

**NIA Press Release**

NIA Arrests another Accused in Ratan Dubey's Murder Case in Chhattisgarh

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The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Thursday arrested another key accused in the 2023 murder of local political leader Ratan Dubey in Chhattisgarh.

Shivanand Nag was actively involved in the murder conspiracy hatched by the banned CPI (Maoist) terror outfit. He, along with members of the Bayanar and Barsoor Area Committees of the East Bastar Division, had conspired to kill Dubey during an election campaign in a crowded weekly market in Koushalnar village of district Narayanpur in November 2023.

Dubey was hacked to death with a hand-axe by CPI (Maoist) members, with the aim of disrupting the free and fair election process and spreading terror among the local people.

Three other accused were arrested and chargesheeted earlier in the case, which NIA had taken over from the local police in February 2024. Investigations are continuing to identify and nab other conspirators involved in the brutal targeted killing.

Further investigations are continuing in the case.

