

**PUNJAB POLICE JOINTLY WITH CENTRAL AGENCIES BUST  
NARCO-ORGANISED CRIME NEXUS BEING OPERATED BY USA-  
BASED SARWAN SINGH; THREE HELD WITH 6 PISTOLS,  
200GRAMS HEROIN**

**— PUNJAB POLICE COMMITTED TO MAKING PUNJAB A SAFE  
AND SECURE STATE AS PER DIRECTIONS OF CM BHAGWANT  
SINGH MANN**

**— ACCUSED PERSONS WERE DIRECTLY IN TOUCH WITH  
SARWAN SINGH: DGP GAURAV YADAV**

**— PROBE ON TO UNEARTH WHOLE NETWORK OF SMUGGLERS,  
DEALERS AND THEIR BUYERS: SSP SATINDER SINGH**

CHANDIGARH/AMRITSAR, June 22:

Amidst the ongoing drive to make Punjab a safe and secure state as per the directions of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, Amritsar Rural Police in a close coordination with Central Agencies have busted Narcotics and Organised Crime nexus backed by USA-based smuggler Sarwan Singh alias Bhola Havelian with the arrest of its three operatives from Ajnala, said Director General of Police (DGP) Punjab Gaurav Yadav here on Saturday.

Those arrested have been identified as Karanjit Singh of Khalra in Tarn Taran, Akash Seth alias Raghu and Sukhdeep Singh, both residents of Raja Sansi in Amritsar. Police teams have also recovered six pistols— including five .30 bore Star pistols and one 9mm Glock— along with six live cartridges and 10 magazines, 200 grams heroin and one electronic weighing machine from their possession.

Notably, Bhola Havelian, who is carrying Rs 2 lakh reward on his arrest, is a brother of infamous drug smuggler Ranjeet alias Cheeta and is wanted in a 532-kg Heroin haul case, in which the latter was arrested in May 2020. Ranjit Cheeta was the mastermind behind the smuggling of 532 packets of heroin which were seized by Customs department at ICP Attari in July 2019 and is being investigated by the NIA.

DGP Gaurav Yadav said following intel inputs that associates of Sarwan Singh have retrieved the weapon consignment and they are going to deliver it to someone, Police teams from CIA Staff conducted a special police checking in the

jurisdiction of Ajnala, and arrested trio accused persons and recovered six pistols along with 10 magazines from their possession.

Later, Police teams on the disclosure of Akash alias Raghu has also recovered 200 grams heroin, six live cartridges and electronic weighing machine from the location pinpointed by him, he added.

The DGP said that as per preliminary investigations, the accused person was directly in touch with USA-based smuggler Sarwan Singh and was supplying weapons and heroin. Further investigations are going on to establish backward and forward linkages in this case, he added.

Sharing more details, SSP Amritsar Rural Satinder Singh probe has also revealed that Akash alias Raghu's cousin Sanjam alias Mathi of Ajnala—presently lodged in Amritsar Jail—introduced him introduced with Bhola Havelian. “We will bring Sanjam on production warrant for further revelations,” he added.

He said that Police teams are tracing the financial trails of the accused persons to unravel the entire nexus and more arrests are expected in this case.

A case FIR no. 122 dated 22-6-2024 has been registered under section 25 of the Arms Act and sections 21 and 29 also added in the FIR, registered at Police Station Ajnala.

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