



ROURKELA POLICE

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Joint Enforcement Drive – Destruction of Illegal Opium Cultivation at Village Jada under Gurundia P.S. Rourkela: -

A joint enforcement operation involving IsIC and staff of K. Balang PS, Chandiposh PS, Tikayatpali PS, Mahulpada PS, Executive Magistrate, Excise staff of Bonai, Forest staff of Gurundia and DVF Team of Rourkela Police District was conducted today on 18.02.2026 at Village Jada under Pankadihi Panchayat to curb illegal cultivation of opium plants.

During the drive, approximately **3 acres of illegally cultivated opium plants** approximately 42000 were identified and destroyed on the spot. The estimated market value of the destroyed crop is approximately **Rs. 42,00,000/-**.

Further inquiry and investigation are underway to identify the individuals involved in the illegal cultivation.

The coordinated action reflects the strong commitment of the district administration and police towards eliminating illegal narcotic cultivation and ensuring strict enforcement of law. Strict legal action will be taken against those involved. Continuous surveillance and further drives will be carried out in the area to prevent such unlawful activities in the future.