

PRESS NOTE
SPECIAL DRIVE AGAINST DRUNK DRIVING FROM 24-12-2025 TO 30-12-2025

Road safety remains the top priority of the Hyderabad Traffic Police. In addition to routine traffic regulation and enforcement, special drives are being conducted to enhance commuter safety, reduce road accident fatalities, promote traffic discipline, and ensure strict compliance with the provisions of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 by all vehicles operating within the city.

One of the most critical issues being addressed is drunk driving, which poses a grave threat not only to the driver/rider but also to innocent fellow road users. Driving under the influence of alcohol significantly increases the risk of road accidents and will not be tolerated.

In this regard, the Hyderabad Traffic Police will conduct a special enforcement drive from 24.12.2025 to 30.12.2025 to curb instances of driving under the influence of alcohol across the city.

Commuters are hereby warned that drunken driving is a punishable offence under Section 185 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988. The punishment includes a fine of ₹10,000 and/or imprisonment for up to 6 months. The driving licences of repeat offenders will be suspended by the Regional Transport Authority (RTA) for a period of three months or more, or even permanently, depending on the severity of the offence. Also, the respondent/s may be dealt with the subsequent penal sections of the BNS, any accident occurred.

Further, minors are strictly prohibited from driving any motor vehicle. Vehicle owners or guardians who permit minors to drive will be prosecuted as per law.

Vigilant Citizens are also requested to report the traffic violations to Hyderabad Traffic Police through Hyderabad Traffic Police Facebook, X (Twitter), Whatsapp (8712661690) and Traffic Help Line (9010203626).

Joint Commissioner of Police,
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To

All Editors and Directors of Print and Electronic media and F.M. Stations with a request to give wide publicity / telecast in the interest of the safety of public.

Public Advisory

Beware of Online Trading and Investment Frauds!

The Cybercrime Unit of Hyderabad City Police warns the public about an alarming rise in Online Trading and Investment Scams, where fraudsters lure victims through social media platforms, Telegram, or WhatsApp groups promising high returns or guaranteed profits in cryptocurrency, forex, or stock trading. These fraudsters often use fake websites, trading dashboards, or apps to show false profits and convince victims to invest more money. Citizens are urged to avoid investing through unverified platforms, not to trust online profit promises.

A recent tragic case highlights the severity of such scams, where retired IPS officer and former Punjab cadre IG Amar Singh Chahal was allegedly duped of ₹8.10 crore. He reportedly fell prey to a sophisticated WhatsApp-based investment scam over two months, borrowing nearly ₹7.5 crore from friends and relatives. Overwhelmed by financial and emotional distress, he allegedly died by suicide, underscoring the devastating impact of cyber investment frauds. Citizens are strongly advised to avoid unverified investment platforms and never trust online profit guarantees.

Modus Operandi on Online Trading Frauds:

Initial Contact via Social Media:

- The fraud begins with an unsolicited message on platforms like Facebook, telegram or WhatsApp, often sent by someone posing as an investment advisor or trading agent
- The agent builds rapport with the victim and introduces a so-called online trading opportunity, promising high and quick returns.

Small Initial Investment:

- The victim is asked to make a small initial investment to begin trading.
- The agent provides hand-holding support via WhatsApp, giving the illusion of legitimacy and real-time trading assistance.

Fake Profits and Wallet Balance Display:

- After the initial investment, the agent shows fake profits on a manipulated trading platform.
- The victim is made to believe these returns are real and withdrawable.

Repeated Requests for Additional Payments:

- When the victim tries to withdraw funds, he is told to pay various "processing fees", such as: Tax payments, Currency conversion charges, Withdrawal fees, Compliance charges.
- Each time a payment is made, a new reason is invented to demand more money.

Threats and Coercion:

- If the victim hesitates or questions the process, scammers use fear tactics like: Threatening legal action Claiming the wallet or funds will be frozen or lost

Prolonged Fraud with Rising Demands:

- Over time, the victim pays increasing amounts
- Despite the large credited wallet balance, no withdrawal is ever allowed.

Realization and Reporting:

- Eventually, the victim realizes the operation is a scam and reports the incident via 1930 – National Cybercrime Helpline or cybercrime.gov.in

Public Advisory on Online Trading Frauds:

- 1. Verify Before Investing**
 - Always verify the authenticity of trading platforms, investment advisors, and agents before making any financial commitments.
 - Check for official registration and licenses with **SEBI (Securities and Exchange Board of India)** and credible reviews. Avoid platforms contacted through unsolicited messages on social media.
- 2. Be Skeptical of High Returns**
 - Be cautious of promises of quick, high, or guaranteed returns. Legitimate investments always carry risk.
- 3. Do Not Share Personal or Banking Details**
 - Never share sensitive information such as bank account numbers, OTPs, passwords, or UPI PINs with unknown individuals.
- 4. Avoid Paying "Processing Fees" or Extra Charges**
 - Fraudsters often invent reasons like taxes, withdrawal charges, or compliance fees to extract more money. Genuine trading platforms never ask for money
- 5. Watch for Fake Platforms and Wallets**
 - Avoid platforms that show unusually high profits or manipulate wallet balances. If withdrawals are delayed or blocked repeatedly, treat it as a red flag.
- 6. Do Not Succumb to Threats or Coercion**
 - Scammers may use fear tactics like freezing funds or legal threats. Always remain calm and avoid making hasty payments under pressure.
- 7. Report Suspicious Activity Immediately**
 - Report suspected frauds to the National Cybercrime Helpline (1930) or online at cybercrime.gov.in
 - For latest cyber awareness updates follow us on
<https://www.facebook.com/cybercrimepshyd>
<https://www.instagram.com/cybercrimepshyd>
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