



Press Release

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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Kolkata Zonal Office conducted searches at 13 premises in Kolkata & Murshidabad on 22.05.2026 in a money laundering case being investigated against Sona Pappu, Santanu Sinha Biswas, Ex-DCP, Jay S. Kamdar & others. The searches covered the premises of Santanu Sinha Biswas, Md. Ali, Ruhul Amin Ali Shah, Atul Kataria and others, which has resulted in seizure of cash amounting to Rs. 17 Lakh, gold jewellery, incriminating documentary evidence related to investment in properties located in India as well as Dubai along with digital devices.

Earlier, ED had conducted searches at multiple premises on 01.04.2026, 19.04.2026 and 26.04.2026 in Kolkata & nearby places including the residential premises of Santanu Sinha Biswas, Ex-Deputy Commissioner of Police, Jay S. Kamdar, Sona Pappu, etc. and seized incriminating documents, digital devices and cash amounting to Rs. 1.47 Crore. ED had also arrested Jay S. Kamdar, Santanu Sinha Biswas and Biswajit Podder @ Sona Pappu under section 19(1) of Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002 in the case. All the three accused persons are currently in Judicial Custody.

ED initiated investigation in this case against Biswajit Podder @ Sona Pappu and others on the basis of multiple FIRs registered by West Bengal Police/ Kolkata Police under various Sections of the IPC, 1860 and the Arms Act, 1959. The accused persons including Biswajit Podder @ Sona Pappu were engaged in organized criminal syndicate activities in the state of West Bengal and generated huge funds illegally by way of syndicate operations

During the search conducted on 22.05.2026, documentary evidence related to investment in properties located in India as well as Dubai have been unearthed and seized. Further, incriminating digital evidence pertaining to illegal hawala transfers have been seized during the search.

ED's investigation under PMLA has so far revealed that Proceeds of Crime were generated through illegal activities including extortion, grabbing of real estate properties, unauthorized building construction through entities controlled by Biswajit Podder @ Sona Pappu, Jay S. Kamdar and associates.

Further investigation is under progress.