



Press Release
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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Lucknow Zonal Office has arrested Naveen Rohra on 04.08.2025 in connection with money laundering case related to Chhangur Baba and others, under the provisions of PMLA, 2002. He has been sent to ED custody for 5 days by Hon'ble Special Court (PMLA), Lucknow.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of FIR registered by ATS, Lucknow under various sections of IPC, 1860 alleging a large-scale conspiracy involving unlawful religious conversions, utilization of foreign funding, and activities posing a potential threat to national security. Chhangur Baba and his associates are alleged to have established an extensive network operating from the premises of Chand Auliya Dargah, Balrampur where he regularly organized large gatherings attended by both Indian and foreign nationals. He is accused of systematically inducing, coercing, and manipulating individuals of other faiths— particularly Scheduled Castes, and economically disadvantaged persons belonging to Hindu religion into religious conversion.

During the course of investigation under PMLA so far it has been revealed that funds amounting to more than Rs. 60 Crore have been received by Chhangur Baba, Naveen Rohra and their associates in their bank accounts. It is also revealed that sizable amounts of funds were received from foreign countries by Naveen Rohra in his bank accounts.

Earlier in the case, searches were conducted at 15 premises in UP and Mumbai on 17.07.2025. Documents seized during the searches revealed that funds received by them, which are nothing but Proceeds of Crime, were utilised for acquiring various immovable properties and carrying out construction activities in these properties by Naveen Rohra.

It is pertinent to mention that Chhangur Baba has already been arrested in this case by ED on 28.07.2025. He is currently in Judicial Custody.

Further investigation is in progress.