

PRESS NOTE

RACHAKONDA CYBERCRIMES SLEUTHS ARRESTED THREE NEPALI NATIONALS INVOLVED IN INVESTMENT FRAUD

Cr.No: 1130/2021 U/s 417, 419, 420, 120 B and Sec 66(C& D) of IT Act of Cyber Crime PS, Rachakonda

Today, the Rachakonda Cyber Crime Staff arrested (03) Nepali Nationals involved in 86 lakhs investment fraud and recovered net cash about one lakh and (53) Mobile phones from their possession.

Details of Arrested Accused:

A5) Gopal Sherpa, S/o. Nima Sherpa, Age: 24 years, R/o. Near Mathigara, Checkpost, Siliguri, West Bengal; N/o. Jorpati, Kadmandu, Nepal

A6) Sushil Gurung, S/o. Arjun Gurung, Age: 29 years, R/o. Near Mathigara, Checkpost, Siliguri, West Bengal; N/o. Sindhupalchowk, Tatopani, Kadmandu, Nepal

A7) NimaTamang @ AmritTamang, S/o. SurjaTamang, Age: 24 years, R/o. Near Mathigara, Checkpost, Siliguri, West Bengal; N/o. Dolakha, Kadmandu, Nepal

Seized articles:-

- 1) 53 Mobile Phones
- 2) 215 SIM cards
- 3) 1 Lakh Net Cash
- 4) one All in one Desktop Computer
- 5) Original Passport of A1:- DipuMondal (Absconding)
- 6) 8 bank cheque books
- 7) 12 ATM cards of different banks
- 8) Freezed the amount about 10 Lakhs in accused's bank accounts.

Brief Facts of the case:

On 22-10-2021 received a complaint from Bhanothu Kiran Kumar R/o Ghatkesar stating that in Sept.2021 he was lured by cyber fraudsters to invest in a fake link <http://idex.appfact.club/#/pages/login/reg?invitecode=A5KY> to the tune of Rs. 86 lakhs by promising huge returns. As such, he transferred the said amount to different bank accounts provided by the fraudsters. Later as he could not withdraw his investment, he realized that he has been cheated and hence lodged a complaint. Based on the complaint A case was registered at Cyber Crime PS, Rachakonda vide FIR No. 1130/2021 and investigation entrusted to Inspector Sri N. Ramu.

During the course of investigation, the Cyber Crime Team analyzed the Bank Accounts and CDRs of the suspected fraudsters and zeroed in on the Cyber Criminals Gang operating primarily from Siliguri, West Bengal. On 03-November-

2021, a special team under the leadership of Inspector Sri N. Ramu arrested (03) accused namely 1) Noor Alam 2) Ekram Hussain and 3) Md. Izarul at Siliguri, West Bengal, who are the accomplices of Kingpin Deepu Mandal, who is at large and seized mobile phones and other incriminating material from their possession and froze (15) lakhs amount in the mule bank accounts.

While the investigation was in progress to track the prime accused Deepu Mandal and others based on the technical evidence, today, received credible input that (03) other accomplice Nepali Nationals who are the members of the same gang, have arrived in Hyderabad to float a call centre for carrying out fraudulent activities at the behest of Kingpin Deepu Mandal.

The Cyber Crimes team arrested the above stated (03) Nepali Nationals, at 20.00 hrs on 23-12-2021 at Secunderabad Railway Station and seized incriminating material from their possession.

MODUS OPERANDI (MO):-

The arrested accused are Nepali Nationals residing in SILIGURI of West Bengal and running a call centre under the directions of A-1 DEEPU MONDAL (absconding and fled to Nepal). They were introduced to Deepu Mandal through one Manish Chettri who also plays important role in fraudulent activities. They used to stay at a private rented 2 BHK flat in Siluguri and provide OTPs and transfer money to various fictitious bank accounts for which they were paid 15,000/- per month. A1 Dipu Mondal created fake Indian Aadhar cards etc. for these Nepali Nationals and used them in procuring SIM cards and opening bank accounts.

On analysis of Telegram Messages of the accused, it is found that the Proceeds from the Cyber Crimes is siphoned to China through crypto currency exchanges. In depth investigation is being carried out to apprehend absconding accused Deepu Mandal, Manish Chettri and others.

Caution: Netizens and general public are cautioned not to get lured by such online investment offers and do not click malicious links sent to them by unknown persons and get victimized by the CYBER CRIMINALS.

Under the direct supervision and leadership of Sri. Mahesh M Bhagwat, IPS, Commissioner of Police Rachakonda with the guidance of Sri. P. Yadagiri, DCP Crimes, Sri. S. Harinath, Asst. Commissioner of Police the case investigated by Inspector N. Ramu of Cyber Crimes, is proceeded to Siluguri of West Bengal State and apprehended the accused persons.



