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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Jalandhar Zonal Office has conducted a search operation on 31.12.2025 at the premises of one Arpit Rathore who was subsequently arrested during search in connection with money laundering investigation related to Digital Arrest case of Shri S. P. Oswal under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002. During Search Incriminating records, digital devices and unexplained cash amounting to Rs. 14 Lakh were recovered and seized.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of FIR registered by the Cyber Crime Police Station, Ludhiana under BNSS, 2023. Nine additional FIRs related to cybercrime or digital arrest involving the same group were also included in the investigation.

ED investigation revealed that during the Digital Arrest of Shri S. P. Oswal the fraudsters impersonating officers of the Central Bureau of Investigation extorted Rs. 7 Crore from him. The same group defrauded Rs. 1.73 Crore from others through digital arrest and cyberfraud scams. Investigation has revealed that funds were routed through multiple mule accounts operated by the accused, Rumi Kalita and Arpit Rathore. Rumi Kalita, originating from Guwahati, and Arpit Rathore, from Kanpur, are implicated in these activities. It was further determined that Rumi Kalita established an association with Atanu Choudary and utilized bank account belonging to his entity Ms/. Frozenman Warehousing and Logistics and other entity Rigglo Ventures Pvt Ltd to launder illicit proceeds. Funds derived from nine digital arrest cases were deposited into the accounts of Frozenman Warehousing and Logistics, while proceeds from two cases were placed in the account of Rigglo Ventures Pvt Ltd. These amounts were subsequently transferred to more than 200 mule bank accounts, facilitating the diversion of the proceeds. The completion of these transactions was enabled by Arpit Rathore, who instructed Rumi Kalita on transferring funds once victims had made their deposits.

It was also found that the accused, Arpit Rathore, played a significant role not only in the digital arrest of Shri S.P. Oswal but also in several other cybercrimes and frauds targeting innocent people. Arpit Rathore maintained contact with foreign associates to carry out these crimes, aiding foreign nationals by providing mule accounts and facilitating the transfer of illegal proceeds to foreign jurisdictions. In return, these foreign nationals compensated Arpit Rathore and obtained details about the mule accounts to help move cybercrime profits abroad. Additionally, it was discovered that Arpit Rathore received his share of the criminal proceeds in the form of USDT cryptocurrency and Indian rupees.

Earlier, searches were conducted on 22.12.2025 in the case and the accused Ms. Rumi Kalita was arrested on 23.12.2025 and is presently under ED custody. After arrest, accused Arpit Rathore was produced before Hon'ble ACJM, Kanpur who granted 02 days transit remand and subsequently he was produced before the Hon'ble Special Court in Jalandhar which granted ED custody of the accused of 05 days up to 05.01.2026.

Further investigation is under progress.