

PRESS NOTE

INTERSTATE GANJA PEDDLING RACKET BUSTED BY SOT, LB NAGAR ZONE HELD (4) AND SEIZED CONTRABAND GANJA 166 KGS

**CR. NO. 871/2025 U/S. 8 (c) R/W 20 (b) (II) (C) OF NDPS ACT 1985 OF HAYATH
NAGAR POLICE STATION, RACHAKONDA.**

The details of the accused persons:-

1	:	Vikas Baban Salve, S/o Baban, Age: 30 yrs, Occ: Painting, R/o Matade, Sukewadi Road, Sangamner, Ahmad Nagar, Maharastra, Pin: 422605. (Ganja Peddler)
2	:	Ranganath Yurajn Sadve, S/o Yurajn, Age: 36 yrs, Occ: Agriculture, R/o Amsari, Aurangabad, Maharastra. Pin: 431132. (Ganja Peddler)
3	:	Sagar Gajanan Khandebharad @ Sagar S/o Gajanan Rusthumrao Khandebharad, Age: 29 yrs, Occ: Central Govt. Employee (Track Maintainer Grade-IV in Nanded Sub-Division of Railway Department), R/o Pimpalgaov, Chilamkha, Pimpalgaon, Pr.Japha, Buldhana, Maharashtra State, Pin: 443204. (Ganja Peddler)
4	:	Amol Narayan Borde, S/o Narayan Namdeve Borde, Age: 26 yrs, Occ: Agriculture, R/o Near Maroti Mandior, Mangrul, Sillod, Aurangabad, Maharastra, Pin: 431112. (Driver)

Seized Property:-

- 1. Dry Ganja – 166 KGs - Worth Rs. 50,00,000/- (Rupees Fifty Lakhs)**
 2. One car - Force Trax cruiser Br No. MH 20 CH 5017
 3. Mobile Phones- (04)
 4. Net Cash – Rs. 6,200/-
- (Total W/Rs. 65,00,000/- (Sixty-Five Lakhs Rupees))**

Brief Facts:-

The accused Vikas Baban Salve, became acquainted with Maik @ Rahul @ Dass who is main source and resides at Odisha. Vikas is struggling to meet his extravagant lifestyle and decided to earn quick money by selling Ganja. He noticed that most of the labourers at Maharastra are addicted to Ganja and its products. This inspired him to devise a plan with his friends to make quick money by selling Ganja. They procuring Ganja from Odisha, transporting it via Hyderabad to supply buyers in Maharastra. Hyderabad is being used as transit route.

Vikas introduced the illicit drug trade to his friends Sagar Gajanan, Ranganath and Amol Narayan all N/o Maharashtra with a promise of huge profits. Sagar Gajanan is a Central Government railway employee and joined hands with them out of greed to earn easy money. As per their plan on 19.06.2025, Sagar Gajanan and Ranganath were assisted to Vikas. Amol Narayan was driving the car Force Trax Cruiser and met with Maik @ Rahul @ Dass R/o Kurumanur, Kalimela tehsil, Malkangiri district, Odisha, where they procured Ganja of 166 KGs from him to sell at Maharashtra for huge prices to make easy money. **The accused Vikas is previously involved in a NDPS case of Alair PS and a NBW is pending on him since one and half year. Ranganath also involved in a NDPS case of Badrachalam town PS and NBW pending on him since two years.**

On 20.06.2025 on a tip off information, the sleuths of SOT, LB Nagar Zone along with Hayath Nagar police while conducting vehicle checking near Dhananjaya Function Hall, Hayath Nagar, in the meantime above peddlers Vikas, Sagar Gajanan, Ranganath & Amol Narayan were apprehended and seized (166) Kilograms of Ganja and other incriminating material from their possession.

Efforts are underway to trace and apprehend the main source Maik @ Rahul @ Dass, who is currently in absconding. Efforts are underway to trace and apprehend the past criminal history of the arrested individuals is also being verified.

The proactive efforts of the Team of SOT LB Nagar Zone and Hayath Nagar Police led to the successful interception of this drug trafficking operation, highlighting their continued commitment to combat illegal drug activities and ensuring the safety of the community. **Rachakonda police determined and doing sustained efforts to curb the drug menace, coupled with drug awareness campaigns, continue to remain our top priority.** We are disrupting the supply chain of drugs, identifying the drug peddlers & consumers and taking necessary steps to curb the drug menace. Further appeals the society to cooperate with police in curbing this menace.

The above arrests were made under the direct supervision of Shri G. Sudheer Babu, IPS., Commissioner of Police, Rachakonda and under the guidance of Shri Ch. Praveen Kumar, IPS., DCP, LB Nagar & Shri Md. Shakir Hussain, Addl. DCP, SOT, LB Nagar-Maheshwaram & Hayath Nagar police personnel.



