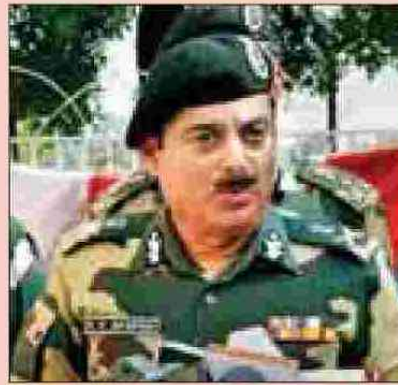


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'DeMo helped curb smuggling of fake currency'



K K Sharma, BSF chief

- 1 The smuggling of fake Indian currency notes (FICN) across the India-Bangladesh border has come down "considerably" post demonetisation even as the quality of notes being seized is not very good and they can be easily detected.
- 2 Fake Indian currency notes (FICN), with a face value of Rs 11 lakh, has been seized by the force so far this year as compared to the figure of crores that was seized before demonetisation.
- 3 On the contrary, fake notes were being made and sent from the "friendly neighbour" on the western side of India (in an apparent reference to Pakistan), and Bangladesh was only used as a transit.
- 4 The efforts of BGB and other security forces of Bangladesh against smuggling of fake notes need to be lauded. We seek further cooperation in detecting such units in Bangladesh and legal prosecution of defaulters.
- 5 Law enforcement agencies of Bangladesh were taking action against fake currency note racketeers and side by side the government has already placed fake currency detecting machines at all integrated check posts (ICPs).