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RAJKOT: Three persons, including two women, were arrested with counterfeit currency, worth Rs 18,600, from Sardhar village of Rajkot taluka on Saturday evening.

The accused were identified as Vasan Handa (23), a resident of Hudco Quarters on Kotharia Road in Rajkot, Wahida Ramodia (50), a resident of Riddhi Siddhi Society on

Dudhsagar Road in Rajkot, and Manju Raninga (50), a resident of housing board quarters on Dudhsagar Road in Rajkot.

"The trio had gone to Sardhar village to circulate fake notes. Their modus operandi was to buy cheap edible items and issue the traders fake notes and get paid in real notes in return. However, during one such transaction, a trader got suspicious and informed us, following which we arrested them," said an official from Aji Dam police station.

Police recovered Rs 18,600 counterfeit currency from the accused. There were 83 notes of Rs 200 denomination and four notes of Rs 500 denomination. Police also found a scanner, a colour printer and blank papers from the house of Ramodia.

"Handa is a computer designer. He had been producing counterfeit currency notes for the past one month during which time the accused had circulated the bogus notes. We are probing the amount of notes that the accused had circulated in the market," added the official.

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