Press Release

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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Raipur Zonal Office has on 14.11.2026 taken physical possession under Section 8(4) of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002 of the real estate project "Vitthal Green" at village Jangiri, District Durg, Chhattisgarh, valued at **Rs. 26.43 Crore** (land Rs. 9.49 Crore and development Rs. 16.95 Crore). The project comprises **354 residential plots and one commercial plot**. ED officers erected a signboard at the site and affixed the possession notice. The project was developed by M/s Baghel Developers, a proprietorship concern of Chaitanya Baghel, an accused in the Chhattisgarh Liquor Scam case.

ED investigation was initiated on the basis of an FIR registered by EOW/ACB, Raipur under various sections of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 and the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988. ED investigation revealed that a liquor syndicate operated through the State Excise Department and the Chhattisgarh State Marketing Corporation Limited (CSMCL) from 2019 to 2022. The syndicate generated proceeds of crime of more than Rs. 2,883 Crore through illegal commission on liquor procured by CSMCL, sale of unaccounted liquor through Government liquor shops and commission from distillers.

Further investigation has revealed that Chaitanya Baghel stood at the apex of the syndicate and was responsible for maintaining the 'hisab' (accounts) of the illicit funds collected by it. He is a recipient of proceeds of crime, which he layered into his real estate project Vitthal Green, including the procurement of land, and projected the developed assets as untainted. Proceeds of crime of Rs. 18.90 Crore were infused into his real estate project: Rs. 10 Crore in cash and Rs. 8.90 Crore through his firms as bank entries against cash.

He was arrested by ED in July 2025, and a Prosecution Complaint has been filed against him before the Hon'ble Special Court (PMLA), Raipur. ED provisionally attached his properties, including the Vitthal Green project and agricultural land in District Durg, in November 2025. The Ld. Adjudicating Authority (PMLA), New Delhi confirmed the attachment in March 2026.

Further investigation is under progress.