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NIA ARRESTS TWO MORE KEY ACCUSED IN COUNTERFEIT CURRENCY CONSPIRACY AT PUNJAB NATIONAL BANK CURRENCY CHEST, SAHARANPUR, UP.

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The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has arrested Mukesh Kumar, son of Som Prakash, resident of Village Hasanpur Kadeem, Manoharpur, Police Station Sadar, District Saharanpur, Uttar Pradesh, and Rajendra Kumar, son of Pyare Lal, resident of Village Kalyanpur, Police Station Sarsawa, District Saharanpur, Uttar Pradesh. Both accused are close associates of the arrested key accused Adesh Choudhary, and are key accused in the conspiracy relating to the circulation of counterfeit currency notes through the Punjab National Bank currency chest, Civil Lines, Saharanpur, Uttar Pradesh, in case RC-02/2026/NIA/LKW.

On 29th August 2026, Police Station Sadar Bazar, District Saharanpur, UP, received credible information regarding the recovery of counterfeit Indian currency notes with a face value of Rs 17.29 Crores from the currency chest of Punjab National Bank, Saharanpur, UP. The involvement of 3 employees of the bank also surfaced during the inquiry, and they were accordingly suspended by the bank.

The case was initially registered as FIR No. 0431/2026, dated 29th August 2026, at Police Station Sadar Bazar, District Saharanpur, UP, under section 178 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), 2023, against 3 accused persons, and was re-registered by NIA on 3rd September 2026.

Earlier, on 7th and 15th September 2026, NIA had arrested FIR-named accused Amit Kumar and Adesh Choudhary, respectively.

Investigation is ongoing to unfold the complete conspiracy and to arrest the remaining co-accused persons and suspects.