

# Fake notes of Rs 17L face value, four pistols seized

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Bharuch: Special Operations Group of Bharuch police arrested two persons and seized from their possession fake currency notes having face value of Rs17.36 lakh and four pistols on Friday.

Rajendrasinh Chudasama, Bharuch district superintendent of police, said, "A raid was carried out by Special Operations Group at a

house at Fokdi village of Netrang taluka of Bharuch on Friday night and seized fake currency notes having face value of Rs17,36,700 from two persons. There were 775 notes of Rs2,000 denomination, 476 notes of Rs200 denomination and 75 notes of Rs500 denomination. The notes were being printed by a colour printer, which too has been seized along with a scanner, blank papers, a laptop, two mobile phones and some genuine currency."

Ashok Dhanji Makwana, 39, and Jigar Mukesh Makwana, 24, were arrested for printing fake currency notes. The two are cousins and hardcore criminals released on parole from Bhavnagar jail, but didn't return even after it had ended. Police also seized four country-made pistols and eight cartridges from the cousins, who are natives of Botad. The two were involved in a number of criminal activities and had also committed a murder.

Chudasama said investigations are on to find out if it was a part of an inter-state racket and from where the accused had procured the pistols. Cops will also find out since how long they have been printing fake currency, how much and where all had the duo circulated it.

The two accused will be produced in a court soon by police who will seek custody for maximum time.

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