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NIA CHARGESHEETS KEY AIDE OF JAILED GANGSTER AMAN SAHU IN JHARKHAND FIRING, ARSON & EXTORTION CASE

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Monday chargesheeted a key associate of jailed gangster Aman Sahu in a case of firing, extortion and arson at a coal mine in Latehar in Jharkhand.

Accused Shankar Yadav, a resident of district Bhagalpur, Bihar, has been charged under various sections of IPC, UA(P) Act, and Arms Act in the case RC-01/2021/NIA/RNC, which was originally registered by the local police in Balumath, district Latehar, in December 2020, and taken over by NIA in March 2021.

Shankar Yadav, the 25th accused to be chargesheeted by NIA in the case, was a key aide of Aman Sahu, currently in jail in various cases of Jharkhand, as per investigations. He was involved in creating a false front using shell firms for channeling the extortion money procured by Aman Sahu. During course of investigation, search was conducted at premises of Shankar Yadav in February 2024, in which Rs One Crore and Thirty Lakhs in cash was seized.

The instant case relates to the criminal conspiracy hatched by Aman Sahu, along with gangster Sujit Sinha and others, for extortion of money and disruption of mining operations at the Tetariyakhad coal mine. The gang had launched an attack on the colliery.

NIA investigations have revealed the involvement of the Aman Sahu gang in several sensational crimes in Jharkhand, including firing on police officers and jail staff. Sahu's main targets have been businessmen and contractors. The gang has developed connections with splinter Naxal organisations and other organised criminal gangs outside the state to carry out its criminal activities.

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Investigations in the case are continuing.