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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Mangalore, has conducted search operations on 07.08.2026 at various premises located at Belgavi, Chikkodi & Nipani, linked to M/s Shivam Associates, Shivanand Siddappa Neelannavar and other associated persons/entities U/s 17 of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of FIR registered by the Malamaruthi Police Station, Belagavi City under the Banning of Unregulated Deposit Schemes Act, 2019 and the Karnataka Protection of Interest of Depositors in Financial Establishments Act, 2004. The FIR alleges that members of the public were induced to invest funds on the promise of abnormally high and assured returns.

The investigation under PMLA indicates that M/s Shivam Associates and its associated persons/entities allegedly mobilised substantial funds received from a large number of investors. Preliminary analysis of information obtained from banks and other records indicates extensive movement of funds through business, personal and intermediary accounts, including transfers to stock brokers, fixed-deposit accounts, related persons and other beneficiaries.

The investigation has also identified a financial nexus among M/s Shivam Associates, Shivanand Siddappa Neelannavar, Subhash Ramagouda Nandargi, Mahesh S Neelannavar Shivam Productions, Shivam Lifeline Pvt. Ltd., Shivam Sevaa (OPC) Pvt. Ltd. and other associated persons/entities. Analysis of the bank accounts and financial records of these persons and entities has revealed extensive and interconnected movement of funds. The investigation further revealed that Shivanand Siddappa Neelannavar lured the public by promising the return of 3% per month on the investment/deposit and accumulated approximately **Rs. 2110.97 Crore** from public, against which repayments amounting to approximately **Rs. 333.89 Crore** have been identified during search action. Accordingly, an amount of approximately **Rs. 1,777.08 Crore** out of Proceeds of Crime generated through this process is yet to be traced. Further, it has also been gathered that a commission of 0.5% was paid to leaders (commission agents) who are channelized for luring the public for making investment.

During the search operations, the ED recovered and seized various incriminating documents & digital evidence indicating the generation, movement, layering and parking of Proceeds of Crime. The search also resulted in the recovery and seizure of incriminating records relating to monetary transactions, diversion and parking of funds, investments in immovable properties and dealings with various persons and entities associated with the accused. The material and digital evidence recovered during the search are being examined.

Further investigation is under progress.