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# SEBI–FIU India MoU to Strengthen Market Surveillance

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In response to rising complexities in financial crimes such as money laundering, insider trading, and market manipulation, regulatory coordination has become essential. Strengthening surveillance and intelligence-sharing mechanisms is a key priority for ensuring transparency and investor protection in India's capital markets.

## **MoU Between Regulators:**

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Financial Intelligence Unit-India (FIU-India) on 15 April 2026. The agreement aims to enhance cooperation in tackling fraud and money laundering in the securities market.

## **Key Features of the Agreement:**

The MoU establishes a framework for regular exchange of data and information between SEBI and FIU-India. This will improve market surveillance, enable early detection of suspicious transactions, and strengthen enforcement against fraudulent activities.

The agreement aligns with global standards such as the Egmont Principles for information sharing and supports effective implementation of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 (PMLA).

## **Significance of the Move:**

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**The collaboration marks a shift toward a more integrated and data-driven regulatory framework. It is expected to:**

Strengthen anti-money laundering (AML) enforcement

Enhance investor protection mechanisms

Improve detection of complex financial crimes

Boost confidence in India's securities markets

It also reflects a broader trend of inter-agency coordination to address emerging risks in digital and global financial systems.

### **About SEBI:**

Established in 1992 as a statutory body

Regulates securities markets, stock exchanges, and intermediaries

Functions under the SEBI Act, 1992

Chairperson: Tuhin Kanta Pandey,

Objective: Protect investor interests and ensure market integrity

### **About FIU-India:**

Established in 2004 under the Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance

Acts as the nodal agency for receiving and analysing financial intelligence related to suspicious transactions

Plays a key role in implementation of the PMLA, 2002

Director: Amit Govil

### **Egmont Group :**

Global network of Financial Intelligence Units (FIUs)

Facilitates secure exchange of financial intelligence to combat money laundering and terror financing

### **Related Developments:**

Securities and Exchange Board of India recently signed multiple MoUs to strengthen technology-based market surveillance

### **With Department of Telecommunications (2026):**

Real-time data sharing via Digital Intelligence Platform (DIP)

Use of Financial Fraud Risk Indicator (FRI)

Tracks telecom-linked frauds, fake mobile numbers, mule accounts

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**With National Forensic Sciences University (2025):**

Enhances digital forensics & cyber investigation

Training + research support for SEBI officials

**With digital platforms (under IT Rules, 2021):**

Removal of misleading financial content

Action against online investment scams

Increasing focus on inter-agency coordination in financial regulation