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NIA SPECIAL COURT SENTENCES ISIS MEMBER TO 10 YEARS' RI IN MANGALURU PRESSURE COOKER BLAST CASE

New Delhi, 27th April, 2026.

A Special Court of the National Investigation Agency (NIA) has convicted and sentenced an ISIS member accused in the 2022 Mangaluru Pressure Cooker Blast Case to 10 years of rigorous imprisonment (RI).

Accused Mohamed Shariq has also been fined Rs. 92,000 by the special court at Bengaluru.

NIA investigation found the accused to have been radicalized into the ideology of the proscribed ISIS terror outfit by his associate, Arafath Ali - an accused in the Shivamogga IS Conspiracy case. Arafath is already undergoing 6 years RI.

Mohamed Shariq had conspired with co-accused Syed Yasin and a foreign-based IS online handler to promote IS terror activities in India with the aim to terrorise the society through IED attacks. He was also involved in fund raising activities for IS.

On the instructions of his online handler, he had exchanged explosive materials with Syed Yasin and had absconded after the arrest of Yasin & others in the Shivamogga IS Conspiracy case in September 2022. Shariq has forged identity documents, used fraudulently obtained SIM cards and bank accounts for terror financing, and frequently changed mobile phones to destroy evidence.

He had established a hideout in Mysuru, procured IED raw materials and conducted reconnaissance of sensitive target places across Mangaluru, Davanagere, and Udupi areas of Karnataka, as per NIA investigations.

In November 2022, Mohamed Shariq was carrying a Pressure Cooker IED in an auto rickshaw with an intent to plant it at a temple in Mangaluru. It exploded prematurely, causing injuries to Shariq as well as one other person, who later filed a complaint with the police.

The Karnataka Police registered the case and subsequently seized a large quantity of IED raw materials from the accused's hideout in Mysuru. After taking over the case, NIA arrested two individuals and unravelled the larger IS terror module involved in the anti-India conspiracy.

NIA, in coordination with other agencies, is continuing to probe the conspiracy.