

DRI seizes around 18 Kg Amphetamine and MDMA in two operations as it intensifies crackdown on synthetic drugs; Four persons arrested

DRI interdicts around 150 kg Amphetamine type stimulant drugs in a fortnight

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Continuing its sustained crackdown on trafficking of synthetic drugs, the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI), in two intelligence-led operations on 25.08.2026, seized around 14.9 kg Amphetamine at Bengaluru and 2.53 kg (approx) Amphetamine along with 878 grams MDMA tablets at Pune, cumulatively weighing more than 18 kg. Four persons have been arrested in the two cases under the provisions of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, 1985.

On 25.08.26, in an intelligence-led operation, officers of DRI intercepted an Indian woman passenger at KSR Bengaluru Railway Station, who was travelling by train from New Delhi to Bengaluru and was suspected to be carrying a large quantity of contraband

Detailed examination of her baggage resulted in the recovery of seven packets containing a crystalline substance, weighing 14.9 kg (approx.) which, on preliminary testing using a field drug detection kit, indicated the presence of Amphetamine. The recovered psychotropic substance, along with the relevant packing and concealment material, was seized under the provisions of the NDPS Act, 1985.

Based on information gathered during the proceedings, DRI officers conducted a swift follow-up operation at the designated delivery location. A person who arrived at the spot to receive the baggage from the carrier was intercepted. Further follow-up action led to the interception of another person who had come to receive the contraband from the first receiver. All three persons involved in the transportation and attempted receipt of the contraband were arrested under the provisions of the NDPS Act, 1985.

In another unrelated intelligence-led operation on 25.08.2026, DRI intercepted another Indian woman passenger at Pune Junction station, who was travelling by train from Hazrat Nizamuddin Railway Station, Delhi, via Pune.

Detailed examination of her baggage resulted in the recovery of a white/yellow-coloured crystalline substance purported to be Amphetamine, weighing 2.53 kg (approx.) and tablets purported to be 3,4-methylenedioxymethamphetamine (MDMA), weighing 878 grams (gross). The recovered contraband was seized under the provisions of the NDPS Act, 1985, and the passenger was arrested.

The latest seizures form part of DRI's intensified efforts to interdict synthetic drugs and dismantle trafficking networks operating across the country. In a fortnight, DRI has now seized around 150 kg Amphetamine Type Stimulant (ATS) class of drugs in five operations, including 76 kg Methamphetamine tablets in two operations along India's North-Eastern frontier and 55.86 kg Methamphetamine concealed by mixing it with maize/corn in an export consignment destined for Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.

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