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Bangladeshi Man Posing as ‘Neha’ for a Decade Arrested in Bhopal

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A Bangladeshi national who had been living in India for nearly ten years under the false identity of a transgender woman named “Neha” was arrested this week in Bhopal. The accused, identified as Abdul Kalam, allegedly used forged Indian documents, including an Aadhaar card, ration card, and even a passport, to assume the identity and reside in the country illegally.

The arrest took place in Bhopal's Budhwara locality, where Kalam had been residing for several years and was known in the community as "Neha Kinnar." Authorities acted on intelligence inputs and verified that the documents used by the individual were fake. During the investigation, it was also found that Kalam had used a forged Indian passport to travel back to Bangladesh.

According to police officials, Kalam arrived in India as a child and initially stayed in Mumbai for several years before moving to Bhopal. He reportedly integrated into the local transgender community and maintained the alias to avoid detection by immigration authorities.

Additional Deputy Commissioner of Police (Crime) Shalini Dixit confirmed the arrest and said that Abdul Kalam has been detained under the Foreigners Act for 30 days. Deportation proceedings have already been initiated. "The accused has been living in the country illegally for almost a decade and even traveled abroad using forged identification. Central agencies are now involved in the case," she said.

Police are also interrogating two local men who allegedly helped Kalam obtain the fake documents. Investigators are reviewing phone records, travel history, and social media activity to determine if he had any links to broader immigration or document forgery networks.

Authorities are conducting a gender verification test to confirm whether Kalam's claim of being transgender was legitimate or a tactic used to strengthen his false identity.

This case has raised concerns over the ease with which forged Indian documents can be obtained and the loopholes in the current system that allow illegal residents to integrate into society. The investigation is ongoing, and officials have stated that further arrests may be made if other individuals are found to have knowingly assisted in the identity fraud.