



**Press Release**  
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Directorate of Enforcement (ED) has carried out search operation under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002 at 11 locations in Bengaluru and Patiala on 10-11-2022 including residential premises of Amrit Paul, IPS (the then ADG recruitment cell) and other various govt. officials and private persons involved in PSI Recruitment 2021 Scam, leading to discovery and seizure of various incriminating records and electronic gadgets.

The Karnataka Police Recruitment Cell had conducted examination for filling up 545 vacancies of Police Sub-Inspector (PSI) in Karnataka Police Department in the year 2021. After the results were out, there were allegation of cheating, corrupt practices in the said examination, due to which Government of Karnataka ordered for investigation in the matter.

Based on the same, various FIRs were registered against Candidates, Middlemen and Police Officials involved in the irregularities observed in the PSI Recruitment Examination, 2021 in Bangalore and Kalaburagi which were later on transferred to CID for investigation. CID, Bengaluru had conducted searches at various premises and has arrested Amrit Paul, IPS and around 100 other persons in this case.

During CID investigation, it was observed that there was tampering of OMR sheet in the the strong room of the Recruitment Cell at CID Hqrs, Carlton House, Bangalore. Police Officers, in-charge of strong room of recruitment cell, switched off the CCTV camera at the Strong room, 2-Armed Head Constables entered the strong room and tampered with the OMR sheet. Further, Police officials collected money from candidates for facilitating their selection using illegal means.

Based on the FIRs, ED has registered ECIR dated 04-08-2022 for the alleged offence of money laundering.

During the search operation, various incriminating documents and electronic gadgets were recovered and seized by this office.

Further investigation is under progress.

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