



Narcotics Control Bureau

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- **NCB gets published INTERPOL silver notice to trace assets of Dubai based fugitive in 2024 Delhi cocaine recovery case**
- **Accused operates narcotics trafficking and money-laundering syndicate with bases in Dubai and Delhi**

The Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB), in close coordination with INTERPOL, has successfully got published 1st Silver Notice against Pawan Thakur, wanted in connection with the recovery of around 82 kilograms of cocaine in Delhi in November 2024. Investigations established that the fugitive is the mastermind behind the import, export, and trafficking of the seized cocaine. He arranged for the consignment's import through an Indian port and facilitated its onward movement to Delhi by road. His associates managed warehousing and custodianship of the contraband in Delhi, while he personally mediated among handlers to ensure smooth distribution.

During the investigation, it was further revealed that the accused operates a hawala network with bases in Dubai and Delhi, channeling illicit funds and laundering proceeds of narcotics trafficking into the formal financial system through his associates. He is currently residing in Dubai and continues to operate his narcotics trafficking and money-laundering syndicate from there.

The silver notice will help in identifying, locating, and tracing properties and assets acquired through criminal proceeds by the fugitive across member countries of INTERPOL. It will also enable law enforcement agencies, financial intelligence units,

and asset recovery offices worldwide to share information with NCB. The NCB has urged law enforcement agencies, financial intelligence units, and asset recovery offices across INTERPOL member countries to extend cooperation by providing information on properties and assets linked to the fugitive. India's apex nodal agency working to prevent the trafficking of drugs and their abuse has been making continuous efforts in coordination with international agencies to dismantle organized drug syndicates and choke their financial flow.