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ED to Hold Presidency of Asset Recovery Inter-Agency Network Asia Pacific (ARIN-AP) in 2026

India, represented by its nodal agency, Directorate of Enforcement (ED) has been handed over the presidency of ARIN-AP for the year 2026, by Mongolia during the ongoing 10th ARIN-AP Annual General Meeting at Ulaanbaatar scheduled from 23rd to 26th September 2025. Having been associated with this prominent multi-agency network of asset recovery practitioners since 2016, Directorate of Enforcement had earlier been elected to its apex body, Steering Committee in 2024. India will also host the network's 11th Annual General Meeting (AGM) in the coming year.

For India, this Presidency of ARIN-AP is not symbolic. It is an opportunity to contribute meaningfully to the strengthening of international cooperation in asset recovery. While taking over the presidency of the network, Joint Director of Enforcement, (Coordination), HO, remarked in his acceptance speech that “*ARIN-AP is not just a network but a family, a community and a forum where practical challenges are shared, where solutions are crafted collaboratively, and where trust is built across jurisdictions.*” Priority areas were also laid down in the speech, which would be focused upon by India during its Presidency- including strengthening swift, practitioner-to-practitioner contact between member agencies of ARIN-AP, building capacity and peer learning, and enhancing visibility and outreach through newsletters, success stories etc.

About ARIN-AP

The Asset Recovery Inter-Agency Network of Asia Pacific (ARIN-AP) is an informal platform of practitioners and experts aimed at strengthening cooperation in the identification, tracing, freezing, and recovery of criminal proceeds. The network enables direct exchange of information between contact points of member jurisdictions, thereby expediting transnational cooperation and enhancing the effectiveness of law enforcement action.

Currently, ARIN-AP brings together 28 member jurisdictions and 10 observers, operating within the broader framework of the Camden Asset Recovery Inter-Agency Network (CARIN), which encompasses over 100 jurisdictions. The Directorate of Enforcement is the designated nodal agency for India within this network.

Significance of India's Presidency By hosting the ARIN-AP AGM in 2026, India will not only provide a platform for deeper agency-to-agency cooperation but also strengthen its role in shaping global policy and best practices on asset recovery. The presidency will allow ED to deepen synergies with global initiatives, promoting stronger international partnerships in tackling Proceeds of Crime and sharing India's expertise in combating financial crimes and money laundering. It may be noted that Ministry of Home Affairs has also advised all central and state enforcement agencies to use platform of ARIN-AP for identification of assets derived from the Proceeds of Crime.

ED's participation in ARIN AP supplements India's participation in other multilateral forums such as the FATF, the G20, and the GlobE Network and reflects our belief that financial crime cannot be fought in isolation. These developments also reiterate India's ***follow the money approach*** of deterring financial and organized crime by depriving criminals from enjoying their illicit gains. They resonate India's vision manifested through 9-Point Agenda Against Fugitive Economic Offenders, first presented by India at the 2018 G20 Summit and the adoption of the High-Level Principles on MLA and Asset Recovery during India's Presidency of the G20 Anti-Corruption Working Group in 2023.

