

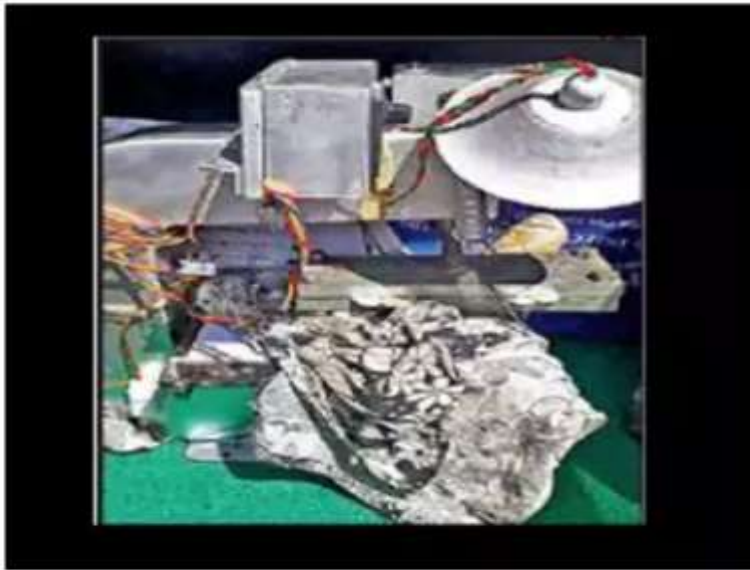
Counterfeit notes: Woman, daughters held in Kollam

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THIRUVANANTHAPURAM: A police team from Idukki, probing the catch of counterfeit currency notes running into lakhs of rupees from Idukki, seized Rs 57 lakh in fake notes from a house at Mulankadakam in Kollam.

The police also arrested a middle-aged woman, Rama Devi, in connection with the

case.

Rama Devi's two daughters Surya Sasikumar and Sruthi Sasikumar were also arrested following the development. Surya is a popular television serial actress.

The counterfeit gang was busted based on an information received by Idukki district police chief regarding the transaction of the fake notes.

Acting on the tip-off, the police took into custody three men, Krishnakumar, Leo George and Raveendran along with Surya and Sruthi along.

While they recorded the arrest of the men, Surya and Sruthi were kept under custody for further interrogation. Fake notes of denominations Rs 500 and Rs 200 were seized from their possession.

The police raided the residence at Mulankadakam based on the information provided by Surya and Sruthi.

As per their statements, their residence functioned as the centre where the counterfeit notes were printed.

The police reached the house around 3 am and the raid continued till daybreak. They confiscated printing equipment and computers that were used for counterfeiting. All the fake notes seized from the house were also of Rs 500 and Rs 200 denominations.

The house, a bungalow, where the mother and two daughters lived once belonged to them. But, after Rama Devi's husband, who was an expatriate, died a few months ago, they sold the house, but continued to live there as tenants.

Police sources said that more people were suspected to be part of the the gang and a probe was on to nab the rest.

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