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**ODISHA VIGILANCE ARRESTS COOPERATIVE OFFICIAL IN RS.33.80
LAKH FINANCIAL FRAUD.**

In a major crackdown on financial irregularities within cooperative banking institutions, today, Odisha Vigilance has arrested Sri Patitapaban Majhi, Former Secretary of Garhsantri Service Co-operative Society under Angul United Central Co-operative Bank Ltd., Banarpal Branch, A/p-Banking Assistant at Angul United Central Co-operative Bank Ltd. headquarters in Angul for the misappropriation of government funds of Rs.33,80,963/-.

Based on the alleged embezzlement of Govt. funds over Rs.33 Lakhs, an investigation was taken up by Odisha Vigilance. The thorough investigation revealed that the financial crime dates back to the financial year 2017-18.

During his tenure as the Executive Secretary of the Garhsantri SCS, Sri Majhi was entrusted with managing daily financial collections and government deposits. Sri Majhi allegedly made a series of fraudulent and fabricated entries in the primary account logs (Day Books) of the Garhsantri Service Co-operative Society and diverted the funds. While the books showed the transactions as balanced or accounted for, the corresponding physical cash totaling to Rs.33,80,963/- was never deposited into the Angul United Central Co-operative Bank. The diverted funds, meant for agricultural and cooperative development schemes, were instead pocketed and diverted for personal gain.

In this connection, Odisha Vigilance has registered case vide Cuttack Vigilance PS Case No.21 dated 29.05.2026 U/s 13(2) r/w 13(1) (c)(d) of PC Act, 1988/ 409/477-A IPC against the accused Sri Patitapaban Majhi, Former Secretary of Garhsantri Service Co-operative Society under Angul United Central Co-operative Bank Ltd., Banarpal Branch, A/p-Banking Assistant at Angul United Central Co-operative Bank Ltd. headquarters in Angul and he was forwarded today to the Hon'ble Court of Special Judge, Vigilance, Angul.

Investigation of the case is in progress.