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## Financial Intelligence Unit India

Financial Intelligence Unit India was set up with a view of scrutinise suspected financial transactions in India. This unit was set up by the Central Government on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2004 with a main motive of processing, receiving and strengthening national efforts to tackle suspected financial transactions and offences related to money laundering.

It is an independent unit and also known as FIU-IND which has the main objectives of strengthening the cooperation of national and international bodies to tackle money laundering activities. The FIU has collaborated with different financial institutions and has MOUs (Monitoring Units) with foreign financial intelligence units to develop methods to tackle money laundering.

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This body is set up as an independent and autonomous agency to tackle money laundering and financing of terrorist activities in India. The Financial Intelligence Unit-India is an independent and autonomous body which reports directly to the Economic headed by the finance Minister of India.

## FUNCTION OF FIU-IND

The following are the functions of the financial intelligence unit of India

### ■ Collecting reports & information

All the concerning informations are provided to this unit. The reports and data relating to financial transactions and activities are very important. Such reports would also include huge cash transaction, transfers of properties and STR (Suspicious Transaction Report)

### ■ ANALYSING INFORMATION

Besides reports, FIU IND analyse different forms of transactions which occur in India. Through this only suspected transactions and money laundering circumstances can be understood.



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### Information sharing

Such information when collected is shared with other regulatory agencies such as NIA / LIA, National regulatory authorities and Foreign Financial Intelligence Unit.

### Central Repository

Such unit acts as a central repository for all forms of financial transactions and accounting reports in India. Reporting aspects related to the Reserve Bank of India, Other Banks and institutions would directly go to the FIU-IND.

### Coordination

This unit also carries out activities related to coordination. It coordinates with other institutes at a regional, national and international level in order to improve the performance of suspected financial activities in India.

### Research and Development

Apart from this, FIU also carries out research related to money laundering, terrorist financing and other areas.