

## Rs 88 thousand fake notes seized

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Man from Bengal held within an hour of landing in city



The first quality Fake Indian Currency Notes (FICN) to the tune of Rs 88,000 seized from the accused on display (Photo: DC/File)

**Chennai:** Within an hour of landing in the city by train, 24-years-old K. Partha Pathuru from West Bengal found himself behind the bars. The City police arrested him on Friday for attempting to circulate Fake Indian Currency Notes (FICN). Police seized around Rs 88,000 worth FICN from him.

Around 7 pm on Friday, minutes after reaching the city by Howrah mail, the man from Burdwan district had made his attempt, police said. His first target was Veerachamy tea stall at North fort road near Central Railway station where he made a futile attempt to exchange Rs.1000 counterfeit note. He had bought a packet of cigarettes and had paid the fake note.

The shopkeeper had raised a cry after the suspect began to flee the place when the former directed suspecting looks towards him on seeing the note, a police official said. Sector beat police personnel on duty in the area gave a chase and apprehended the man near Raja annamalai mandram.

Esplanade police officials rushed there and took him into custody after they found him in possession of around 87 such notes, all of which were first quality FICN, an official said. Three mobile phones were also seized from him.

Police suspect the man to be a part of a wider network with a motive to weaken the country's economy by circulating fake notes. The accused was remanded to judicial custody. On June 5, two persons from West Bengal were arrested in a joint operation by Q branch, special division and CB-CID officials for circulating counterfeit currency in the city.

Rafiq aka Noorudin alias Ismail, 29, a habitual offender and his associate Shahul Hameed were arrested near Erukanchery with fake notes with the face value of around Rs.8.9 lakhs. Police then said that they suspect the two of them to have circulated around Rs 12 lakh in the past three months.

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