



## NIA Press Release

NIA Arrests Key Aide of Lawrence Bishnoi Syndicate Involved in Making Fake Passports for Gang Members

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The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has arrested a key aide of the dreaded Lawrence Bishnoi gang who was helping members of the syndicate with fake passports to evade arrest by fleeing the country.

Rahul Sarkar, who was running the Lawrence Bishnoi gang's passport module, has been remanded to NIA custody by the agency's Special Court at Patiala House, New Delhi, for further examination.

NIA has found that the accused had been helping the gang members by arranging forged passports, facilitating them to flee the country after committing crimes. Among the gang members he had helped in this manner was Sachin Thapan @ Sachin Thapan Bishnoi, the key accused in the killing of Punjabi singer Sidhu Moosewala in 2022.

Rahul's arrest came as part of NIA's investigation in case RC-39/2022/NIA/DLI, registered in August 2022 on the directions of the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India. The case relates to conspiracy by criminal gangs and syndicates to raise funds and recruit youth to carry out criminal activities.

NIA's investigation in the case, registered under section 120-B of IPC and sections 17, 18 & 18-B of UA (P) Act, 1967, is continuing.

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