

Foreign fugitive held in twin-city

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A 36-year-old Sri Lankan national, who allegedly jumped bail in his country in a murder case and was illegally staying in India, was arrested from a lodge in Kashmir. Arumahadi Janith Madhusangha D'silva, who had assumed the fake identity of Dinesh Kumar Iyer, was caught on Tuesday night during operation all-out, which routinely

targets anti-social elements.

During the action taken by the crime detection unit attached to the Kashigaon police station, D'silva failed to produce any legitimate documents to validate his stay in India, said the police. He was holed up in room 306 of Hotel Western, a lodging facility located adjacent to the highway in Kashmir.

"Investigations revealed that D'silva was lodged in a Sri Lankan jail for the past seven

years on charges of murdering a local gangster in 2015. He fled the country after being granted bail in December 2024," said senior inspector Mahesh Togarwad. He is said to have killed the gangster to exact revenge as the latter reportedly murdered his family members, said the officials.

Fearing retaliation from other gang members, D'silva took the sea route from the island country and landed at Rameswaram in Tamil Nadu

on December 31, 2024. He then moved to the Thane district and managed to get a fake Aadhaar card identifying himself as Dinesh Kumar Iyer, the officials added. "The person who helped him obtain the fake Aadhaar and SIM cards will be arrested soon," said a police official.

A case has been booked against D'silva under the relevant sections of the Foreigners Act, 1946 and Passport Act, 1950.





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