



69th Foundation Day of ED

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The **69th Foundation Day of the Enforcement Directorate (ED)**, held in New Delhi, reaffirmed the agency's pivotal role in combating economic offences and money laundering, as India strives toward the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047.

- **ED:** Established on 1st May 1956, as the '**Enforcement Unit**' under the Department of Economic Affairs to tackle violations of the **Foreign Exchange Regulation Act (FERA), 1947**, and renamed as the Enforcement Directorate in 1957. Its headquarters is located in **New Delhi**.
 - Transferred to the **Department of Revenue in 1960**, the ED now functions under the **Union Ministry of Finance**, enforcing the criminal provisions of the [**Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 \(PMLA\)**](#) and [**Fugitive Economic Offenders Act, 2018 \(FEOA\)**](#), and civil provisions of [**Foreign Exchange Management Act \(FEMA\)**](#).
 - The ED is headed by a **Director** (not below the rank of Additional Secretary, to the Government of India).
 - Core functions of ED include curbing money laundering, financing of terrorism, and organised crime, ensuring economic security.
- **Achievements of ED:** In FY 2024-25, the ED issued provisional attachment orders worth **Rs 30,036 crore**, reflecting a 44% increase in number and a 141% increase in value over 2023-24.
 - As of 2025, the total value of assets under provisional attachment stood at Rs 15.46 lakh crore.
 - Between 2014 and 2024, ED initiated around 5,000 new PMLA investigations, showcasing a significant increase in enforcement activities.

Directorate of Enforcement (ED)

- The **Directorate of Enforcement (ED)** is a multi-disciplinary organisation mandated with the investigation of offences of **money laundering** and violations of **foreign exchange laws**.
- It functions under the **Department of Revenue of the Ministry of Finance**.
- As a **premier financial investigation agency of the Government of India**, the Enforcement Directorate functions in strict compliance with the Constitution and laws of India.



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