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The **National Investigation Agency (NIA)** conducted searches at seven locations in Chennai and Madurai, part of **13 locations across Tamil Nadu and Mizoram**, in connection with a 2024 seizure of **6,016.87 kg of methamphetamine** from a Myanmar-registered boat in the Andaman Sea.

Background

Six Myanmar nationals were arrested in the original 2024 case, one of India's largest-ever maritime narcotics seizures. The current raids probe suspected domestic financing and distribution networks in Tamil Nadu linked to Myanmar-based international drug-trafficking operations, reflecting the persistent use of India's eastern seaboard as a transit route from the "Golden Triangle" narcotics-producing region of Southeast Asia.

UPSC Relevance

The case illustrates the NIA's [mandate](#) under the **NIA Act, 2008** to investigate scheduled offences including narco-terrorism, and the institutional coordination required between the NIA, the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) and coastal security agencies to counter maritime trafficking routes into India's eastern seaboard, a recurring GS3 internal-security theme linking organised crime, trafficking networks and regional security.

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NIA ANDAMAN SEA METH CASE:

Original seizure: 6,016.87 kg of methamphetamine, Andaman Sea, 2024, from a Myanmar-registered vessel

Six Myanmar nationals arrested in the original case

August 2026 raids: 7 locations in Chennai/Madurai; 13 total across Tamil Nadu and Mizoram

Investigating agency: National Investigation Agency (NIA), under the NIA Act, 2008

OTHER RELEVANT FACTS:

Reflects continued use of India's eastern seaboard as a "Golden Triangle" narcotics transit route

Sources: *National Investigation Agency, PIB*

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