

SSB instrumental in thwarting of smuggling



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Sashastra Seema Bal, deployed on Indo - Nepal and Indo Bhutan border, with mandate of securing these borders is not only guarding international borders with friendly neighbours, but has been instrumental in thwarting of smuggling of contrabands through the porous borders. Smuggling of narcotics across these borders is one of the challenges faced by SSB. The recent recoveries and apprehensions made by SSB suggest that these open borders are being used by [smugglers](#) for supply of narcotics in small to occasional huge quantities.

As per information emailed to this correspondent from OPS Directorate SSB FHQ, [New Delhi](#), along Indo - Nepal border with Uttar Pradesh, 42nd Bn. Baharaich of SSB apprehended 3 persons with 60 Gms. of Smack valued at INR. 30 Lacs, smuggled from Nepal to [India](#) on 20.03.17. Similarly along Indo - Nepal border with Bihar, 20th Bn. Sitamarhi on 08.03.17, apprehended [2](#) persons with [2](#) Kg. [Ganja](#) valued at INR 45,000. The 47th Bn. SSB Pantoka, E. Champaran apprehended 1 person and seized 210 Gms. heroin valued at INR 1.05 Crores on 17-03-17. SSB 44th Bn. Narkatiaganj apprehended 1 person who was to smuggle 100 Kgs. of [Ganja](#) from Nepal to [India](#) valued at INR 20 Lacs on 21-03-17. This battalion also seized 690 Gms. Charas valued at INR [10.35](#) Lacs and apprehended 1 person on 20.03.17.

Along Indo - Nepal border with W. Bengal, 41st Bn. Ranidanga, Siliguri apprehended 1 person with 152 Gms. Brown Sugar valued at INR 76 Lacs on 20.03.17.

Along Indo - Bhutan border with W. Bengal, 17th Bn. Falakata in a joint operation with Customs department recovered 42 Kg. [Ganja](#) on 17.03.17 from a passenger bus plying in border area.

Along Indo - Bhutan border with Arunanchal Pradesh, where [Ganja](#) is illegally cultivated inside thick forest in bordering area, 30th Bn. Dirang recovered 15 Kg. [Ganja](#) hidden in thick jungle. On 19.03.17, 61st Bn. [Bhairabkunda](#) of [Udalguri](#) recovered 30 Kg. [Ganja](#) valued INR [2,40,000](#) from the border area.

The achievements made by SSB is the result of efforts made by its troops to curb the [menace](#) of narcotics smuggling across the border. SSB is committed to strengthen the government in its efforts to protect nation, especially the young generation from the clutches of narcotics.

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