



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Kolkata Zonal Office has conducted search operation at 7 locations in Kolkata on 28.03.2026 in connection with a case of land grabbing and forgery by Amit Ganguly and others under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002. During search, various incriminating documents and digital evidence have been seized which are under detailed examination. A number of bank accounts have been frozen under Section 17(1A) of PMLA, 2002.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of FIRs registered by West Bengal Police under Sections of IPC, 1860, Arms Act and relevant provisions of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), 2023 for cheating, criminal breach of trust, forgery of valuable security, forgery for purpose of cheating and use of forged documents as genuine, criminal conspiracy and criminal intimidation. Several cases also involve allegations of use of forged agreements for sale, fabricated power of attorney documents, and manipulation of land records to create a facade of lawful ownership.

ED investigation revealed that Amit Ganguly and his associates were involved in defrauding innocent individuals and rightful property owners by targeting high-value land parcels, including those belonging to vulnerable persons. The accused persons fabricated and forged key property documents such as agreements for sale, sale deeds, board resolutions and powers of attorney, thereby creating false ownership titles. These forged documents were further used to initiate civil litigation, mislead courts, and obtain mutation of land records before government authorities.

Further investigation revealed that the accused persons commercially exploited such fraudulently acquired properties by developing real estate projects and selling units to unsuspecting buyers, thereby generating Proceeds of Crime. Investigation indicates that the accused persons followed a systematic modus operandi whereby forged documents were created and used to initiate civil litigation, obtain injunction orders, and secure mutation in government records, thereby legitimising illegal possession.

Further investigation has revealed that more than 20 FIRs have been registered by Police against Amit Ganguly and his associates across multiple police stations, primarily in South 24 Parganas, West Bengal relating to a consistent pattern of land grabbing, cheating and forgery. These FIRs pertain to illegal acquisition of high-value land parcels, fraudulent development agreements, misuse of powers of attorney, and creation of third-party interests over disputed properties.

Further investigation is under progress.