

Five more arrested in counterfeit currency scam

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Rajkot: Five more persons were arrested in the counterfeit currency scam in the past 48 hours from Ahmedabad and Dhoraji taluka of Rajkot. With this, the police also seized Rs 3 lakh fake notes from the accused.

The police arrested Himanshu Jhaveri (42), a resident of Rupa Apartment on C G Road in Ahmedabad, Amrish Asodaria

(32), a resident of Narnarayan Upvan in Nikol locality of Ahmedabad. Three persons who were arrested from Supedi village near Dhoraji were identified as Bharat Herbha (25), Hardik Ghetia (27) and Kishan Patel (30).

Jhaveri and Asodaria are the masterminds of the racket. The racket was being run at Jhaveri's house where Asodaria used to print the notes. The police seized fake currency worth Rs 3 lakh from their possession. The seized notes included 125 notes of Rs 2,000 denomination and 100 notes of Rs 500 denomination. From the possession of Herbha, Ghetia and Patel, the police confiscated fake notes worth Rs 4,500, which included two notes of Rs 2,000 denomination and one note of Rs 500 denomination.

"Jhaveri and Asodaria were earlier arrested in bogus draft printing racket in 2009. Jhaveri was also arrested in a murder case in Alibaug of Maharashtra. We are interrogating them to know as to since how long they had been printing and circulating the fake notes in Saurashtra," Rajkot special operations group inspector M N Rana said.

Earlier on Monday, a total of 40 fake notes of Rs 2,000 and Rs 500 denominations were seized and five persons arrested in Chhalwavadar village of Dhoraji taluka.

Police said 36 counterfeit currency notes of Rs 2,000 denomination and four fake notes of Rs 500 denomination were found on Jatin Vaghela (27), Sagar Parmar alias Noori (26), Vimal Solanki (28), Sanjay Chauhan (26) and Chintan Rawal (25).