



PRESS NOTE



Cyber Crime Police Station, Cyberabad

Date: 17.04.2026

The Cyber Crime Police, Cyberabad, have apprehended one accused in connection with Crime No. 341/2026 registered under relevant provisions of the BNS and IT Act.

Accused Details:

Name: Gajarla Avinash

Age: 26 Years

Native: Katlakunta Village, Medipally Mandal, Jagtial District

Modus Operandi:

The accused had initially travelled to Cambodia on the pretext of a data entry job. Upon arrival, he was forced into engaging in organized cybercrime activities involving “Digital Arrest Scam” calls targeting Indian citizens.

Thereafter, he continued to remain and actively participated in fraudulent operations. He impersonated law enforcement officials and made threatening calls to victims, falsely alleging their involvement in criminal cases, thereby

inducing them to transfer money. The defrauded amounts were routed through mule bank accounts arranged in India.

During January and February 2026, approximately ₹24 lakhs were fraudulently transacted and subsequently withdrawn. The proceeds were shared among the conspirators as commission.

Seizure:

The following items were seized under panchanama:

One mobile phone

One Indian Passport

Cash amount of ₹12,00,000/-



Investigation Status:

The accused has confessed to his role in the offence. Further investigation is in progress to identify additional victims, trace the money trail, and apprehend other associates involved in the international cyber fraud network.

Public Advisory:

1. Unknown APK files / links (WhatsApp, SMS, Telegram ద్వారాపంపినవి) install చేయకండి. ఇవి mobile hacking కి ఉపయోగపడతాయి.
2. Screen sharing apps (AnyDesk, TeamViewer, QuickSupport etc.) ను unknown persons సూచనపై install చేయవద్దు.
3. KYC update, SIM block, bank account freeze వంటి పేర్లతో వచ్చే calls/messages పైనమ్మకం పెట్టుకోవద్దు.
4. "Part-time job / work from home" offers (especially Telegram/WhatsApp) ద్వారా advance payment అడిగితే వెంటనే ignore చేయండి.
5. Online investment schemes (crypto, trading, high returns) పేరుతో guarantee returns ఇచ్చే platforms fraud అయ్యే అవకాశాలు ఎక్కువ. Verify చేయకుండా invest చేయవద్దు.
6. Social media accounts (Facebook, Instagram, WhatsApp) hack అయినట్లయితే వెంటనే password change చేసి, contacts కు alert ఇవ్వండి.
7. Bank accountలను ఇతరులకు (commission కోసం) ఇవ్వడం / mule accounts గా ఉపయోగించడం చట్టపరంగా నేరం.
8. OTP, CVV, UPI PIN, net banking credentials ఎవరితోనూ share చేయకండి—even if caller claims to be police/bank official.
9. QR code scan చేస్తే money receive అవుతుందని చెప్పడం fraud—QR code scan చేస్తే money debit అవుతుంది.
10. Fake customer care numbers (Googleలో search చేసినవి) ద్వారా మోసాలు జరుగుతున్నాయి. Official websites నుంచే contact details తీసుకోండి.
11. OLX/Quikr వంటి platformsలో Army/Police పేరుతో advance payment అడిగితే అది fraud అయ్యే అవకాశాలు ఎక్కువ.

12. Lottery, prize, foreign parcel scams (customs charges పేరుతో) పూర్తిగా fake—avoid చేయండి.

Cyber criminals are constantly adopting new methods. Public is requested to stay vigilant and verify before trusting any unknown communication.

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