

RPF rescues 85 trafficked children, recovers banned drugs worth Rs 7.42 lakhs in Sep

Siliguri, Sep 23 (UNI) Stepping up its drive against smuggling of contraband through Indian Railways, the Railway Protection Force (RPF) of N.F. Railway has rescued some 85 children from trafficking and recovered various smuggled goods like cannabis, foreign cigarettes and whisky worth

about Rs. 7.42 lakh during September 2 to 22 of this month.

The contraband was recovered during special raids at various stations and trains and altogether five persons were apprehended on charges of theft and trafficking and 12 mobile phones recovered from their possession from Kamakhya and Katihar railway stations, during the period. RPF has also recovered sedative drugs, including 16 Ativan tablets in 1 strip, 20 loose tablets and powder of sedative tablets in a small polythene bundle from one of the apprehended persons from Kamakhya Railway station.

Acting on information on September 7, RPF conducted raid at 'Digital World' situated at Nishiganj, Coochbehar (WB) and apprehended one person involved in touting activities.

In another such incident a joint team of RPF conducted raid at 'Ali Mobile Shop' located at Sonari Bazar, Coochbehar (WB) and apprehended one person involved in touting activities with the recovery of five electronic reservation slips of different trains and dates, one gmail screen shot print out of PNR, one computer monitor, one CPU, one Airtel broadband for internet purpose, one personal diary, one cash memo book, one blank cheque book along with passbook, one mobile phone and cash Rs. 3160. Value of the recovered tickets was Rs 4515.

Moreover, the RPF has also conducted checking against human trafficker at New Bongaigaon Railway station and apprehended one woman involved in child trafficking. During the period, RPF has rescued 85 children from different stations over N.F. Railway and handed them over to their respective parents, NGOs or State police.

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