

# Impact Of Drugs In Khergao Imphal East District, Manipur And Growth Of Illegal Economy

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## **Abstract:**

*For more than a decade armed police personnel cannot wiped out drug peddlers of Khergao Imphal East District Manipur and increased buying and selling of illegal drugs cannot be stopped till now. These lead to growth of illegal economy.*

*The study investigates impact of Khergao region.*

*Qualitative research method is applied and secondary data collection through e-newspaper, news on YouTube channels is done to study the impact of drugs on illegal economy of Khergao Imphal East District, Manipur.*

*There is an increased earning through illegal selling of drugs in Khergao leading to growth of illegal economy in Khergao Imphal East. The activities of drug peddlers cannot be stopped and has continued for more than a decade till now.*

*The study shows that Khergao is one of the region in Manipur where “Wars on Drugs” is implemented but the roots of illegal drugs cannot be uprooted leading to unstopple growth in illegal economy in Khergao region. Growth of illegal economy in Khergao Imphal East District needs data of illegal economy growth rate. But due to shortage of primary data collection illegal economy growth rate is not able to find out. And Khergao Imphal East region is based on village bases economy which comes under rural economy. This might be the reason for improper data.*

**Key Word:** *Drug peddlers, Khergao region, police personnel, Manipur, Illegal Drugs, Decade.*

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## **I. Introduction**

The social settings of drugs has a huge impact on growth of revenue in illegal economy of Khergao Imphal East District, Manipur. There are complementary relationships between drug users and drug peddlers. This conditions is created and has become a regid structure that is hard to destroy. So the affects of drugs in Khergao Imphal East District needs an alarm.

A need for proper study is needed to knoq more about the current situation of drug affected Khergao in todays liberalized Economy. A need for research is called upon to check the degraded areas of drugs users by searching the history of drugs in this regions. Till now proper complete data for illegal economy growth is not yet published.

We can name a study based on British based research on “Drug, the informal economy and globalization”. (T Seddon, 2008).

The following related study is – The socio economic determinants of ill gotten gains: Within person changes in drug use and illegal earning (C Uggan et al., 2003). Another research namely- Getting by or getting rich? The formal, informal and criminal economy in a globalized world (P Saitta et al., 2013) is a related study based on drugs. Research on Khergao region in case of drugs will be of immense importance where “War on Drugs” is the slogan of the unsettled situation of Manipur. Many areas of Manipur are affected by drugs like heroin, 50 SP capsules and 11W Y tablets. The questions like why the negative externalities cause by drugs is increasing and even question like “Is the campaign against drugs not at all organized among the districts of Manipur and if organized why it is not effective can be asked to study the particular region. Why Manipur till cannot resolved the problem of drugs even though the settings of “War on Drugs” is implemented by the state government. The research on impact of drugs in a Khergao Imphal East Manipur is needed to know more about the drugs affected areas of Manipur.

## **II. Literature Review:**

Some studies were undertaken recently to explain the root causes of increased use of drugs: Is the demand of drugs in Khergao mainly demanded from drug users in Khergao or is it demanded mainly from people outside Khergao region. Is this causing a threat to the economy due to growth of unwanted illegal economy.

**Summary and Synthesis:-** In Environmental Impact of Poppy cultivation in Manipur: Challenges to National security (NK Singh et al., 2024) there was an attempt to critically analyse non-traditional security threats and issues of drug trafficking and the environmental impact of poppy cultivation in Northeast India, particularly in Manipur. In a case study of Manipur (NK Singh, 2022) NK Singh mentioned security threat dynamics are becoming intricate, and consequently threatening the stability well-being, and viability of the state in more complex way. In critical analysis of Narco-Politics. In Manipur (TP Singh, 2022) study the emergence of the golden concept, along with the Golden Triangle, popularises the north eastern state, especially Manipur, to the drug trafficking world "Facets of drug trafficking in Manipur, a border state of India, Volumes, ethnicity and value journal of Money Laundering (HI sharma, et al., 2025) talks about the need for expediting the War on Drugs campaign in the state curtailing poppy cultivation and conviction of drugs lords so that the nerve centre of terror funding in India's eastern front is kept under control. "Drug trafficking routes and hepatitis B in injection drugs users, Manipur, India Emerging Infection (S Datta et al., 2006) discuss about the prevalence of hepatitis B genotype C in injection drugs users in the northeastern India state of Manipur, neighbouring the "Golden Triangle" correlates well with overland drug trafficking routes, the injection drug use epidemics, and the spread of HIV. Health and socio economic Analysis of Adolescent Drug Abuse in Ukhrul District, Manipur (RA Shatsang et al., 2025) examines patterns, causes and influencing dimensions of drug use among 100 adolescents using a structured questionnaire survey and stratified random sampling.

**Comparison:** In the case study mentioned above NK Singh mentioned the threatening of Manipur cause by drugs which is studied in 2022 state of Manipur but the recent study in 2024 given by NK Singh, TP Singh and MOK Singh both the negative externalities cause by poppy plantation and its consequences. On stability of Manipur is studied. Unlike the above two study TP Singh give preference to the concept of golden Pentagon and golden triangle Manipur share the same border with Myanmar resulting to import of drugs by Manipur drug trafficker. In Facets of drug trafficking in Manipur by HI Sharma, SS Hanjabam want a complete shutdown of illegal drugs by aiming the main cause which can be applied to Khergao Imphal East region where the problem of illegal drugs has continued force more than a decade. Drug trafficking routes and Hepatitis B in injection drug users Manipur India by S datta A Banerjee; PK Chandra give emphasised to spread of HIV. Even in Khergao due to increased use of illegal drugs and even sharing of needle lead to increased number of person suffering from HIV. In health and socio economic analysis of Adolescent Drug abuse in Ukhrul District, Manipur discusses the same condition with Khergao where adolescent group of people were affected by drug in mass.

**Critique:** All the above studies showed the impact of drugs. The problem of drug trafficking drugs users and its impact on growth of illegal economy of every drug affected region of Manipur is not listed clearly. To study the whole Manipur one should know the important areas affected by drugs only then it can apply to whole Manipur. Study and collection of information and data about drug in areas of Manipur namely Khergao is not done in the previous study, mentioned above. Without the proper information and data collected by researcher the whole aspect of Manipur cannot be stated. So a need has arise to know more detailed about crime like rape, killing and domestic violence and even destroying one's family cause by debt and even looting by drug users in a particular area Khergao need an evaluation. This will give a clear picture about the impact of drugs on illegal economy of the region.

**Connection:** So a Research on drugs which affected Khergao region of Manipur is crucial to connect a link of the entire state of Manipur and its impact on illegal economy of the region.

## **III. Material And Methods**

The study of Khergao region which is now a drug prone area need a careful study and group of drug peddlers has power. This group of drug sellers act in unity to resist the forces of armed police personnel. This is shown in E-Pao e-newspaper on December 11, 2025, Thursday.

On this day the police found around 50 SP capsules and 11 WY tablet and also recovered one gram of No. 4 heroin powder from the house of one Md Khomei (42) Md Mangi Khan of Khergao Yumkhaibam Lairak. But when the police tried to arrest the drug peddlers, they were physically prevented by a local mob using sticks and stones.

**Materials used to study the impact of Drugs in Khergao:** Understanding the conditions of Khergao mentioned in the e-newspaper which is a secondary data collection is important for the study. Interview method of drug affected family will be risky as drug peddlers in Khergao can use unfair means to suppressed the drug affected family so a collection of primary data through interview method will be risky. Opinion of the drug affected family is suppressed by the unity applied by the drug peddlers families and relatives. It will take time to collect valid primary data. The collective unity of drug peddlers is also shown in the data of Press release, Imphal, on 16th March, 2020.

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**Police arrest 3 involved in obstructing drug drive**  
Source: **The Sangai Express**

**Imphal, July 31 2017:** Police today arrested three persons including one minor involved in obstructing a police team during a drug drive at Khergao Yumkhaibam Leikai yesterday.

According to a statement issued by the PRO of Police Dept said that when Imphal East police were carrying out a special drive against illicit liquor in Khergao Yumkhaibam Leikai, Imphal East yesterday, some youth prevented and obstructed the police from discharging their duties.

In this regard, Imphal East district police carried out raids/operations in the said area today at around 4 pm.

After screening more than 150 persons, the police identified three accused persons and arrested them, it said.

Another source identified the arrested men as Md Aifash (22) s/o Md Babu of Khergao Makha Leikai and Md Najakat (19) s/o Md Lysakat Ali of Khergao Makha Leikai.

The third person is said to be a minor.

It is reported that the Imphal East police team, as part of drive against drugs, conducted a drug raid at the residence of one Abir Khan (35) s/o (L) Md Pishak of Khergao Yumkhaibam Leirak yesterday.

The police found around 50 SP capsules and 11 WY tablets and also recovered one gram of No 4 heroin powder from the house of one Md Khomei (42) s/o Md Mangi Khan of Khergao Yumkhaibam Leirak.

But when the police tried to arrest the drug peddlers, they were physically prevented by a local mob using sticks and stones.

During the tussle, police got assaulted and two accused managed to flee away from the spot with some drugs, the source said.

Taking account of the mob obstruction on police drive against drugs, under the guidance of senior officers, a huge team of Imphal East police today under the supervision of SP Imphal East and other senior officers conducted a mass cordon and search operation at the same place.

Police verified about 150 men and picked up 15 persons including three persons who were reportedly involved in yesterday incident.

\* This news is as published by respected news daily at Imphal, whose name is duly marked as 'Source'. E-Pao.net is not responsible for its sanctity & originality.

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- Nation sets for e-panchayat mission mode project
- Aspirant Candidates of SSA Primary teachers, 2016 appeals to conduct recruitments
- Legal awareness programme
- Man found alive in export container at Chittagong port
- Social Service conducted
- Indo Myanmar Post Level Meeting between Nampsha and Onzia Post
- Blood Donation camp at Churachandpur
- CM moots amendment of Liquor Prohibition Act
- Liquor toll reaches 5
- Reserving Assembly seats beyond State Govt
- KSA up demand with more sit-ins
- Six more 6 Dengue cases from Henglep : CCQR leads with 66 Dengue, 29 JE cases
- Revenue Minister's statement draws flak
- ULBs not collecting necessary taxes: AG
- 'Only records, no field work'
- Unhul ADC ask livestock suppliers to register
- Students lock ZED Zone till office
- Wuyawon found blooming at lower ridge of Shina hills
- DESAM, ANISAM organise academic discourse
- KEMKAL demands Government's action
- House okays 4 demands
- Rally held at Maram against transfer of doctors
- Education system a failure in hills: JD (J)
- Road closure threatened
- World Day Against Child Trafficking observed
- Post level meeting held
- Father of assault victim appeals

**SNIPPETS - 01, AUG 2017**

- Animal Gym foundation day
- Pensions distributed
- Felicitation function
- Yaipha Thouni Thouram

**PRESS RELEASE**

Imphal, the 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2020

1. In connection with an FIR of Heirok-PS regarding the assault and intimidation by using sticks and fire arms, the Special Investigation Team on 15/03/2020 detained one Child in Conflict with Law (CCL) at 5:00 pm and from his disclosure one Pistol with magazine was recovered from the house of CCL and arrested two accused persons namely, Thokchom Dingku Singh (19) S/o Th. Mohon Singh @ Maiyon Singh and Khundongam Johnson Singh (20) S/o Kh.Ibohal Singh both from Heirok Part-I, Mayai Leikai at around 11:10 pm of the same day.
2. On 14/03/2020 at about 1:10 pm, a combined team of Narcotic Cell, Imphal East and Yumkhaibam Athletic Development Association (YADA), Khergao detained one person near Khergao Sabal Leikai Bashei area namely Md.Ithem Kurao (40) S/o (L) Md.Nazir Khan of Khergao Sabal Leikai and seized 10 grams of Heroin powder but the detainee fled away by taking advantage as some 4/5 youths created unruly mob by ringing electric poles and started pelting stones towards the police team. However at around 3:40 pm of the same day with additional force the team arrested two involved mobbed persons namely Md.Ayub Khan (34) S/o Md. Lazi and Md.Anish Khan (33) S/o (L) Md.Nazir Khan both from Khergao Sabal Leikai for giving obstruction intentionally to the police team while performing duties. In this regard a case has been registered at Porompat-PS for further investigation.
3. On 14/03/2020 at about 4:30 pm, a combined team of Narcotic Cell, Imphal East including women police and members of Yumkhaibam Athletic Development Association (YADA), Khergao arrested one lady drug paddler from Khergao Sabal Leikai Bashei area namely Mrs.Basheimayum Reziya (32) W/o Basheimayum Zulfikar @ Chindum of Khergao Sabal Leikai and seized 10 grams of Heroin powder from her possession. In this regard a case has been registered at Porompat-PS for further investigation.

Sd/-

(W. Basu Singh) MPS,  
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**Calculation of the growth of illegal economy in Khergao**

Imphal East narcotic cell teams arrested a drug peddlers with more than Rs 1.46 crore worth of heroin powder. This is shown on 20 December 21 Elite T.V. news which is the first 25 × 7 English and Manipuri News Channel of Manipur, India

Four years ago Imphal East Police seized heroin worth Rs 60 lakh in International market. Two were arrested in connection with the seizure. 4 years ago there are two massive seizures within a week. Heroin worth over Rs 55 lakh seized in Imphal East. Second major seizure after big haul in Senapati.

Narcotics and Affairs of Border (NAB-PS) on May 10 carried recovered a huge quantity of narcotic itmes in Manipur Imphal East District, an official statement said.

As per the statement, acting on specific information, the NAB-PS conducted the raid and recovered 77 gunny bags containing suspected poppy seeds and a packet containing 520 grams of synthetic caffeine and one transparent plastic packet containing 175 grams of Pseudoephedrine

#### **IV. Result**

All this news within a decade shows that there is growth of illegal economy in Khergao Imphal East District 100% of the drug peddlers are not caught. So it is natural that drug worth more than crores are used for the growth of illegal economy in Khergao Imphal East, District. This is one of the reason for increased number of drug peddlers. This is the main reasons of increased used of drugs.

#### **V. Discussion**

The main objectives of the research is to know the impact of drugs and its affect on illegal economy of Khergao Imphal East District. The key findings of the research shows that drugs in Khergao has an effect on the growth of illegal economy according to the secondary data collected. Drug peddlers bring drug for more than a crore in Imphal East District shows that there is a hugh profit from buying and selling of drugs in Khergao. In previous study "Critical Analysis of Narco-Politics In Manipur (T.P Singh, 2022) talks about Narco Politics but did not mentioned the affect of narco politics on growth of illegal economy in Khergao regions. Previous studies shows national security threat cause by increased used of drugs and increasing no. of drug peddlers for gain in crore to continue the illegal trade of drugs. But the study of every regions is drop out and evaluation of the whole Manipur is not done. This has limitation because some areas suffer from drug specially Khergao where as some arreas of Manipur don't have much issues of drugs. In Khergao people consists of Manipur Meitei, Meitei Pangal and even Kabui group of community. They reside together so the three community suffer the adverse affects of drug. The impact of research in this area can create multiple areas of scope to find out more about the areas. This can be done by comparing and contrasting drug affected areas Khergao with other areas of Manipur.

#### **VI. Limitations:**

The study did not talks about direct interview method with the drug affected families or group of people who were already suffering from drug addiction or people infected by HIV virus. This is to follow research ethic and for the safety of the drug affected group of people because drug peddlers often harassed this group of people and suppressed them to avoid disclosure of information about drug peddlers which is a violent group of people in Khergao region. This is shown in E-PAO e-newspaper on December 11, 2025 which is a recent secondary data about drug peddlers.

#### **VII. Conclusion**

The study of impact of drugs in Khergao gives us the information of the growing issues of unstable Manipur in both governance and economy which hampered the growth and development of the entire Manipur. More studies need to be done to know the solution of unwanted growth of illegal economy in northeast state Manipur. In this globalized worlds. The growth of the illegal economy created by illegal trade of drugs from golden triangles (South East Asian regions Myanmar, Loas, Thailand, Vietnam) needs a continued crucial studies and there is a need to bridge the research gap.

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