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NIA ARRESTS THREE MORE ACCUSED IN IED BLAST AT NALAGARH POLICE STATION

New Delhi, 31st August 2026: The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has arrested three more accused in connection with the IED explosion that took place at Police Station Nalagarh in Himachal Pradesh on 1st January 2026.

The explosion occurred at around 9:40 AM near the outer wall adjoining the room of the Investigating Officer within the premises of Police Station Nalagarh.

The case was initially registered as FIR No. 02/2026 at Police Station Nalagarh, Himachal Pradesh. The investigation was subsequently taken over by NIA, which re-registered the case on 8th May 2026 as RC-27/2026/NIA/DLI under relevant provisions of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), the Explosive Substances Act and the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act.

During investigation, NIA has established the involvement of three more accused, namely Arshdeep Singh @ Arsh Kandola, resident of Mohalla Sirhindiya, Rahon, District SBS Nagar, Punjab; Karanpartap, resident of Mohalla Rota, Rahon, District SBS Nagar, Punjab; and Diljot Saini, resident of Jhansi Park Colony, Nawanshehar Road, Rahon, District SBS Nagar, Punjab.

All three accused have been arrested by NIA in the present case. They were already under arrest in connection with FIR No. 11/2026 registered at Police Station Garhshankar, Punjab.

Earlier, NIA had arrested three accused persons in the case, namely Mahavir Kumar @ Kaka, Ajay Mehra and Manpreet Singh @ Mani. These accused had initially been arrested by the Punjab Police in connection with FIR No. 02/2026 of SSOC, Mohali, Punjab, and were subsequently arrested by NIA in the present case.

With the latest arrests, the total number of accused arrested by NIA in connection with the Nalagarh IED explosion case has risen to six.

The arrests form part of NIA's ongoing investigation to unravel the larger conspiracy behind the terror attack, identify all those involved and trace the wider network and linkages associated with the incident.

Further investigation is underway to ascertain the precise roles of the accused, establish the linkages among them, identify other persons involved in the conspiracy and uncover the full extent of the criminal network behind the attack.