



## NIA Press Release

NIA Arrests 4 CPI (Maoist) OGWs & Supporters in 2023 Chhattisgarh Army Man's Murder Case

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In a major breakthrough in the Chhattisgarh Army jawan murder case of 2023, the National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Thursday arrested four CPI (Maoist) workers and associates for their involvement in the conspiracy.

The arrested accused have been identified as Bhawan Lal Jain @ Bhuwan Jain and his associate Suresh Kumar Salam, along with Shailendra Kumar Baghel @ Golu and Anduram Salam.

The four overground workers (OGWs) and supporters of the banned CPI (Maoist) terror outfit were directly involved in hatching the criminal conspiracy to kill Motiram Achala, as per NIA investigations. The accused were actively aiding and abetting criminal/unlawful activities of CPI (Maoist), including extortion to strike terror in the minds of the people.

Achala, posted as Havaldar in the Northeast region of the country, was brutally murdered at a local fair while on a visit to his home town in village Badetevda in Uttar Bastar's insurgency-hit Kanker district in February 2023.

NIA, which took over the case from the Chhattisgarh police a year later, conducted extensive searches in the following months to track the culprits. Several incriminating documents and devices were seized during the searches.

NIA is continuing with its investigations in the case RC-13/2024/NIA/RPR.