



## **Narcotics Control Bureau**

### **Press Release**

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- **NCB and Rashtriya Raksha University sign MoU to strengthen research, training & technology collaboration against narcotics & cyber-enabled drug crimes.**
- **DG NCB Anurag Garg notes collaboration to help create a knowledge-driven enforcement ecosystem by leveraging RRU's academic strength & NCB's operational experience**
- **Shri Anurag Garg urges RRU to work to develop eco-friendly methods & technologies for destruction of opium & cannabis.**

The Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) and the Rashtriya Raksha University (RRU), an Institution of National Importance under the Ministry of Home Affairs, today signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to enhance cooperation in the areas of research, training, technology development, and capacity building related to narcotics control and cyber-enabled drug crimes. The MoU was signed by Shri Anurag Garg, IPS, Director General, NCB, and Prof. (Dr.) Bimal N. Patel, Vice Chancellor, RRU at a function in New Delhi.

Under this MoU, NCB and RRU will collaborate to conduct joint research and innovation in emerging areas such as darknet narcotics markets, cryptocurrency tracing, and cyber-threat intelligence. The two institutions will also work together to develop and deliver specialized training programmes on cyber forensics, blockchain forensics, OSINT, and behavioural profiling for NCB officers. Further, NCB and RRU will work towards establishing a Centre of Excellence in Cybercrime Investigation and Drug Intelligence (CoE-CIDI) as a hub for research and innovation.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri Anurag Garg highlighted that the collaboration will help create a knowledge-driven enforcement ecosystem by leveraging RRU's academic strength and NCB's operational experience. He also highlighted emerging challenges such as the illicit cultivation of opium and cannabis in remote areas, urging the RRU to develop eco-friendly methods and technologies for their destruction. The NCB DG emphasized the growing threat of synthetic drugs, noting the need for institutions like RRU to innovate and develop advanced detection technologies. Prof. (Dr.) Bimal N. Patel emphasized that the University is committed to contributing to national security through advanced research, innovation, and training in the field of narcotics and cybercrime investigation.



The partnership marks a significant step toward integrating academic expertise with field enforcement experience, thereby strengthening India's institutional capacity to counter the evolving dimensions of drug trafficking, particularly those involving digital platforms and cryptocurrencies.



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