



NIA Conducts Searches at Multiple Locations in Gujarat and Maharashtra in Espionage Case of Andhra Pradesh (RC-03/2021/NIA/Hyd)

Today (24.03.2022), NIA conducted searches at four locations in Gujarat and Maharashtra in RC 03/2021/NIA/HYD. The case was initially registered as FIR No. 1/2020 dated 10.01.2020 at PS Counter Intelligence Cell AP, Vijayawada and re-registered by NIA on 23.12.2021.

2. The case relates to involvement of Pakistani Agents in espionage activities in India. Investigation revealed that they had conspired with other accused persons based in Visakhapatnam, Mumbai, Gujarat etc. for gathering sensitive information for conducting terror Acts in India. Indian SIM cards were fraudulently procured and OTPs were received through their Indian associates for activation of WhatsApp by Pak based handlers which was then used to establish contact with defence personnel to elicit sensitive information related to vital installations.
3. Searches were conducted today in Godhra, Gujarat and Buldana, Maharashtra at the premises of suspects. During the searches, digital devices, suspicious SIM cards and incriminating documents have been seized.
4. Further investigation in the case continues.
