



PRESS RELEASE

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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Agartala has conducted coordinated search operations across multiple locations in Tripura on 10.01.2025, under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002, targeting inter-state drug cartels involved in the trafficking of narcotic substances, including Ganja and Phensidyl.

ED initiated investigation in three different money laundering cases on the basis of multiple FIRs registered by Tripura Police under various sections of the NDPS Act, 1985, against Kamini Debbarma, Bishu Tripura, Aup Ranjan Das, and others for the offense of trafficking narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances. The accused persons maintained an interstate network facilitating drug trafficking across various states, including Tripura, Assam, Bihar, and other parts of India. This operation is part of the ongoing efforts by ED to combat the illegal drug trade and to trace and attach Proceeds of Crime (POC) generated from illegal drug trafficking.

ED investigation revealed that the POC generated through drug trafficking, received via hawala and deposited in benami accounts, were invested in purchasing various movable (fixed deposits, bank balances, etc.) and immovable properties in the names of family members and benamidars.

During the search operations, substantial amount (around 66 kgs) of high quality Ganja (marijuana) along with other incriminating evidence, including financial records, details of benami properties, and electronic devices, suggesting generation of significant amount of POC were seized.

Further investigation is under progress.

