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2 More absconders arrested by NIA in Maharashtra Dinesh Pusu Gawade murder case

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The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has arrested two more absconders in Maharashtra's Dinesh Pusu Gawade murder case.

The wanted accused, both members of the banned CPI (Maoist) terrorist organisation, have been identified as Raghu alias Pratap alias Irpa alias Muddella alias Sailu of district Nizamabad, Telangana, and Shankar Mahaka of district Gadchiroli, Maharashtra.

Dinesh Pusu Gawade was abducted and brutally murdered by CPI (Maoist) members in November 2023 in Gadchiroli on suspicion of being a police informer and a member of the RSS. The crime was committed in furtherance of the organisation's conspiracy to spread terror among local villagers, and to threaten them against sharing any information regarding Naxal activities and movements with the security forces.

NIA, which took over the investigation from Gadchiroli Police in October 2024, had earlier chargesheeted four other accused, Doba Wadde, Ravi Pallo, Sattu Mahaka, and Komati Mahaka, in the case.

Investigation in the case RC-03/2024/NIA/MUM is continuing, and NIA is working to unearth the entire conspiracy behind the dastardly killing and to arrest the remaining absconders.

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