

## Chennai: Rs 2.6 lakh worth counterfeit currency in Rs 2000 notes recovered from a call-taxi, driver arrested

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The suspect was carrying the fake currency notes consignment from Ayanavaram to Vadapalani in Chennai when he was intercepted and was arrested.



call taxi driver arrested with fake currency notes | Photo Credit: Thinkstock

**Chennai:** The city police have accosted a call-taxi driver who had tried to speed away when apprehended by the police. The Organised Crime Investigation (OCI) and Vadapalani police carried out a joint exercise of checking vehicles in Chennai's Alazagar Nagar area and successfully apprehended a call-cab driver who was carrying counterfeit currency worth Rs 2.60 lakh in Rs 2000 denomination.

The police have arrested the 35-year-old driver named Mohanraj who hails from Aynawaram.

The OIC team and the Chennai police had received intelligence inputs from their sources about the counterfeit business that Mohanraj ran and details of his modus operandi to inject the fake currency notes into the market. Accordingly, they set up a checkpoint and began checking all suspicious looking vehicles.

When Mohanraj's car pulled up before the police, he tried to give the police a slip by trying to speed away. But the police were successful in stopping him and have now arrested him after catching him red-handed.

In a similar incident, the OIC unit seized Rs 14.11 lakh worth counterfeits from Trichy and arrested 3 people named S Batcha, 36, V Kanagaraj, 34 and S Raja Sabareesh, 26 from Pattukottai in Tamil Nadu's Thanjavur district reports *The Times of India*. The team seized 586 notes of Rs 2,000 and 478 notes of Rs 500.

*The Pioneer* reports that the Uttarakhand police recovered counterfeit currency of face value of Rs 2,09,500 from the possession of a person in Dehradun on Wednesday while checking vehicles on Ring Road. A team of Raipur police station had stopped a person near Garhwali Colony, based on certain inputs. During checking, counterfeit currency was recovered from a person identified as Sakir, a resident of Moradabad district of Uttar Pradesh who reportedly admitted that he sold such currency in Moradabad at 40 per cent commission.

Demonetisation was an exercise that the Modi government took up on 8 November 2016 to kill the counterfeits industry, among other objectives. The counterfeit industry continues to flourish despite such moves.

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