



## **Press Release**

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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Kolkata has recently carried out a search operation targeting cyber crimes associated with the online mobile gaming application, E-Nuggets.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of FIR registered by the Park Street Police Station, Kolkata Police, regarding illicit activities being orchestrated by Aamir Khan and his associates. The accused allegedly through the E-Nuggets application duped unsuspecting users, promising lucrative returns and commissions on their investments. However, they abruptly halted withdrawals and erased all user data from the app servers, resulting in substantial financial losses for the victims.

To combat such fraudulent activities, ED conducted a comprehensive search operation on 66 bank accounts linked to the cyber crimes. As a result, an amount totaling **Rs 2.43 Crore** has been frozen under the provisions of PMLA, 2002.

The modus operandi of the accused involved the establishment of numerous mule accounts to collect funds from the public. These funds were then subjected to layering, laundering, and diversion for personal gains, including the acquisition of properties and investment in cryptocurrencies.

Earlier in the matter Aamir Khan and Romen Agarwal were arrested under the provisions of PMLA, 2002 and Prosecution Complaints were filed against them. Additionally, properties worth **more than Rs. 163 Crore**, comprising cash, crypto currencies, account balances, and office space, have been attached, seized, or frozen.

The ED's relentless efforts underscore its commitment to safeguarding the financial interests of the public and ensuring accountability in the digital space.

Further investigation is under progress.