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THIRD CONVICTION IN SHIVAMOGGA ISIS CONSPIRACY CASE. ACCUSED SENTENCED TO 6 YEARS RI BY NIA SPECIAL COURT

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A National Investigation Agency (NIA) special court at Bengaluru has convicted and sentenced a third accused to imprisonment in the 2022 Shivamogga ISIS Terror Conspiracy case.

Accused Arafath Ali has been sentenced to six years of rigorous imprisonment (RI) by the NIA special court at Bengaluru, Karnataka. The court had, in November 2025, similarly sentenced two other accused to six years of RI in the case.

Arafath had fled the country in January 2020 to evade arrest fearing apprehension in connection with separate terror module. He was arrested by NIA on arrival at Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi, in September 2023.

Identified as an active member of the banned Islamic State (ISIS), Arafath Ali was involved in the criminal conspiracy to propagate the violent terrorist ideology of the banned terror organisation on India soil. He was engaged in radicalisation and recruitment of vulnerable youth into the Shivamogga ISIS terror module, NIA investigations had revealed.

It was further found during investigation that the accused had been involved in instigating and motivating other accused to inscribe inflammatory graffities in Mangaluru City in support of ISIS and other terror organisations including the Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT). The conspiracy was aimed at inciting enmity and disharmony among people of different religions and spreading violent unrest in the society.

NIA further found in its probe in the case, which was originally registered by September 2022 by Karnataka Police, that Arafath was in touch with an online ISIS handler. He also worked as a funding channel for the Shivamogga terror module by receiving terror funds through Crypto Currency and disbursing the same among his co-accused.

Two persons were arrested originally by Karnataka Police in the case, followed by the arrest of 10 others by NIA after it took over the investigation. NIA had subsequently filed charges against all 12 accused. While three have now been convicted and sentenced, trial against the remaining nine accused is continuing.