



Press Release
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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Kolkata Zonal Office has conducted further searches at 3 premises in Kolkata on 26.04.2026 in a money laundering case being investigated against Sona Pappu, Jay S. Kamdar, Shantanu Sinha Biswas, DCP & others. The searches covered the premises of Kalyan Shukla & Sanjay Kumar Kanodia which has resulted in seizure of cash amounting to Rs. 10 Lakh, gold jewellery, incriminating documents and digital devices. The seized documents indicate towards large scale cash dealings amongst the suspect persons and PEPs (Politically Exposed Persons).

Earlier ED had arrested Jay S. Kamdar on 19.04.2026 under section 19(1) of Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002 in the case. He is in 9 days' custody of ED till 28.04.2026 subject to further orders of the Hon'ble Special Court (PMLA). ED had also conducted searches at 6 premises on 19.04.2026 in Kolkata & Barrackpore including the residential premises of Santanu Sinha Biswas, Deputy Commissioner of Police and Jay S. Kamdar on 19.04.2026 and seized incriminating documents. During the search at his residential premises, Santanu Sinha Biswas remained unavailable throughout. Subsequently, Santanu Sinha Biswas has been issued summons to join the investigation, however, he has failed to appear before the ED so far.

Investigation has revealed that Jay S Kamdar was in close contact with Sona Pappu and having huge financial transactions with him. He had also supplied firearms to Smt. Soma Sonar Poddar wife of Sona Pappu @ Biswajit Poddar; however, she has failed to disclose anything relating to the said purchase of the firearms from Jay S. Kamdar or his company. In addition to above, Jay S. Kamdar is revealed to be involved in extensive illegal international cross border and domestic Hawala transactions through many shell companies which are under further investigation.

Investigation by ED has also revealed that Jay S. Kamdar was instrumental in siphoning funds to the tune of more than Rs. 40 Crore from a trust working in the field of education in Kolkata.

Jay S Kamdar has been revealed to be in close contact with many police officials including Santanu Sinha Biswas and providing favours and expensive "Gifts" to such officers, including their family members. Investigation has also revealed that Jay S. Kamdar wielded considerable clout and influence among a section of police officers and misused it for getting favours and lodging of complaints against unsuspecting individuals in land related matters. The documents & digital evidence seized show that

Jay S Kamdar and his associates have been habitually engaging in a systematic and premeditated course of conduct with the intention to unlawfully acquire valuable immovable properties from lawful owners.

ED had earlier conducted searches in this case on 01.04.2026 wherein cash amounting to **Rs. 1.47 Crore** (approx.) and gold jewellery & silver valued at Rs. 67.64 Lakh (approx.), one Fortuner vehicle and unlicensed one Gun (Revolver) along with a number of incriminating documents and digital devices were seized. Several immovable properties in the form of land, buildings, etc. were also identified, which appear to have been obtained through criminal activities.

ED's investigation under PMLA has so far revealed that Proceeds of Crime were generated through illegal activities including extortion, grabbing of real estate properties, unauthorized building construction through entities controlled by Biswajit Podder @ Sona Pappu, Jay S. Kamdar and associates.

Further investigation is under progress.