

PRESS NOTE

Hyderabad Cyber Crime Police arrested one accused person by name **Kanolla Ashok Kumar**, Age 28 yrs, R/o. Andhra Pradesh State who cheated Indian students, who are studying in USA universities on the pretext of offering 10% discount on university Semester fee payment.

CASE FACTS:

Complaint received from victim Sudhakar (Name Changed) R/o Trimulgherry, Hyderabad stating that the fraudsters cheated him to the tune of Rs.4,38,599/- on the pretext of offering 10% discount on University Semester fee payment to his son, who is studying in University of West Florida, USA. In this regard the Cyber Crime Police, Hyderabad registered a case in Cr.No.416/2024 U/sec 66(C), (D) ITA Act-2008 and 419, 420 IPC and investigated in to.

MODUS OPERANDI OF ACCUSED:

The accused Mr. **Kanolla Ashok Kumar** and his friends Mr. Tarun R/o USA & Mr. Waquar, R/o Delhi, used to work in different consultancy agencies who send students to USA for studies and having access to such students data base and using which they contacted and cheated the Indian students, who are studying in various universities of USA on the pretext of offering 10% discount on University Semester fee payment. The fraudsters collect semester fee amount from the victim into their own bank accounts and fraudster pay the University fee using their credit/debit bank cards. Then the status of the semester fee payment will be shown as paid, but after some days, fraudsters apply for charge back then the fee payment status will be shown as not paid. Thus the fraudsters are cheating the Indian student studying at USA universities.

SEIZURE:

- i. One Oppo Reno10 Mobile Phone

The team headed by Inspector of Police Sri. N. Bose Kiran consisting of team members Sri P.Suresh SI, Sri V.Narsing Rao HC 5920, Sri G.Govinda Rao PC 3566, Sri B.Ravi Sankar PC 4757, Sri G.Venkatesh PC 5358, Sri Ch. Rajesh Kumar PC 7717, Sri A.Ramu PC 5308, Sri N.Vamshi PC 12392 under the supervision of Sri. R.G Siva Maruthi, ACP, Cyber Crime PS, Hyderabad has cracked the said case.

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Dy.Commissioner of Police,
Cyber Crimes,
Hyderabad City.

P R E S S N O T E

4 persons were arrested by Cyber Crimes, Hyderabad for circulating old video with fake information on election process and making it viral

On 15-05-2024, received a complaint that, while the complainant was browsing Social media platforms like X (Twitter) and Face book as a part of social media surveillance, he came across one video in which one person in a polling station was voting multiple times and saying that this incident was happened at one of the Polling stations in Bahadurpura (Old city), Hyderabad in the recent Lok Sabha elections held on 13-05-2024. However the alleged video was an old video recorded during West Bengal elections held in 2022. This video is going viral in various social media platforms due to which the common public would lose hope and confidence in the electoral system in India. Some persons are sharing this old video of West Bengal elections and circulating fake information that rigging happened at Old city, Hyderabad.

Basing on the above contents of the complaint, registered a case in Cr. No. 1156/2024, U/Sec 66(D) of IT Act, U/Sec. 505(1)(C), 171-C r/w 171-F of IPC and investigation into.

During the course of investigation, 04 accused persons were identified, who have posted the video on X (twitter) and circulated in Twitter account with a fake information that rigging had happened in one of the Polling Stations in Bahadurpura (Old City), Hyderabad in the recent Lok Sabha elections held on 13-05-2024 and without verifying whether it was correct or not and tagged the same to some others with intention to create a situation of re-elections in Hyderabad.

After making sincere efforts, Cyber Crime Police traced out the accused persons by names 1) Vurapalli Sravan, R/o Malkajigiri, Hyderabad, 2) Mohammed Bin Ali Al Gutmi R/o Nampally, Hyderabad, 3) Piddamulla Kashi R/o Osmanpura, Chaderghat, 4) Kanukati Mithilesh R/o Chikkadpally, Hyderabad and arrested them and produced before the Honourable XII ACMM Court, Nampally, Hyderabad.

Seized Articles;

1. 04 Mobile Phones.

The investigation was done by team of Smt K.Madhulatha, Sri Mattam Raju, Inspectors of Police, SI Prasen Reddy along with Cyber Crime P.S. staff under the supervision of Sri. Chand Basha, Asst. Commissioner of Police, Cyber Crime P.S and Sri Shiva Maruti, ACP. CCPS.

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Smt D.Kavitha,

Dy. Commissioner of Police,
Cyber Crimes P.S., Hyderabad.