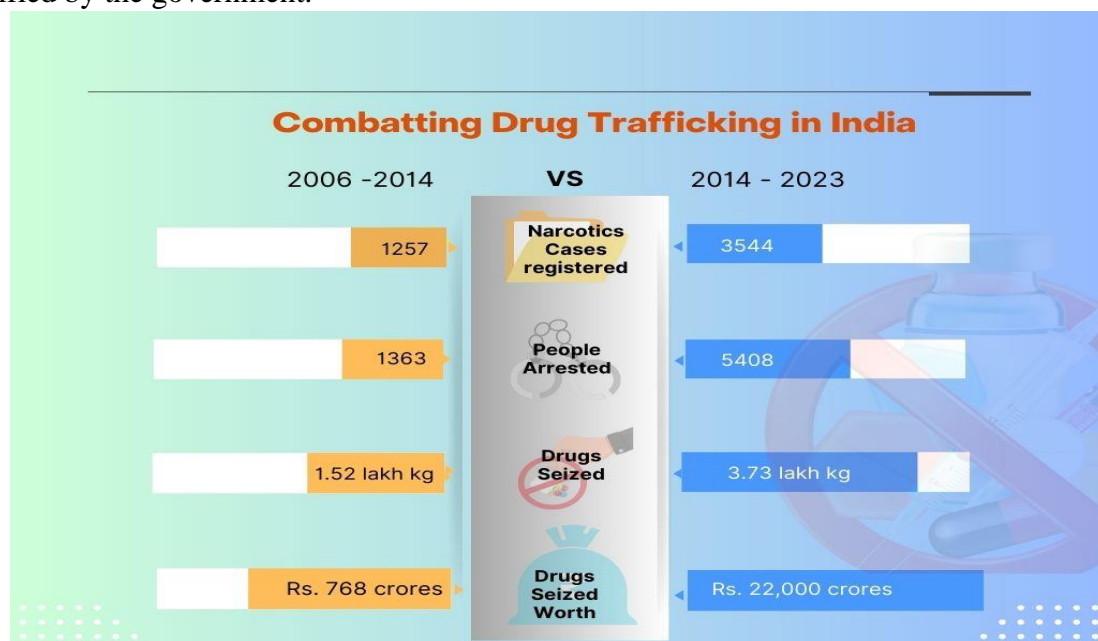


Combating Drug Trafficking in India

Around 6 lakh kg of narcotics destroyed since last year

Over the last 9 years, the Government of India has been committed to fighting the menace of drug trafficking in the country. As part of a campaign starting from June 01, 2022, a target was set to destroy 75,000 kg of narcotics but overachieving the target manifold around 6 lakh kg of narcotics worth Rs 8,409 crores have been destroyed so far.

Due to diligent and dedicated efforts, the registered cases increased by 152 percent from 2006-13 to 2014-22, while the total number of arrests increased by 260 percent. Similarly, the quantity of drugs seized almost doubled. Further, 61 new cytotoxic substances have been notified by the government.



Recognizing the importance of detecting drugs at their source, the drug networks and trafficking routes have been meticulously mapped in 472 districts and shared with the respective states, showcasing the proactive approach by the Government.

Further, Narcotics Control Bureau launched Operation Samudragupt along with Indian Navy in January 2022. As part of this Operation drugs such as Methamphetamine, Heroin, and Hashish have been seized. This operation furthers India's leadership in the maritime security of the region.

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