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ODISHA VIGILANCE ARRESTS TWO PANCHAYAT OFFICIALS IN PURI DISTRICT FOR EMBEZZLING OVER RS.30 LAKHS UNDER MADHU BABU PENSION YOJANA (MBPY).

Today i.e. on 03.07.2026, Sulamani Jani, Former PEO of Gadamrugsira and Jamarsuan Gram Panchayats under Sadar Block, Dist-Puri (currently attached to Sadar Block Office) and Tuna Pradhan, Former PEO of Sahupada Gram Panchayat under Kanas Block, Dist-Puri (currently attached to Gop Block Office) were arrested by Odisha Vigilance and forwarded today to the Hon'ble Court, Bhubaneswar.

The accused duo is implicated in two separate cases of systematic financial fraud, collectively misappropriating government funds to the tune of Rs.30,78,620/- earmarked for vulnerable beneficiaries under the Madhu Babu Pension Yojana (MBPY).

An extensive investigation by Odisha Vigilance revealed that the accused officials exploited their administrative positions between the years 2022 and 2025 to orchestrate the fraud. Further, both the accused officials namely Sri Jani and Sri Pradhan were found to have misappropriated Rs.15,74,820/- and Rs.15,03,800/- meant for elderly, disabled, and destitute individuals, by retaining the undisbursed amount and diverting to their gain.

In this connection, Odisha Vigilance has registered vide Bhubaneswar Vigilance PS Case No.13 & 14/2026 U/s 13(2) r/w 13(1)(a) PC Amendment Act, 2018/ 316(5) BNS against the accused persons namely Sulamani Jani, Former PEO of Gadamrugsira and Jamarsuan GPs and Tuna Pradhan, Former PEO of Sahupada GP, Dist-Puri.

Investigation of the case is in progress.