

**NIA Press Release**

NIA Spl Court Mumbai Sentences Four Accused Persons in Nagpur DRI FICN Case

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National Investigation Agency (NIA) secured the first conviction of 2025 with the Special NIA Court, Mumbai sentencing four (04) accused to 5 years of imprisonment in case relating to possession of Fake Indian Currency Notes on Wednesday. Total 05 accused were arrested in the case.

Initially, the case was registered by DRI, Nagpur on 16.01.2020 where FICN of face value of Rs.13,67,500/- was seized and 4 accused were arrested.

NIA subsequently took over the investigation and registered the case as RC-02/2020/NIA/MUM dated 10/02/2020 and initiated a probe in the matter. After investigation, NIA filed chargesheet on 07/04/2020 against the 04 arrested accused persons viz. Lalu Khan, Mahesh Bagwan, Randheer Singh Thakur and Ritesh Raghuwanshi and 01 accused viz. Sohrab Hosen R/o Malda, West Bengal was shown as wanted.

During further investigation, NIA arrested absconding accused Sohrab Hosen R/o Malda, West Bengal on 29/06/2020 and filed supplementary charge-sheet on 24/09/2020. Investigation revealed that Sohrab Hosen R/o Malda, West Bengal was dealing in smuggling of FICNs and Phensedyl cough Syrup across Indo-Bangladesh border. Accused Sohrab Hosen R/o Malda died in Lucknow Prison.

All Accused viz. Lalu Khan, Mahesh Bagwan, Randheer Singh Thakur and Ritesh Raghuwanshi pleaded guilty before National Investigation Agency Special Court, Mumbai. NIA Special Court has sentenced all accused for 05 years of imprisonment and fine of Rs.3,000/- each.