



## **Press Release**

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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Kochi Zonal Office, has conducted search operations on 18.06.2026 at 09 premises in Kerala under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002, in connection with the large-scale illegal organ trafficking racket across Kerala.

The investigation was initiated based on FIRs registered by the Kerala Police, which uncovered a sophisticated criminal syndicate involving forgery of official documents, cheating, criminal conspiracy, and illegal organ trafficking under the façade of legitimate altruistic organ donation and medical tourism.

Initial findings reveal that the accused, led by Muhammed Najeeb K and his partner Rasheeda A.A. through their front company Kallatharas Medical Tourism Pvt. Ltd., orchestrated the racket between 2021 and 2026. Through a network of agents and middlemen, they targeted financially distressed donors, luring them with payments of Rs. 5–15 lakhs while charging recipients Rs. 20–35 lakhs or more. The accused forged multiple documents including fake altruism certificates from Police, recommendation letters from the public representatives, Aadhaar cards, ration cards and other certificates. These forgeries were executed at Sun Communications DTP Centre and Sign HD Digital Studio in Pallikkara, Ernakulam. Thereafter, Illegal transplant procedures were facilitated at major hospitals in Ernakulam.

Hence, targeted searches were conducted with a view to trace the Proceeds of Crime, identify the ultimate beneficiaries, and recover incriminating records, digital evidence, and financial transactions associated with the illegal organ trade. During the course of the search operations, several incriminating records were seized, including forged documents, comprehensive details relating to organ transplantation surgeries conducted at the hospitals such as particulars of donors and recipients, documents submitted for the approval from District Level Authorisation Committee. Further, details of immovable properties held in the name of the accused persons and their associates have been collected for the purpose of ascertaining assets acquired out of the proceeds of crime. Freezing orders have also been issued in respect of the bank accounts of agents and intermediaries who facilitated the illegal organ trade. Moreover, the bank account details of the accused persons and their associated entities have been obtained and are being analyzed to trace the flow and layering of the Proceeds of Crime.

Further investigation is in progress.