



NIA ARRESTS ANOTHER KEY OPERATIVE OF JAILED GANGSTER AMAN SAHU IN JHARKHAND COAL MINING FIRING, ARSON & EXTORTION CASE

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Tuesday arrested another key operative of dreaded jailed gangster Aman Sahu in the Latehar (Jharkhand) coal mine firing, arson and extortion case.

Akash Kumar Sahu@ Akas Sahu of Ranchi (Jharkhand) was taken into custody a day after another gang member, Shankar Yadav, was chargesheeted by NIA in the said case (RC-01/2021/NIA/RNC). Akash is the 26th accused to be arrested in the case.

NIA, which took over the investigation from the state police in March 2021, found Akash to have been actively involved, along with Shankar Yadav and others, in channelizing the extortion money for Aman Sahu. Akash had joined Shankar in creating false fronts to invest the money collected from extortion in real estate. As per NIA investigations, Akash was facilitating several important members of the Aman Sahu gang with logistics and other support.

The case was originally registered at Balumath police station in Latehar district on 19th December 2020, following an attack at the Tetariyakhad Coal mine. Aman Sahu, along with gangster Sujit Sinha and others, had hatched the conspiracy to extort money and disrupt the operations at the colliery, and had accordingly planned the deadly attack.

The Aman Sahu gang has the notorious distinction of being involved 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 also developed connections with splinter Naxal organisations and other organised criminal gangs outside the state to carry out its criminal activities.

Investigations in the case are continuing.