



Mephedrone

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Context: The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) recently dismantled a **Mephedrone manufacturing facility** in Maharashtra under **Operation Hinterland Brew**, highlighting India's vigilance against emerging drug threats.

About Mephedrone

Classification:

- o **New Psychoactive Substance (NPS)** – designed to mimic effects of established illicit drugs.
- o **Empathogen-stimulant drug** – accelerates communication between brain and body.

Effects:

- o Similar to **MDMA (ecstasy)** – induces euphoria, stimulation, and empathy.
- o Associated with **undesirable effects**: agitation, anxiety, hallucinations, and in severe cases, **fatal intoxications**.

Legal Status in India:

- o Governed under **Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, 1985**.
- o Manufacture, possession, or distribution without authorization is a **criminal offence**.