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Chandigarh, 8 February : In its crusade against organised crime, Punjab Police neutralised notorious gangster Ankit Bhadu of Lawrence Bishnoi gang and arrested his 2 gang members Jarmanpreet Singh and Gurvinder Singh during an encounter in Zirakhpur town last night. His both accomplice belongs to Tarn Taran district.

Giving details during an interaction with media Kunwar Vijay Pratap Singh, IGP Intelligence, Organised Crime Control Unit (OCCU) told that according to preliminary inputs and investigations carried out so far, Ankit Bhadu of Siriey Wala Village in Abhor and two other gang members were wanted in several extortion cases and heinous crimes.

He informed that, following a tip off that Bhadu was residing in a rented flat in Mahalaxmi apartments near Zirakhpur., a team led by DSP Bikram Singh Brar cordoned off the area and asked him to surrender. But he eventually fired upon the police team and tried to run away from the hideout. Failing to do so, he entered a nearby flat where he held hostage of two minor children of family.

IGP Intelligence (OCCU) further said Bhadu fired on the police team and ASI Sukhwinder Singh got injured during the cross fire and bullet pierced into his left thigh. Two of his main accomplices were arrested during the encounter and Ankit Bhadu died on the way when he was taken to the hospital.

IG OCCU revealed that total 3 pistols, one magnum and 43 live cartridges have been recovered from the possession of these gangsters. "Some of the weapons are foreign made. Further investigations are going on to get more information about their activities", he added.

IG further said Ankit Bhadu was most wanted absconder in seven Northern states. He informed that Rajasthan and Haryana Police have declared Rs one lakh reward and Punjab Police had also declared Rs two lakh reward on him.

He stated that Badu was involved in numerous cases of extortion and murder in Punjab, Rajasthan, Haryana, Delhi, UP, HP and other neighbouring states. He was accused in 7 murder cases and accused in killing of Jordan in Ganganagar, Daljit Singh (husband of councillor) in Banur, murder of Ajay Jaitpuria in Churu who was gang member of Ajay Rath in Rajasthan, a jeweller named Pankaj Soni who was brother of a Police Inspector, a jeweller in Ambala and recent gang war killings

in Badargarh (NCR).

In a reply Kunwar Vijay Pratap said main aim of Punjab Police is to provide safe and secure environment to all citizens in the state. He advised the gangsters to surrender before the police or else face consequences.