PRESS NOTE

OUT OF STATE OPERATIONS-APRIL 2025- 06 STATES- 24 PERSONS ARRESTED AND 1 CRORE 49 LAKH REFUNDED TO VICTIMS AT CYBER CRIME UNIT HYDERABAD CITY.

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During the month of April 2025 Cyber Crime Unit Hyderabad City has arrested 24 persons from all over India. They are involved in 313 cases across India and their involvement is identified 53 cases in Telangana.

Accused Arrested State Wise: (Delhi-11, Bihar-1, Madhya Pradesh-1, Maharastra-5, Uttar Pradesh-3, West Bengal-3)

Accused involvement in different cases state wise: (Andhra Pradesh 12, Maharashtra - 43, Delhi -24, Harayana-6, Jharkhand -9, Karnataka -74, Odisha -12, Punjab-4, Tamil Nadu-29, Uttar Pradesh -20, West bengal-22, Rajasthan-8, Gujarat -14, Madhyapradesh-4, Mizoram -1, Puducherry-3, Kerala-10, Jammu& Kashmir -2, Bihar-2, Andaman & Nicobar -1, Uttarakand-1, Chattisgarh-10, Goa-2).

Seized Property: Mobiles Phone -31, Cheque Books -38, Debit Cards-29, SIM Cards-20, Bank Pass Books-8, Rubber Stamps-5, Shell Company Stamps -4, Laptops -4, Soap Bars -115, OTP Detector -2, QR Code Scanners -2, PAN Cards -2, Memory Cards -2, Swiping Machine -1.

Brief facts of few detected cases :-

- 1. A Complaint was received from victim, Doctor, resident of Hyderabad, stating that their company sells skin care and hair care products under their registered brand name. Over the past month, they have discovered that one of their brand products soap is being manufacturing unauthorized white-labeled and sold on online platforms by third party sellers. There are a total of 19 fake listings on the websites. These sellers are falsely representing the product under different names. The Misrepresentation has led to customer confusion and dissatisfaction, which is severely damaging the reputation of the company. Innocent customers who purchased and used fake products are facing health issue and skin problems. The unauthorized sales are also impacting the company's legitimate business revenue. The actions of these sellers may constitute trademark infringement, misrepresentation and unfair trade practices. In this regard, a case has been registered under Crime No. 153/2025 for offenses under Sections 66 C and D of the IT Act-2008, Sections 318(4) and 319(2) of BNS and Section 63 and 65 of the Copy Right Act, at PS Cyber Crime, Hyderabad.
- 2. The victim, a 40-year-old private employee from Hyderabad, received a message on 13-12-2024 via Facebook Messenger from an unknown individual claiming to be a software developer running a firm in Dubai and investing in multiple ventures.

The fraudster engaged the victim in continuous chats over several days and gradually convinced the victim to invest in stocks, promising a 70% profit. The fraudster claimed that such returns were possible only through their platform and shared two websites: https://ctallnltd.com and https://ctallnent.com. They created a login account for the victim on these websites, through which the victim made deposits and a few withdrawals initially.

After the victim invested a total amount of Rs. 17,39,000/- (Seventeen lakh thirty-nine thousand rupees only), the website displayed this amount as profit. However, the withdrawal option was later disabled by the scammers. When the victim attempted to withdraw the funds, the fraudster demanded additional payments for taxation and currency conversion, claiming that only after paying those charges would the invested amount be returned.

Based on the complaint, a case has been registered under Crime No. 381/2025 under Sections 66C, 66D of the IT Act, and Sections 318(4), 319(2), 336(3), 338, and 340(2) of the BNS, and is currently under investigation at PS Cyber Crime, Hyderabad.

* Refund of put on hold amount to victims:-*

The Cyber Crime Unit Hyderabad City refunded a total amount of Rs. 1, 49, 85,333/- (One Crore Forty Nine Lakhs Eighty Five Thousand Three Hundred Thirty Three Rupees only) in Stock Trading & Investment, FedEx and Money Laundering, OTP Fraud, Credit Card Fraud, Customer Care Fraud, APK File Fraud and such other 45 different cases in the month of April 2025.

Public Advisory:

Don't get panic if you receive any threatening video calls claiming to be as CBI, RBI, ED, Customs, Judges, cyber crimes police, Narcotics, FedEx, BSNL, TRAI etc. No government agency or law enforcement officials will not make such Skype calls and demand money for clearing the issue. There is no digital arrest and no online enquiry in the system.

Beware! Fake investment social media groups i.e. Telegram, WhatsApp, X, Instagram, and Face book are popping up everywhere promising high returns with little risk. Don't fall for these scams! Always consult a SEBI - approved apps for investment. Always seek advice of SEBI registered financial advisor before investing.

Fraudsters are calling and sending APK files via SMS, and WhatsApp messages. Banks never share such messages or APK files via SMS or WhatsApp. Do not click on any such links or download unknown files.

If anyone becomes a victim of cybercrime fraud, immediately call 1930 or register complaint at cybercrime.gov.in

There is a possibility to get refund of at least part of the lost and PUT ON HOLD amount, if it is reported immediately. Victims of such Cyber frauds can report immediately on the helpline number 1930 or cybercrime.gov.in.

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Dy. Commissioner of Police,

Cyber Crime Unit Hyderabad City.

Press Note

Date: May 9, 2025

Subject: Foot Patrolling for Confidence Building and Area Domination in Asifnagar Division

Today, in accordance with the instructions of Sri. CV Anand IPS, Director General and Commissioner of Police, Hyderabad City, and under the supervision of Sri. Chandra Mohan, Deputy Commissioner of Police, South West Zone, Station House Officers (SHOs) and Sub-Inspectors (SIs) from Mehdipatnam and Asifnagar Police Stations, along with Armed Reserve (AR) staff, conducted foot patrolling from Meraz X Roads to Mallepally X Roads.

This initiative is a part of ongoing confidence-building measures and area domination efforts, undertaken in view of the prevailing situation.

Regards,

ACP, Asifnagar Division