

Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Mumbai Zonal Office has conducted search operations on 01/12/2025, under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002 at 12 locations in Nandurbar, Mumbai and Barmer as part of an ongoing probe in the case of Jamia Ismalia Ishatul Uloom (JIIU) trust, Yemeni National Al-Khadami Khaled Ibrahim Saleh and others, on charges of violations linked to the handling and distribution of foreign contributions. Cash amounting to Rs 9 Lakh, various incriminating documents, digital devices have been found and seized during the search proceedings.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of FIR No. 0030/2025 dated 11.02.2025 and Charge Sheet dated 11.04.2025 by Akkalkuwa PS, District Nandurbar arraying Al-Khadami Khaled Ibrahim Saleh, Khadega Ibrahim Kasim Al-Nasheri wife of Al-Khadami Khaled Ibrahim Saleh (both Yemini citizens), Ghulam Mohammad Randhera Vastanvi (Founder, Jamia Islamia Ishaatul Uloom) and others as accused. Ghulam Mohammad Randhera is now deceased.

The accused Yemeni nationals were allegedly aided by co-accused in illegally overstaying in India after expiry of their visas. The co-accused also provided shelter and facilitated fraudulent procurement of Aadhaar, PAN, birth certificates and opening of bank accounts. JIIU allegedly appointed Al-Khadhami as a madrasa teacher to falsely portray foreign staffing to donors, in order to attract higher overseas funding.

Preliminary enquiries under PMLA reveal that JIIU received approximately Rs. 406 Crore in foreign donations (2014-15 to 2023-24) from Kuwait, Botswana, UK, Mauritius, Switzerland, Seychelles, Panama etc.. JIIU received and used substantial amount also in cash. Early findings indicate that donation funds were diverted for non-approved uses, in violation of statutory norms.

Seized evidence also indicates misuse of "national research incentives for organisational self-funding", as it has received donations from other Trusts/NGOs. Earlier, Ministry of Home Affairs vide its order dated 15.07.2024 has cancelled the FCRA Registration Certificate of JIIU after finding that the trust is involved in channelizing foreign contribution funds to other non-FCRA registered NGO.

Further investigation is ongoing.