

**NIA Press Release**

NIA Kolkata Court Sentences 2 Accused to RI in 2021 Jaggadal Bomb Blast Case

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The Kolkata special court of the National Investigation Agency (NIA) has sentenced to rigorous imprisonment (RI) two accused in the 2021 Jaggadal bomb blast case of West Bengal.

Chand @ Arif Akhtar and Rahul Pasi have been sentenced to 10 years of RI, along with Rs. 5000 fine each, under section 436 of IPC and sections 3 & 5 of the Explosive Substances Act in the case RC 4/2021/NIA/DLI.

The duo, along with one juvenile, had hurled three bombs in quick succession at the gate next to ex-MP Arjun Singh's office cum residence "Majdoor Bhawan" in Jaggadal police station area on 8th September 2021. Arif and the juvenile were arrested by the local police, while NIA, which took over the case on 14th September 2021, arrested Rahul later.

NIA had chargesheeted the accused in December 2021. While Rahul and Arif were pronounced guilty and sentenced by the NIA special court on Saturday, the juvenile continues to be in parental custody.

