



Madhya Pradesh: DRI seizes 112 kg Mephedrone

Why in News?

Recently, the [Directorate of Revenue Intelligence \(DRI\)](#) busted an illegal mephedrone factory in Jhabua, Madhya Pradesh, seizing a large quantity of [narcotics](#).

Key Points

- **DRI Operation in Jhabua:** The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) uncovered an illegal factory manufacturing mephedrone in Jhabua, Madhya Pradesh.
 - The operation led to the seizure of **112 kg of mephedrone**, a synthetic drug, with a high street value.
 - Multiple individuals involved in the illegal drug manufacturing and distribution network were arrested during the operation.
- **Impact on Drug Trafficking:** The bust is considered a significant blow to narcotics trafficking in the region, as mephedrone is a popular illegal drug in the market.
- **Continued Vigilance:** Authorities have increased vigilance and are monitoring the area to prevent further **illegal drug activities in the region**.
- **Mephedrone and its Risks:** Mephedrone, also known as "**meow meow**" or "**MD**," is a highly addictive synthetic drug, with severe health risks, making its illegal production a priority for law enforcement to tackle.

Mephedrone

- It is also known as **4-methylmethcathinone, 4-MMC and 4-methylephedrone**.
- It is a synthetic stimulant drug of the **amphetamine and cathinone classes**.
- Other names: drone, M-CAT, white magic, 'meow meow', and bubble.
- It has a role as a **xenobiotic** and an environmental contaminant.
- It has been linked to a range of adverse effects on both physical and mental health.
- Users commonly report increased alertness, euphoria, and enhanced sociability, but these positive effects come at a cost.
- Health impacts:
 - Anxiety, paranoia, nausea, and insomnia are among the negative side effects experienced by individuals under the influence of this synthetic stimulant.
 - Prolonged use of Mephedrone has been associated with more severe consequences, including cardiovascular issues, hallucinations, and even instances of aggressive behaviour.
 - The drug's impact on mental health raises concerns about its potential for addiction and long-term psychological harm.
- It is banned in India under the [Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985](#).

