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GUWAHATI: Police on Monday seized fake Indian Currency Notes (FICNs) worth around Rs 20 lakh from Dighalbari village in Morigaon district and arrested two persons in connection with the racket. A printer was also seized in the operation.

The duo, identified as Ripon Manta and Habibur Rahman, had allegedly duped many

locals. "Acting on a tip-off, police sleuths raided a room in Dighalbari village in the Dharamtul area and seized counterfeit notes of Rs 500 and Rs 2,000 denominations," said SP (Morigaon) Swapnaneel Deka.

Sources said the duo, hailing from Lakhimpur district, had lured locals with high returns. "They were collecting money from villagers claiming that they would double the money within few weeks. Immediately after receiving the input, police launched an operation and succeeded in arresting the duo. There is a possibility of more people being involved in the racket," said a source.

The seized counterfeit notes were found to be printed on one side only.

Police have been conducting operations against FICN rackets after an investigation revealed that counterfeit notes were being pumped in from cross the borders of Bangladesh to fund terror activities in the region.

"Since the start of 2017 till April this year, state police registered more than 206 cases of counterfeit currencies," said the source.

An ongoing investigation following the arrest of over 50 operatives of Jamaat-ul-Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) in the state has exposed a clear link between FICN racketeers and Islamic fundamentalist outfits. Assam's South Salmara-Mankachar, Dhubri, Hailakandi, Darrang, Cachar and Karbi Anglong districts were found to be vulnerable to FICN rackets due to their proximity with Bangladesh.

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