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NIA Chargesheets 11 Arrested Accused in Suhas Shetty Murder Case.

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The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Wednesday charge-sheeted 11 arrested accused in the Suhas Shetty murder case.

The chargesheet is filed before the NIA Special Court, Bengaluru, Karnataka, against 11 arrested accused under various sections of Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act 1967, Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, and the Arms Act, 1959.

Suhas Shetty, was brutally hacked to death by seven persons armed with lethal weapons, including swords/machetes, on 1st May 2025. The shocking targeted killing was carried out in full public view to instil fear and to spread terror in the society. NIA, which took over the case on the directives of the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, found a larger conspiracy behind the targeted killing.

NIA further found during investigations that, Suhas Shetty's activities were meticulously tracked over several months as part of the elaborate conspiracy, and on the fateful day, seven accused in two cars trailed Suhas Shetty's Innova car. The accused caused a deliberate accident on the Innova car driven by Suhas Shetty followed by intentional ramming by another vehicle; thereby blocking all escape routes for Suhas Shetty and his friends. Suhas Shetty was forced to flee on foot, and was chased and hacked to death by the assailants.

As per NIA investigations in the case RC-01/2025/NIA/BLR, the terror plot was hatched by accused Abdul Safwan Safwan @ Kalavaru Safwan @ Chopu Safwan, an ex-member of the banned Popular Front of India (PFI), along with Niyaz @ Niya, Mohammed Musamir @ Mahamed Musameer @ Mohammad @ Muzammil, Noushad @ Vamanjoor Noushad @ Chotte Noushad @ Chotu another ex-KFD & PFI member and Adil Maharooof. Accused Adil Maharooof @ Adil had provided the funds, which were used to recruit other accused on the promise of payment or by exploiting any previous existing enmity with the victim.

All the five mentioned above, along with Kalandar Shafi @ Mande Shafi, M Nagaraja @ Naga @ Appu, Ranjith, Mahammed Rizwan @ Rijju, Azaruddin @ Azar @ Ajju, and Abdul Khader @ Noufal are named in the chargesheet filed today. Investigation against another arrested accused viz Abdul Razak is under way.