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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Joint Task Force of India and Bangladesh resolve to jointly combat the smuggling of Fake Currency Notes (FCNs)**

The third Indo-Bangladesh Joint Task Force meeting to prevent smuggling and circulation of Fake Currency Notes was held on 22-23 February, 2016 at Hqrs of NIA at New Delhi. The ten member Bangladesh delegation was led by Deputy Inspector General, CID, Mr. Md. Saiful Alam. The Indian delegation was chaired by Inspector General, NIA, Sri Sanjeev Kumar Singh. The Indian delegation comprised of representatives of the Police forces of States bordering Bangladesh as well as Central Law Enforcement Agencies.

2. During the deliberations, both the sides shared the concern of the debilitating economic effects of the trade in Fake Currency Notes (FCNs) on the economies of the two countries and reiterated the resolve to combat the syndicates together in a concerted manner. The Indian side expressed appreciation for the recent successful detection of large consignments of fake Indian Currency Notes in Bangladesh.

3. During the deliberations, both the sides agreed to share intelligence and information on a real time basis on the activities of the syndicates and operatives involved in smuggling of Fake Currency Notes. The Joint Task Force also exchanged contact details of Superintendents of Police of the districts on international border on the either side, to enhance their connectivity and a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) was mutually adopted to enhance cooperation between the two sides. The SOP has been signed in pursuance of the MoU signed in June, 2015 to combat the smuggling of Fake Currency Notes which was signed by the Home Secretaries of the two countries during the visit of Prime Minister to Dhaka last year.

5. The SOP adopted by the Joint Task force constituted on both sides, includes following areas of mutual cooperation for combating the trade in FCN :

- i. Sharing of Intelligence inputs and investigative leads between established points of contact.
- ii. Maintaining database on all dimensions of FCN trade and exchange of information on the same by both sides.
- iii. The capabilities of Forensic laboratories shall be enhanced through mutual collaboration between the forensic experts on both sides.

- iv. Mass awareness program shall be conducted by Central Banks of both the countries in the vulnerable areas to sensitize people about the risk of FCN.
  - v. Joint Training and Seminars will be organized by both sides on various aspects of identification of FCN and challenges in detection, investigation, and prosecution of FCN related cases.
6. Both sides expressed satisfaction with the progress made and it was decided to hold the next meeting of JTF in Bangladesh.

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