawl–Champhai Road in **Mizoram** on **15.07.2026**. A search of the vehicle led to the recovery of ingeniously concealed, brick-shaped packets containing **15 kg Methamphetamine tablets**. Preliminary investigation indicates that the narcotic drugs were smuggled from Myanmar through the Zokhawthar sector of Mizoram. One person was arrested under the provisions of the **NDPS Act, 1985**.



Image – Truck and the seized Methamphetamine recovered from the cavity in the

On **16.07.2026**, in another intelligence-led operation, DRI officers intercepted an import container at **Nhava Sheva, Mumbai**, which had arrived from Dubai and was declared to contain “Plastic Storage Boxes”. Examination, however, revealed that it was packed with nearly **85 lakh sticks of foreign-made Gold Flake brand cigarettes**. The smuggled cigarettes, valued at ₹20 crore, were seized.



Seized smuggled cigarettes and one sample

On **17.07.2026**, DRI officers in **Punjab**, acting on specific intelligence, recovered two drone-dropped parcels near the International Border in the Amritsar sector. Examination of the parcels led to the recovery of **two Pakistan-made pistols with magazines**. The firearms were handed over to the jurisdictional police for necessary action under the **Arms Act, 1959**.



Two Pakistan made pistols recovered from border

Acting on intelligence on **17.7.2026**, DRI officers in **Chennai** busted a clandestine premises and seized around **4 kg Pseudoephedrine**, a precursor chemical used in the illicit manufacture of Methamphetamine. The contraband was concealed inside a specially fabricated cavity within the premises. Preliminary investigation indicates that the seized Pseudoephedrine was intended to be illegally exported abroad. Four persons were arrested under the provisions of the **NDPS Act, 1985**.



Seized Pseudoephedrine

These intelligence-led operations underscore DRI's unwavering commitment to combating organised smuggling, narcotics trafficking, illicit tobacco trade, and the cross-border movement of arms for a *Nasha Mukh Bharat* (drug free India).

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