

# Elvish Yadav Case

## How Is Snake Venom Used As A Recreational Drug?

### Why In The News?

- The **Wildlife Crime Control Bureau** Will Also Investigate The Snake Venom Case, In Which Six Persons, Including Youtuber And Reality TV Star **Elvish Yadav**, Have Been Booked.
- Five Persons Were Arrested On Thursday Night For Allegedly **Supplying Snake Venom To Make Opioids At Rave Parties**. Nine Snakes, Including Five Cobras And A Python, And A Vial With 20ml Liquid Possibly Venom Were Recovered From Them.



### Who Booked The Case?

- Youtuber Elvish Yadav And Five Others Have Been Booked By BJP MP Maneka Gandhi's NGO, **People For Animals (PFA)**, For Allegedly Supplying Snake Venom To Make Opioids At Rave Parties.
- Five Of The Accused, Excluding Yadav, Were Arrested After **PFA Officers Posed As Party Organizers** And Asked Yadav To Supply Snake Poison. A Vial Of Liquid Believed To Be Venom And Nine Snakes Were Seized.

- Yadav Denied The Allegations, While PFA Officials Claimed That He Had **Mentioned Making Drugs From Snake Poison In His YouTube Videos**. While The Five Accused Have Been Arrested, **Elvish Yadav Is Yet To Be Apprehended**.



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## How Is Snake Venom Consumed?

- In The Reported Cases Of Snake Venom Use In India, **Snakes Were Deliberately Made To Bite On The Consumer's Feet Or Tongue**, The 2018 Research Pointed Out.
- Snakes Like Cobras And Indian Kraits Were Most Commonly Used For This Purpose.
- According To The Study, Which Chronicled A Case Study Of A 33-year-old Male Consumer With A History Of Substance Abuse, "The Snake Bite Was Associated With **Jerky Movements Of The Body, Blurring Of Vision, And Unresponsiveness**, I.E., 'Blackout' As Per The Patient For 1 Hour.
- However, After Waking Up He Experienced A Heightened Arousal And Sense Of Well-Being, Which Lasted For 3 - 4 Weeks."
- Once The Effect Of The Bite Wore Off, The Man Began To **Experience Irritation And Lethargy And Craved Drugs**.

## Is Snake Venom As A Recreational Drug Dangerous?

- The 2018 Study Said The Reported Cases Didn't Witness Any Fatality As The Consumers Took Too Little Venom.
- However, It Isn't Well Known What Quality Of Venom Can Be Fatal For Humans.
- Therefore, Experts Suggest That **Recreational Use Of Snake Venom Can Lead To Not Only Addiction But Also Death**.