



Press Release
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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Lucknow Zonal Office has conducted search operations on 16.07.2026 at 16 premises located in West Bengal, Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana and other locations under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002 in connection with ECIR No. ECIR/LKZO/14/2024 relating to an alleged terror funding and illegal infiltration network.

The PMLA investigation originates from FIR No. 12/2023 dated 11.10.2023 registered by the Uttar Pradesh Anti-Terrorist Squad (UP ATS) under various sections of IPC, Foreigners Act and Passport Act against an organized syndicate allegedly involved in facilitating illegal infiltration of Rohingya and Bangladeshi nationals into India, arranging forged Indian identity documents such as Aadhaar Cards, PAN Cards and Passports and subsequently rehabilitating them in different parts of the country.

Investigation conducted revealed a deep-rooted network engaged in preparation of forged documents, human trafficking, illegal settlement of infiltrators and operation of bank accounts through fraudulent means. Investigation also disclosed the role of certain charitable trusts and entities allegedly receiving foreign contributions and facilitating illegal activities. Further investigation revealed a complex financial network involving various trusts and entities which allegedly received substantial foreign funds through FCRA channels and diverted the same through layered transactions, mule bank accounts and cash withdrawals for facilitating illegal infiltration and settlement activities. The investigation has also indicated extensive use of multiple bank accounts and transfer of funds to numerous beneficiaries in small tranches to help them settle in India.

During the search operations, unaccounted cash amounting to approximately Rs. 40 Lakh and gold weighing about 180 grams, apart from various incriminating documents, digital devices, bank records and other evidences relevant to the investigation, have been seized and the statements of key persons were recorded.

Further investigation is under progress.

