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NIA CHARGESHEETS 2 ACCUSED IN NEPAL-LINKED FICN SMUGGLING CASE IN MADHUBANI, BIHAR.

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The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on 30th October 2026 filed a chargesheet against 2 accused persons, namely Bharat Mahaseth and Shiv Kumar Raut @ Mehman, under sections 61(2), 179, 180 and 3(5) of the BNS, 2023, in connection with the seizure of 281 Fake Indian Currency Notes (FICN) having a total face value of Rs. 50,150 from Duhabi Bazar, Basopatti, District Madhubani, Bihar, on 2nd August 2026. The notes were seized during a joint raid by the Sashastra Seema Bal, Bihar STF and Bihar Police.

Bharat Mahaseth and Shiv Kumar Raut @ Mehman were involved in smuggling FICN from Nepal to India through Hira Mahaseth @ Chachi, for use as genuine currency in nearby Indian markets.

The case was initially registered as Basopatti PS Case No. 268/2026 dated 2nd August 2026 against 3 accused persons, namely Hira Mahaseth @ Chachi, Bharat Mahaseth and Shiv Kumar Raut @ Mehman. Considering the gravity of the offence, the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, directed NIA to take up the investigation of the case. Accordingly, NIA re-registered it as case RC-01/2026/NIA/PAT on 9th September 2026.

NIA had conducted searches at 12 locations in District Madhubani on 8th October 2026 in connection with the case, during which digital devices, incriminating documents, cash and other items were seized.

Further investigation in the case is continuing.