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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Guwahati Zonal Office has conducted search operations under the provisions of Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002 in the fraud degree certificate case against M/s CMJ University, Shillong, Meghalaya, and its Chancellor Chandra Mohan Jha, his family members and Others. These searches have been conducted in the offices of CMJ University and CMJ Foundation and also in the residences of the Chancellor, Chandra Mohan Jha in New Delhi and Shillong. Based on several complaints, the Governor of Meghalaya, who was the Visitor of the CMJ University, had directed the State Government to dissolve the CMJ University in the year 2013 and the dissolution was also upheld by the Meghalaya High Court in 2021.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of FIR and Charge-Sheet filed by the Meghalaya Police under the IPC, 1860 against M/s CMJ University, Shillong, Meghalaya, its Chancellor Chandra Mohan Jha, his family members, who were also Trustees of M/s CMJ Foundation and Other persons, for defrauding thousands of students by giving them fake degree certificates in lieu of money. Around 20570 fake degrees were awarded by M/s CMJ University despite its small faculty with highly doubtful credentials.

ED investigation revealed that after selling the fake degrees, the funds so received in their bank accounts, were diverted after rotating amongst bank accounts in various banks as Fixed Deposits/Bank Balances, Mutual Funds and Life Insurance policies maintained by the members of Jha family and given colour of genuine transactions. The Proceeds of Crime (POC) were also invested in landed properties.

During the course of the current searches, several incriminating documents and digital evidences have been found and seized. From the seized digital evidences, it is found that fake degrees pertaining to the years 2012, 2013 etc, were still continued to be sold by the CMJ University at hefty prices. The University is also found to be running with skeletal infrastructure without proper records. Further, POC found in banks accounts to the tune of Rs.1.53 Crore have been placed under freezing orders during the searches under PMLA.

Total POC has been quantified at Rs.83.52 Crore, out of which ED had already attached properties worth Rs.48.76 Crore earlier. One Prosecution Complaint in this case has already been filed in the Hon'ble Special Court (PMLA), Shillong.

Further investigation is under progress.