



Narcotics Control Bureau

- **NCB seizes over 28 kg of high-grade Hydroponic Ganja at Chennai International Airport; Two women arrested**

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Acting on specific intelligence, officers of the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB), Chennai, intercepted two female passengers at Chennai International Airport on 13.11.2025 and recovered 28.080 kilograms of high-grade Hydroponic Ganja (Weed) from their check-in baggage. The seized contraband has an estimated street value of ₹10 crore in India. The narcotic substance was found concealed inside two check-in suitcases, both carried by the arrested passengers. Initial investigation has revealed that the duo had procured the contraband in Phuket, Thailand, and were attempting to smuggle it into India for further delivery.

One of the arrested women is involved in the real-estate business and is suspected to have been drawn into drug trafficking by the lure of high profits. The second woman had earlier worked in Dubai as a housemaid and is currently based in Chennai, occasionally taking up small supporting and crowd roles in the film industry. Preliminary inquiries indicate that certain individuals in Phuket handed over the suitcases containing Hydroponic Ganja to the accused at the airport, instructing them to transport the bags to Chennai. Early investigation also suggests that the seized contraband was intended for distribution within Chennai, including to individuals possibly associated with the Kollywood film industry.

Further investigation is underway to identify the full network involved, including suppliers, financiers, and intended recipients of the contraband. NCB Chennai continues to intensify its efforts to curb drug trafficking routes operating through international sources. Both the persons were arrested under NDPS Act 1985. Investigations in the case are in progress to identify the backward linkages in Thailand and forward linkages in India so that the entire drug syndicate can be neutralized.

To fight against drug trafficking, NCB seeks support of the citizens. Any person can share information related to sale of narcotics by calling on MANAS- National Narcotics Helpline Toll Free Number-1933. The identity of the caller is kept confidential.
