26 CYBER CRIMINALS ARRESTED UNDER CBI'S 'OPERATION CHAKRA'

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The CBI registered 11 cases against cyber criminals involved in financial fraud using the internet | Photo Credit: Reuters

Twenty-six alleged cyber criminals have been arrested so far under 'Operation Chakra' of the CBI to dismantle cyber crime gangs operating in the country, officials said on Thursday.

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The operation has been launched in coordination with state police, Interpol and agencies of other countries, they said.

The CBI said 16 persons were arrested by Karnataka Police, seven by Delhi Police, two by Punjab Police and one by Andaman and Nicobar Police.

The central probe agency, in coordination with state police, conducted searches under the operation at 115 locations across the country on inputs provided by Interpol, FBI, Royal Canadian Mounted Police and Australian Federal Police, the officials said.

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"The operation intends to dismantle the infrastructure of these international cyber crime gangs in India and bring these perpetrators to justice. India's fight against transnational organised cyber crime has thus achieved a major milestone," a statement from the agency said.

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