



## **Press Release**

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Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Kolkata led a successful operation against a major “online gaming app scam” known as “E-Nugget”. The E-Nugget app, masqueraded as a gaming platform, promised users high returns on their investments. Offering a series of enticing games designed for real-money wagering and promising users hefty commissions, the app painted a picture of a golden investment opportunity. However, this facade quickly fell apart once investments were made, with the app going dark and leaving investors stranded without a way to reclaim their funds.

The unravelling began in 2022 when ED exposed the operation, and discovered that part of the ill-gotten gains was invested in digital assets. During investigation, nearly 2500 mule/ dummy bank accounts were identified, and the same were analyzed. During searches, **cash amount totaling to Rs. 19 Crore** approx. were seized. Mastermind of the scam namely Aamir Khan was also arrested and is presently in Judicial Custody.

ED sought details of a number of crypto wallets with several exchanges notably *Binance, ZebPay & WazirX*. Information gathered from *Binance*, and other exchanges led to freezing of funds totalling to nearly **Rs. 90 Crore** available in 70 accounts, maintained with *Binance, ZebPay* and *WazirX* holding funds, which were linked to the scam. These crypto assets were subsequently taken into possession of ED and transferred into the Crypto wallet of ED.

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