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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Ahmedabad Zonal Office has conducted search operations in collaboration with the Cyber Crime Police Station Ahmedabad at 20 premises situated in Delhi – NCR, Bengaluru, Lucknow and Coimbatore in the case of magicwin and others under the provisions of Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002.

ED initiated investigation on the basis of information and FIR registered at Cyber Crime Police Station, Ahmedabad wherein it is alleged in the FIR that the Website: <https://magicwin.games/> had unauthorizedly hosted/streamed/broadcasted ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024 cricket matches for which rights had been given to Star India Pvt. Ltd by the International Cricket Council (ICC). magicwin is a website that is compatible with any internet browser (Mobile, Smart TV, Computer etc.) through which the company's paid content is broadcasted and allows the viewers to watch it for free. It was gathered by the complainant that magicwin had illegally broadcast ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024 cricket matches of Canada vs Ireland on 07.06.2024 and India vs Pakistan on 09.06.2024 through the link <https://ss47.live/>, streaming the content from OTT Disney + Hotstar causing huge financial loss to the company authorized to broadcast the same.

ED investigation revealed that the magicwin website is indulged in illegal activities like betting on live cricket matches and other games. The broadcast of live cricket matches of ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024 was without any subscription fee and was done in order to tempt the gullible people to bet on their website.

As a result of search operations, incriminating records/digital devices and cash of Rs. 30 Lakh have been seized. Further, amount to the tune of Rs. 2 Crore (approx.) has also been frozen. In addition to it, certain crypto wallets have been identified containing balance to the tune of Rs. 12 Crore concerning which crypto exchanges have been instructed not to liquidate the crypto currencies from such wallets. The outcome in the case during search proceedings and consequent investigation is an example of multiagency coordination in a complex online crime involving multiple domains.

Further investigation is under progress.