



TWO CONVICTED BY GUJARAT NIA SPECIAL COURT IN JUNAGADH FAKE CURRENCY CASE

The NIA Special Court, Ahmedabad, Gujarat, on Tuesday convicted two accused in a fake currency conspiracy case under which counterfeit notes were sought to be circulated in the state after being procured from West Bengal.

One of the accused, Sanjaykumar Mohanbhai Devaliya of Junagadh, has been awarded 10 years of rigorous imprisonment with fine of Rs.10,000 under Section 489B and 489C of IPC. The other, Tahir @Kaliya, has been sentenced to 7 years RI, alongwith Rs.10,000 fine under Section 489C of IPC.

The case was originally registered in 2018 by ATS Gujarat on specific inputs shared by the NIA, which had later taken over the investigation. Thorough professional and scientific investigations by the NIA had led to the arrest of the accused.

NIA investigations revealed that Sanjaykumar Devaliya had travelled by air to Kolkata and then to New Farakka Junction by train. There, on 17th October 2018, he met Tahir and purchased the fake currency against genuine Indian currency of 20,000. Sanjaykumar was later arrested in Gujarat, who was in possession of the fake currency.

During the course of investigations, NIA recorded statements of witnesses, including u/s 164 CrPC, took voice samples of the accused, scrutinised mobile records, and collected other documentary evidence to unearth the conspiracy and gather prosecutable evidence. A Chargesheet was filed against the accused and vigorous pursual of the trial over three years finally resulted in the conviction of two accused.
