

Operation Trident Targets Cross-Border Drug Trafficking



Chennai, 27 Oct 2026: The Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB), in coordination with central and state agencies, conducted simultaneous raids at 38 locations across Assam, Mizoram and Manipur on October 23, 2026, under 'Operation Trident', targeting drug trafficking networks operating across the Northeast and the Myanmar border.

Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the strategic guidance of Union Home Minister Amit Shah, the operation focused on dismantling narcotics networks, disrupting smuggling routes and targeting the financial channels supporting the illegal trade.

The coordinated crackdown covered sensitive locations, including Aizawl, Champhai, Zokhaw thar, Churachandpur and Cachar. The operation resulted in the arrest of 18 individuals, the seizure of 500 detonators and ₹12 lakh in cash, and the freezing of 1,424 bank accounts. Investigations also uncovered hawala transactions worth ₹100 crore and led to the seizure of assets valued at ₹17.82 crore. Additionally, routes allegedly used by traffickers in Myanmar's Sagaing region were shut down, striking at the operational and financial foundations of the networks.

The operation aligns with the NCB's Vision Document (2026–2029), which emphasises coordinated enforcement, intelligence-sharing and financial investigations to combat drug trafficking.

Shah has set December 31, 2029, as the target to eliminate drug trafficking networks at their roots. Operation Trident marks a significant step towards the government's vision of a drug-free India, reinforcing its commitment to protecting the country's youth, securing its borders and denying international drug syndicates safe havens.