Press Release
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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Chennai Zonal Office has conducted search operations on 30.07.2026 at 15 residential premises located at Chennai, Coimbatore, Mumbai and Hyderabad under Section 17(1) of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002 in connection with money laundering and terror financing investigation related to the 2022 Coimbatore Bomb Blast case.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of various FIRs registered by the NIA in connection with suicide VB-IED explosion that occurred on 23.10.2022 near the ancient Arulmigu Kottai Sangameshwarar Thirukovil temple at Coimbatore. The bomb blast was caused by suicide bomber Jamesha Mubeen, who had pledged allegiance to ISIS (Islamic State of Iraq and Syria) before his death. Mubeen and others carried out the attack to avenge the arrest of one Mohammed Azarudeen, who had deeply inspired them. Mohammed Azarudeen himself was a radical preacher who conducted religious classes, professing support to ISIS and inducing the participants for furthering its objectives in India.

Total 12 accused in the bomb blast case, including Jamesha Mubeen and Mohammed Azarudeen, were students of Jameel Basha, promoter of Madras Arabic College (also known as Kovai Arabic College). Basha, in the garb of conducting Arabic classes, promoted Khilafat ideology and martyrdom through jihad and advocating violence and armed struggle to establish an Islamic state in India.

It was found during the investigation that the accused persons carried out a fake Covid-19 vaccine certificate scam between Aug 2021 - June 2022 to fund their terror activities. In the scam, they supplied fake Covid-19 vaccine certificates to people in various parts of Tamil Nadu and Mumbai, who wanted a COVID-19 vaccine certificate without getting vaccinated, in exchange for money. The proceeds of crime generated from this activity was directly used for the procurement of bombing material as well as to support the activities of Madras Arabic College / Kovai Arabic College.

Further, Jameel Basha raised funds for the activities of Madras Arabic College / Kovai Arabic College through donations and business investments from his former students, investors and other persons. These funds were used to conduct classes under the garb of Arabic education, through both online and physical modes, to indoctrinate gullible youth with extremist ideas. Investigation revealed that the Proceeds of Crime generated by Jameel Basha through Madras Arabic College / Kovai Arabic College were used for organizing the Arabic classes, foreign travel and personal expenses and investments.

During the search action, digital devices such as mobile phones and laptops were recovered and seized. Further, incriminating documents related to the monetary transactions and immovable property investments by the accused persons were also recovered and seized.

Further investigation is under progress.