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MAJOR CRACKDOWN ON INTER-STATE ELECTRIC VEHICLE BATTERY THEFT AND DISPOSAL NETWORK BY AATS & PS ALIPUR, OUTER NORTH DISTRICT

In a major crackdown on electric vehicle battery thefts, Outer North District, Delhi Police, through two sustained and coordinated enforcement operations by the Anti-Auto Theft Squad (AATS) and PS Alipur, has unearthed suspected organised networks involved in the theft, procurement, storage, dismantling, refurbishment and disposal of stolen lithium-ion batteries.

In these operations, a total of nine accused persons has been apprehended. A substantial quantity of stolen and suspected stolen batteries, battery cells, Battery Management Systems (BMS), electronic components and specialised dismantling equipment has been recovered. The investigations have also exposed multiple storage and dismantling locations and revealed financial linkages indicating the involvement of a wider network.

The two operations are detailed below:

OPERATION–I: AATS, OUTER NORTH DISTRICT

THREE ACCUSED ARRESTED; TWO GODOWNS UNEARTHED IN WAZIRPUR AND BURARI.

On 21.11.2026, an incident of theft of a lithium battery from an electric scooty was reported near T-Point, SGT Nagar, Delhi. Accordingly, e-FIR No. 80100303/2026 dated 21.11.2026, U/s 303(2) BNS, was registered at PS Samaypur Badli. Considering the incidents of electric vehicle battery theft, a dedicated team of AATS, Outer North District, comprising **SI Rakesh Kumar, HC Netram, HC Joginder and Ct. Jitender, under the supervision of Inspector Anand Kumar Jha, I/C AATS/OND**, was assigned the task of identifying the persons involved in the theft and disposal of stolen lithium batteries.

During investigation, on 22.11.2026, the team apprehended accused Amit @ Shivam @ Bunti, aged 24 years. On his instance, a raid was conducted at his godown situated at JJ Colony, Wazirpur, Delhi, resulting in the recovery of 12 electric lithium batteries of different brands, including Trontek, Livguard and Smart Charge.

On verification, one Trontek lithium battery was found to be stolen in the aforementioned case of PS Samaypur Badli. The accused was arrested and produced before the Hon'ble Court, which granted three days of police custody remand.

During police custody remand, at his instance, another accused, Shubham Yadav @ Shivam, was apprehended. Further investigation led to the apprehension of accused Mukesh Kumar. On 23.11.2026, a raid was conducted at the godown of accused Mukesh Kumar situated at Baba Colony, Burari, Delhi. The raid resulted in the recovery of a substantial quantity of lithium battery cells, Battery Management Systems (BMS), battery boxes, electronic components and specialised equipment used for dismantling and testing lithium batteries.

MODUS OPERANDI:

Investigation so far indicates that the accused persons were allegedly involved in procuring, storing and dismantling stolen lithium batteries. The batteries were allegedly dismantled into individual cells and components for further disposal, making their identification and linkage with the original theft cases difficult.

The role of other persons involved in the procurement and disposal chain is being investigated.

RECOVERY:

- 12 electric lithium batteries of different brands.
- 17 Highstar rechargeable lithium battery cells (80 Ah).
- 27 Okaya lithium battery cells (80 Ah).
- 17 lithium battery cells (100 Ah).
- 12 rechargeable lithium-ion battery cells (100 Ah).
- 05 large Battery Management Systems (BMS).
- 05 small Battery Management Systems (BMS).
- 05 small batteries.
- 05 battery boxes with covers.
- Battery caps, wires and other electronic components.
- Battery cell testing machines, meters, toolkits, drill machines and other dismantling equipment.

PROFILE OF ACCUSED PERSONS:

1. Amit @ Shivam @ Bunti, S/o Papu Sahu, R/o JJ Colony, Wazirpur, Delhi, aged 24 years.
2. Shubham Yadav @ Shivam, S/o Murari Lal, R/o Kondra Madupur, District Pratapgarh, Uttar Pradesh, aged 26 years.
3. Mukesh Kumar, S/o Yugal Kishore, R/o Sant Nagar, Burari, Delhi, aged 50 years.

OPERATION–II: PS ALIPUR, OUTER NORTH DISTRICT
INTER-STATE BATTERY THEFT AND RECEIVER NETWORK BUSTED; SIX ACCUSED APPREHENDED.

On 18.11.2026, a complaint was received from Sh. Sanchit Alagh, R/o Panchsheel Park, Delhi, regarding the theft of his electric scooty. Accordingly, e-FIR No. 80099483/26 U/s 303(2) BNS was registered at PS Alipur and investigation was taken up.

Considering the spate of electric vehicle battery theft incidents, a dedicated team comprising **SI Ankush (IO), ASI Parmanand, HC Sandeep, HC Subodh, HC Jeetendra and Ct. Ankush was constituted under the leadership of Inspector Shailendra Singh, SHO/Alipur, under the guidance of Sh. Firoz Alam, ACP/Samaypur Badli**.

The team conducted intensive investigation, technical analysis and local-level verification, during which the role of Mayank @ Golu surfaced. Upon apprehension, he disclosed his alleged involvement in the present case and revealed that he used to refurbish stolen batteries supplied by his associates. The refurbished batteries were subsequently sold in the market and the profits were allegedly shared among the members of the network.

Acting upon his disclosure, the team conducted a raid at the premises of his associate Deepak @ Pandit. Further raids were conducted to apprehend another accused, Adnan. On noticing the police team, Adnan attempted to escape in his Mahindra Thar. However, the police team pursued him for approximately 50 kilometres and successfully apprehended him.

Based on the disclosures of the accused persons, a raid was conducted at a rented compound in Village Singhu, where the stolen battery belonging to the complainant was recovered along with 12 other suspected stolen batteries. The complainant duly identified his battery. Subsequently, 12 dismantled batteries were also recovered from the residence of Mayank. During further investigation, the role of one lady surfaced. She was allegedly involved in receiving stolen batteries, refurbishing them and selling them under the name of her company, Amber Volt. A raid was conducted at her rented premises in Sector-38, Rohini, Delhi, where 12 additional dismantled batteries were recovered.

Scrutiny of her mobile phone revealed further leads regarding the involvement of a larger network. It also emerged during investigation that 15 additional batteries had allegedly been transported to Bihar and were in transit. Further investigation led to the apprehension of Pawan Kumar near Tri Nagar. During interrogation, he disclosed that he had allegedly recruited around 08–10 boys and engaged them in stealing batteries from electric scooters on his instructions. Acting upon his disclosure, raids were conducted at two premises

associated with him, one in JJ Colony, Wazirpur, and another near Tri Nagar Sabzi Mandi. A total of 25 lithium batteries in complete condition were recovered from these premises.

During further investigation, the role of another accused, Mohd. Tasleem, surfaced. He was apprehended near Mori Gate. At his instance, raids were conducted at his rented premises and residence, resulting in the recovery of 20 batteries, including lithium batteries, BSNL batteries, car batteries and a Mahindra loader battery.

Thus, a total of 76 lithium batteries, in complete and dismantled condition, along with 06 BSNL batteries, have been recovered during the investigation.

MODUS OPERANDI:

Investigation so far has revealed the suspected involvement of an organised inter-state network operating through different members assigned specific roles.

The network allegedly involved young persons in stealing lithium batteries from electric scooters, while other members were responsible for collecting, transporting, storing, dismantling and refurbishing the stolen batteries.

The refurbished batteries were subsequently sold in the market at comparatively lower prices through different channels, including under the name of a company. The dismantling and refurbishment of batteries into individual cells and components was allegedly undertaken to conceal their identity and make it difficult to trace them back to the original theft cases.

FINANCIAL INVESTIGATION:

During scrutiny of the mobile phones of the accused persons, financial transactions amounting to approximately ₹22 lakh between Mayank and Adnan were detected, indicating substantial financial dealings between them. It has further emerged that accused Pawan and his mother allegedly accumulated substantial wealth from the proceeds of the suspected criminal activities. Accordingly, a detailed financial investigation is being conducted to establish the complete money trail, identify the beneficiaries and trace the proceeds of crime.

One Mahindra Thar car, suspected to have been acquired from the proceeds of crime, and ₹49,000 cash have also been recovered.

PROFILE OF ACCUSED PERSONS:

1. Deepak @ Pandit, S/o Jagdish Chand, R/o Sector-11, Rohini, Delhi, aged 50 years. He has previously been involved in three criminal cases:
    - FIR No. 374/11 U/s 279 IPC and 185 MV Act, PS Maurya Enclave.
    - FIR No. 334/15 U/s 376/506 IPC, PS Keshav Puram.
    - FIR No. 587/20 U/s 498A IPC, PS Keshav Puram.
2. Pawan, S/o Ram Dass, R/o F Block, JJ Colony, Wazirpur, Delhi, aged 22 years. He has previously been involved in one criminal case in Uttar Pradesh.
3. Mayank @ Golu, S/o Mohan Lal, R/o Metro Vihar, Holambi Kalan, Delhi, aged 20 years.
4. Adnan, S/o Sageer, R/o Mandawali, Delhi, aged 22 years.
5. Shalu, W/o Aakash Kumar, R/o Jain Nagar, Sector-38, Rohini, Delhi, permanent resident of Bahadurpur Housing Colony, Patna, Bihar, aged 28 years.
6. Mohd. Tasleem, S/o Abdul Raheem, R/o Malka Ganj, Delhi, aged 52 years.

RECOVERY:

- 76 lithium batteries in complete and dismantled condition.
- 06 BSNL batteries.
- One Mahindra Thar car bearing registration No. UP16FY0111.
- ₹49,000 cash.

FURTHER INVESTIGATION:

Efforts are underway to identify and apprehend the remaining members of the network, establish the involvement of other suspected battery thieves and link the recovered batteries with other reported theft cases across Delhi-NCR and other states.

The financial trail is also being examined to identify the source and destination of funds, establish the individual roles of all members and trace the proceeds of crime. Verification of battery ownership and identification of their rightful owners are also being undertaken.

OVERALL ACHIEVEMENT

Through these two focused operations, Outer North District, Delhi Police, has achieved a significant breakthrough against suspected networks involved in electric vehicle battery theft and illegal disposal.

The operations have resulted in:

- **09 accused apprehended.**
- **76 lithium batteries and 06 BSNL batteries recovered by PS Alipur.**
- **12 lithium batteries and 73 lithium battery cells recovered by AATS.**
- **10 Battery Management Systems (BMS), battery boxes and other electronic components recovered by AATS.**
- **Multiple godowns and storage/dismantling locations unearthed.**
- **One Mahindra Thar car and ₹49,000 cash recovered.**
- **Financial transactions of approximately ₹22 lakh detected between two accused persons in the PS Alipur investigation.**

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