



NIA Carries Out Searches in Case RC-01/2019/NIA/DLI (Keelakarai PS case)

Today (20.05.2019) morning, NIA carried out searches at 10 locations i.e. houses of 10 accused persons, at Muthupet, Keelakarai, Devipattinam, Lalpet and Salem in connection with investigation of case RC-01/2019/NIA/DLI (Keelakarai PS case).

2. During searches, a number of digital devices including 3 Laptops, 3 Hard discs, 16 mobile phones, 8 SIM cards, 2 Pen drives, 5 memory cards and one Card reader besides two knives and a large no. of incriminating documents have been seized.
3. The case relates to a group of ten persons from different parts of Tamil Nadu who had formed a WhatsApp group named “SHAHADAT IS OUR GOAL”. In 2018, they conspired together to procure arms for their terrorist gang, to raise funds to wage armed struggle, to facilitate the escape of terrorists from jail and to propagate their ideology, to act against the State.
4. The case was initially registered on 02.04.2018 at Keelakarai PS of Ramanathapuram District, Tamilnadu, vide Crime No. 46/2018 u/s 153A, 120B of IPC 15(1)(c) r/w 17, 18, 19 & 20 of UA(P) Act 1967 besides section 25(1) (a) of Arms Act 1959 against ten accused, out of which nine accused were arrested earlier. One accused is still absconding. Later, all the 9 arrested accused were released on bail by the Court.
