



Press Release
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Directorate of Enforcement(ED) has conducted searches at 7 premises (including residential premises and office) in the case involving Archana Nag, Jagabandhu Chand, Khageswar Patra, Shradhanjali Behera and others in Odisha on 10.11.2022 in connection with an ongoing money laundering investigation being carried out by ED in high profile sextortion racket operated by Archana Nag and her associates by targeting influential and affluent persons.

During the course of search, several incriminating documents, digital evidences such as mobile phones and one SUV were seized. In this connection, earlier an ECIR was recorded by ED on the basis of FIR dated 29.09.2022 registered under various sections of IPC, 1860 and Section 67 of IT Act, 2000 at Nayapalli P.S., UPD, Bhubaneswar, Odisha against Archana Nag & Shradhanjali Behera and another FIR dated 02.10.2022 registered under various sections of IPC, 1860 and Section 66(E) / 67 of I.T. Act, 2000 registered at Khandagiri P.S., UPD, Bhubaneswar against Archana Nag, Jagabandhu Chand, Khageswar and others. Odisha Police has arrested Archana Nag on 06.10.2022 and Jagabandhu Chand on 20.10.2022 and presently both are in judicial custody.

Proceeding further, ED has also arrested one Khageswar Patra, an active and close associate of Archana Nag, who was involved in acquiring and generating properties worth Crores of rupees through extortion by way of honey-trapping high profile and rich people and secretly making their inappropriate videos and threatening and blackmailing them for lodging false police cases against them and making viral of their inappropriate videos in social media.

Hon'ble Court of Special Judge (PMLA), Khurda, Bhubaneswar vide order dated 11-11-2022 has remanded the arrestee (Khageswar Patra) to ED custody for 10 days till 21-11-2022.

Further investigation is under progress.
