### PRESS NOTE

# INTERSTATE DRUG PEDDLING RACKET BUSTED BY SOT MALKAJGIRI TEAM ALONG WITH KEESARA, POLICE FOR TRANSPORTING OPIUM & POPPY STRAW WORTH RS. 01 CRORE.

In a Joint operation, the sleuths of the Special Operations Team (SOT), Malkajgiri along with the Keesara Police, have successfully apprehended one interstate drug peddler involved in the transportation of Opium & Poppy Straw.

## CR. NO. 763/2025 U/S. 17 (C) 18 (B) OF NDPS ACT 1985 OF KEESARA POLICE STATION.

### The details of the accused persons:-

1	:	Lokesh Bareth S/o Durga Shankar Bareth, Age:26yrs, Occ: Hotel Manager, Caste: SC, R/o: Near Char Bhuja Mandir, Baldarkha, Anwalhera, Chittorgarth, Rajasthan State-(Peddler)
2	:	Jagadish Gujjar R/o Rajasthan (Source Not Available for Examinations)

#### Seized Property:

- 1. Opium (07) KGs
- 2. Poppy straw (02) KGs
- 3. Mobile Phones- (01)

All worth Rs. 1,00,00,000/- (One Crore rupees)

#### **Brief Facts:-**

The accused person Lokesh Bareth is a native of Rajasthan State and he has one brother and sister, his parents are farmers, Lokesh Bareth studied up to 10<sup>th</sup> class after completion he worked as a sales boy in Textiles shop and also as a delivery boy in dominos pizza, later he pursued short term Hotel Management course in House Keeping at Udaipur of Rajasthan, after completion he worked as Manager in Golden palm hotel at Udaipur City of Rajasthan. As the Management changed he was removed and since the last three months he was left without any work, later he came into contact with Jagadish Gujjar both together hatched a plan to earn money easily by procuring, transporting and selling Opium to Hyderabad, Chennai and its neighboring areas. Previously he came to Hyderabad in the month of August 2025 and delivered 2 Kgs Opium to the unknown receiver near Kachiguda Railway station as per the directions of Jagadish Gujjar, Further as per their plan and

directions of Jagadish Juggar, on 08.10.2025 he boarded train from Rajasthan along with 07 kgs of Opium and 02 Kgs of Poppy Straw and today i.e on 10.10.2025 he got down at Hyderabad and reached near Kundanpally ORR Rotary in the limits of PS Keesara for handing over the Opium and Poppy Straw to the unknown receiver. At 1100 Hours, SOT Malkajgiri police along with Keesara Police apprehended him and seized (07) kgs of Opium and (02) Kgs of Poppy Straw which is packed in (12) packets (Opium) and (04) packets Poppy Straw which were placed in leather bag and a brief case all worth of Rs. 01 Crore (As per market value), also seized one Mobile Phone from his possession. The main source (Jagadish Gujjar) is still at large. Efforts are in progress to nab the absconding accused.

Appeal to the Public: The Police Rachakonda hereby appeals to all the citizens/Society that not to involve in any illegal activities and feel the responsibility and be a part in curbing the menace of Drugs and make a Drug free society. Consumption of Opium causes Insomnia, Mental depression, Physical Weakness, Respiratory diseases, cardiovascular effects, Organ Damages (Heart, Nervous system, Liver and Kidney)

<u>Caution:</u> It is also instructed to all the public at large and be aware that procuring, selling, transporting and consumption of the banned Narcotics drugs and Psychotropic substances is a crime and punishable for imprisonment for a period of 10 years and also death penalty, according to Section 31A of the NDPS Act.

The above arrests were made under the direct supervision of Shri G. Sudheer Babu, IPS., Commissioner of Police, Rachakonda and under the guidance of Smt. P.V Padmaja, IPS., DCP Malkajgiri, Shri A. Ramana Reddy DCP, SOT-I Malkajgiri & Bhongir, Shri N. Narsimha Reddy ADCP SOT-I, Shri C. Anjaiah ACP SOT-I, the following Inspector G. Janaiah, M. Saikumar, SIP and team of SOT, Malkajgiri Zone, Sri A. Anjaneyulu, Inspector Keesara have apprehended the accused and done the investigation process.



