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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Lucknow Zonal Office, has provisionally attached movable and immovable properties valued at Rs. 25.44 Crore under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002, vide a Provisional Attachment Order dated 20.07.2026, in connection with the fake degree and forged academic documents racket operated through Monad University, Hapur, Uttar Pradesh. The attached assets comprise a farmhouse, multiple flats and vehicles held in the names of the accused persons and their family members.

ED initiated investigation under PMLA, 2002, on the basis of FIR registered by the UP STF, which had unearthed a well-organised syndicate engaged in the preparation, sale and verification of fake mark sheets, degrees, provisional certificates, migration certificates and other fake academic documents in the name of Monad University. Upon investigation, the UP STF filed charge sheet on 11.08.2025 against 11 accused persons under various Sections of the Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023.

Investigation has revealed that Vijendra Singh Hooda, Chairman of Monad University, in connivance with Sandeep Sehrawat and other associates, misused the University's name, official machinery and resources for the preparation, sale and verification of fake and forged mark sheets, degrees, character certificates, verification of students' records etc. in the name of the University. The fake mark sheets and degrees were allegedly sold to the students for monetary consideration. The investigation has so far revealed records relating to more than 1,800 students who were provided with fake mark sheets, degrees, and other academic documents. In this way, the accused persons generated Proceeds of Crime (PoC) amounting to approximately Rs. 37.66 Crore by the sale of fake mark sheets and degrees. A substantial portion of the PoC was generated in cash and was subsequently dissipated by the accused persons. However, a significant portion of the PoC has been traced in the bank accounts of the accused persons, where it was laundered through multiple banking channels and layered transactions.

During the investigation, a search operation under Section 17 of the PMLA was also conducted at multiple premises, resulting in the seizure of various incriminating records, including fake mark sheets, fake degrees, and applications for verification of fake mark sheets/degrees etc.

Further investigation is under progress.