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NIA CHARGESHEETS 2 MORE ACCUSED IN US 'DUNKI' ILLEGAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING CASE

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The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has chargesheeted two accused in the case related to illegal human trafficking from India to the US via the 'dunki' route.

The duo, Sunny resident of Dharamshala, District Kangra (HP) and Shubham Sandhal @ Deep Hundi of Peeragardhi, New Delhi, have been charged with illegal human trafficking and cheating in the case RC No. 04/2025/NIA/DLI. The duo were arrested in July this year, around three months after the arrest of the main accused, Gagandeep Singh @ Goldy, from Tilak Nagar area of New Delhi.

The case was initially registered by Punjab Police as FIR NO. 95/25 date 18-02-2025 U/S 318 BNS, 13, Punjab Travel Professionals (Regulation) Act 2014 at PS Goindwal, District Tarn Taran Punjab and then re-registered by NIA as case RC 04/25/NIA/DLI on 13.03.2025.

NIA, which took over the case from the Punjab Police in March this year, found during investigation that Sunny was a 'donkar' actively involved in human trafficking via the 'dunki' route. While he was based in Mexico from 2021 to 2023, he connived with Goldy and others to facilitate illegal border crossings and unlawfully detaining the victims. He received payments through hawala and bank transfers. Even after returning to India in 2023, he continued coordinating logistics, managing hawala transactions, and directly sending victims via the dunki route.

Shubham Sandhal, a Delhi-based hawala agent, was mainly engaged in facilitating illegal fund transfers for the human trafficking syndicate, led by Goldy and his associates. NIA investigations revealed that Shubham collected money from Indian clients and remitted it abroad using the hawala network. His role was to smoothly manage and move the illicit funds across India, Mexico and the US as part of the illegal immigration racket.

NIA is continuing with its investigation against other accused in the case, and is also working to dismantle similar illegal trafficking syndicates involved in cheating and exploiting innocent people with false promises of legal visa.