

# Undercover cops nab gang printing fake currency notes

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COIMBATORE: Crime Branch CID-Counterfeit currency wing, Coimbatore unit, arrested five people from Andipalayam near Tiruchengode in Namakkal district for printing fake currencies and circulating it to the neighbouring districts on Sunday. Police seized machines used for printing the counterfeit currencies and

seized Rs 1 lakh of fake notes from them.

Police have arrested A Sudhakar, 30, from Ammankovil Thottam from Andipalayam village in Namakkal district, Vignesh, 26, from Gupta Nagar at Sangakiri and Thomas, 26, from Attur in Salem district. Police have refused to reveal the names of two other accused. Police said, Sudhakar who completed BE setup his own business and faced severe losses. He then got involved with counterfeit currency gang.

The CBCID-counterfeit currency wing got a tipoff that counterfeit currencies were being printed and circulated in Namakkal district. Following this information, police sent out a team to Namakkal to gather information. Two weeks ago, the police came to know that the printing works were being carried out by a gang in Andipalayam village. The team then stayed at the village in plainclothes for two weeks and monitored the gang's movements.

On Sunday, inspector Krishnamurthy and his team conducted a surprise raid at Ammankovil Thottam at Andipalayam village and arrested five members of the gang. Police have seized a car, a motorcycle, a laptop, a computer, one colour printer, cutting machines and papers used for printing the counterfeit currencies. The police also seized 500 rupees and 100 rupees fake currency notes worth of Rs 1 lakh from the gang.

All of them were taken to Coimbatore unit from Namakkal by the police. They were grilled about the distribution of counterfeit currencies. According to police sources, these gang members printed counterfeit currencies for atleast four months and circulated them to neighbouring districts. Few more people who had close contacts with the arrested persons would also be nabbed soon.

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