

PRESS RELEASE

Imphal, the 9th January, 2019

1. On 8th January 2019 @ 2:30 pm, based on a specific information for the first time in Manipur, a team of Narcotics and Affairs of Border (NAB) led by Addl. SP Th. Brinda seized 3 (three) Kgs of the notorious party drug METHAQUALONE (a MANDRAX crystals, a banned psychotropic substance under Schedule 1 of ND&PS Act, 1985, from Air Cargo section of Imphal Tullihal International Airport. The drug is also popularly known as Quaaludes, Bandits, Disco Biscuits, Flowers, Vitamin Q, Lovers, 714, Soap, Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde etc. Methaqualone is a pharmaceutical depression popularly refer to as Mandrax in South West Asia and Africa.

Quaalude is a synthetic, barbiturate like, central nervous system depressant. It is an anxiolytic (used for reducing anxiety) and sedative-hypnotic drug. The drug typically comes in tablet or capsule form and is taken orally. However, in certain cases, it is crushed and smoked. Heavy abusers liquefy it and inject into their veins. It is completely tasteless and odourless. Its effects are extremely potent causing heavy abuse and fast addiction. Overdosing on Quaaludes can be fatal, especially when it is combined with other medication or alcohol.

The drugs were concealed inside a hidden chamber of Bangle Hollow Tube Forming Machine, heavy machinery used for gold jewelry industry.

Presumptive test conducted on the seized drugs samples by FSL.Pangei has shown the presence of Methaqualone.

A case has been registered at Narcotics & Affairs of Border Police Station and investigation is going on.

2. On 8th January 2019, a joint team of NAB, Kangpokpi Police including SDPO/KPI, Imphal West and Imphal East Police personnel, 1ST MR & 2nd MR personnel, NCB, led by ASP, Saklemba Rajkumar of NAB as well as DC/Kangpokpi destroyed around 135 Acres of illicit poppy cultivation at river banks of Nepali Asean Village areas and its adjoining areas which would have yield around 1,350 Kgs of Opium. A total number of 250 Officers and personnel participated in the joint operation.

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