



Press Release

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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Lucknow Zonal Office, has conducted search operations on 06/11/2025 at 15 locations in UP, Delhi and Haryana under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002 in connection with ongoing investigations against Monad University regarding the counterfeit degree scam.

The case was recorded based on specific information that the Uttar Pradesh STF conducted a raid at Monad University on 18.05.2025. During the raid, a large number of forged and counterfeit academic documents were recovered, including mark sheets, degrees, provisional certificates and migration certificates, all purportedly issued by Monad University, Pilkhwa, Hapur. The accused forged thousands of such documents over a period of time and generated substantial illegal proceeds through their sale. Ten accused individuals were arrested, leading to the registration of FIR No.290 dated 18.05.2025 at Thana-Pilkhua, Dist.-Hapur, Uttar Pradesh. Uttar Pradesh STF found that Vijendra Singh alias Vijendra Singh Hooda is the mastermind and kingpin of the organised racket. He is the Chancellor and controlling authority of Monad University and facilitated the preparation and issuance of counterfeit academic documents through the university's network. He is also the Secretary of Saraswati Medical College, Unnao. Subsequently, the UP STF filed a charge Sheet No.01 dated 11.08.2025 against 11 accused persons before the CJM Court, Hapur, Uttar Pradesh.

During the search conducted u/s 17 of PMLA, 2002, several incriminating documents, cash amounting to Rs.43 Lakh and electronic devices were seized.

Further investigation is under progress.

