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NIA tracks absconding Service Team (Hit Team) member in Praveen Nettaru Murder Case

Thufail M H, Kodagu District Head of PFI Service Team (Hit Team) and former PFI District Secretary of Kodagu District, was arrested from his Bengaluru hideout

After painstakingly pursuing and developing leads from various sources, a NIA team managed to hole out & overpower absconder Thufail M H from his hideout in Amaruthahalli area of Bengaluru City. He was arrested late last night by the NIA.

Tufail was wanted in the murder case of Praveen Nettaru, BJP Yuva Morcha Member, who was murdered by PFI cadres in July 2022 in Bellare village of Sullia Taluk in Dakshina Kannada District. In January 2023, NIA filed Charge-Sheet in RC 36/2022/NIA/DLI against 20 accused persons before NIA Special Court, Bengaluru, including 6 absconding accused.

Thufail M H had played a significant role in PFI's larger conspiracy to murder leaders of a particular community. He also provided shelter and safe harbor at Ashiyana residency of Koppa Village, Mysuru District to the 3 assailants of this case, who had recced and then hacked Praveen Nettaru to death.

Earlier, Thufail M H was accused in FIR number 79/2016 of Kushalnagar Rural PS (Prashanth Poojari murder case) and FIR number 112/2012 of Madikeri Rural PS (attempt to murder VHP leader Ganesh).
