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YAVATMAL: The crime branch sleuths of Yavatmal police have busted a counterfeit currency note printing racket and arrested one youth on Monday. The police also seized fake notes having face value of Rs6,77,800, an Indica car, printer, ink and paper totalling to over Rs 8,42,720.

The arrested person has been identified as Pradnyesh

Rupesh Patil (27), a resident of Brahmi village in Darwha tehsil of the district. His associate Kishor Aasalkar, a resident of Kumbharkini village in Darwha tehsil, however, managed to flee.

According to Yavatmal superintendent of police M Rajkumar, the LCB chief Mukund Kulkarni received a tip off regarding printing and circulation of counterfeit Indian currency in Darwha-Digras areas of the district.

“Acting on the information, a special squad was formed under API Sandeep Chavan. The squad laid a trap in Tiwasa village on Darwha-Yavatmal road. When a white Indica car bearing registration No. MH 29/ R- 6912 was sighted coming towards Yavatmal, the cops intercepted the vehicle. During search, the cops stumbled upon counterfeit Indian currency notes in the denomination of Rs200 and Rs2000,” Rajkumar said.

The cops took Pradnyesh Patil into custody and during interrogation he revealed that the notes were printed at his Brahmi residence. The police then raided his house from where they seized a scanner and printer, ink bottles, cutter, scales and counterfeit currency notes in Rs 200 and Rs 2000 denominations.

Later, Pradnyesh was handed over to Ladkhed police and an FIR was registered under relevant sections of the IPC against him. Ladkhed police produced him before a Darwha court and obtained his PCR till October 11.

Earlier in 2017, Pradnyesh was arrested by Karanja and Murtizapur police in Akola district for printing and circulating counterfeit currency notes. He was also arrested in housebreaking cases in these places, Rajkumar said. The police have launched a manhunt to nab the absconding accused. Further investigations are on.

Pradnyesh dropped out of school after Standard IX and his wife is a government servant posted at Darwha.

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