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# National

## Hyderabad cyber crime police arrest 61 in multi-state fraud crackdown

In a sweeping operation, Hyderabad Cyber Crime Police arrested 61 individuals from 14 states in August for their alleged roles in various online frauds. These included trading, investment, and insurance scams, as well as digital arrest and unauthorised transaction cases. Among them, 13 individuals were involved in trading fraud, 12 in investment fraud, 11 in insurance fraud and remaining in various frauds such as social media tip line

scams, unauthorised transactions, digital arrest scams, etc.

The highest number 20 suspects were arrested from Tamil Nadu, followed by 18 from Gujarat, 16 from Karnataka, 13 from Delhi and remaining from other states. A total refund of Rs. 1.01 crore was facilitated through courts to the victims of various cyber crime cases registered earlier this year at the cyber crime police station.

## Five members of crime syndicate held for operating mule bank accounts in Odisha

Sector 7 police on Monday arrested five local members of an organised crime syndicate involved in operation of mule bank accounts used for money laundering and routing proceeds of cyber crimes. The accused are Rahul Roy (30), KP Subham (27), Abhijit Nayak (22), Rohitosh Koila (24) and Ajit Munda (30), all of Sector 15 area in Rourkela.

Deputy SP of Zone-1 Jogeshwar Panda said the organised crime syndicate operating out of Rourkela was involved in arranging mule bank accounts and selling/renting those to cyber criminals and money launderers to route illegal money. The arrested persons engaged by the

crime syndicate were involved in arranging SIM cards and opening mule bank accounts with forged documents in the names of unsuspecting individuals.

He said investigation is underway to find out money trails of the mule bank accounts, involvement of unscrupulous bank insiders in opening these accounts and possible link of the arrested persons with other cyber crime gangs.

Earlier on August 12, local branch manager of Bandhan Bank Sahil Khuntia (23) and an agent of IDBI Bank Shilpi Sahu (22) were among 14 people arrested by the Economic Offences and Cyber Crime wing of Rourkela police.

## ₹9.29 crore refunds facilitated for cybercrime victims through latest Lok Adalat

Hyderabad secured refunds worth ₹9.29 crores for victims across 941 cybercrime cases during the third National Lok Adalat of the year. Of this, the Zonal Cyber Cells (ZCCs), facilitated

₹1.5 crores in refunds, while the Cyber Crimes Police Station (CCPS) handled ₹7.7 crores.

Over the past three Lok Adalats, the ZCCs have shown steady improvement in processing

refunds with a cumulative total of ₹2.81 crores. From March to September 2025, cases handled increased by 137% and refunds grew by 187%, the Hyderabad police noted.

A total of 17 morning courts managing drunken driving and disaster management

cases and 13 Chief Judicial Magistrate courts overseeing compoundable matters in Hyderabad ensure swift adjudication. Courts continue to process smaller refund cases under ₹25,000 daily, as directed by the Sessions Judge in coordination with the cyber crime police.

## **Nagpur Youth Arrested for ₹80 Lakh Cyber Fraud in Goa; Victim Trapped in Fake ‘Digital Arrest’ Scam**

The Cyber Crime Police have arrested 19-year-old Anandkumar Danuram Verma from Nagpur, Maharashtra, for his alleged involvement in a cyber fraud amounting to Rs 80 lakh. The arrest was made following a complaint lodged by a 59-year-old resident of Loliem, Canacona, South Goa. According to police reports, the accused impersonated officials from the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), Sahar Police Station and even posed as a Public Prosecutor.

He allegedly intimidated the complainant by falsely claiming that a criminal case had been registered against him for sending offensive messages against the Hindu religion and the Government of India. The accused further claimed that a mobile number used in the

alleged offence was registered using the complainant's Aadhaar card. Under the pretext of placing the victim under a so-called ‘digital arrest’, the complainant was coerced into transferring a total of Rs 80 lakh. Following a technical investigation and financial analysis, the suspect was identified.

A police team led by PSI Sherwin da Costa, along with PC Sanjiv Gawas and PC Sunil Renati, under the supervision of SP Rahul Gupta, IPS; ASP B V Shridevi, IPS; and PI Deepak Pednekar, travelled to Nagpur and apprehended the accused. Preliminary investigations revealed that fraudulent funds were routed through bank accounts linked to the accused.

## **Airtel's Anti-Fraud Measures Reduce Customer Losses by 68.7%**

Bharti Airtel announced that its anti-fraud initiatives have resulted in a significant decline in cybercrime complaints, leading to a 68.7% decrease in the value of financial losses for its customers. This has been further endorsed by recent information from the Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C) — Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA).

According to the MHA-I4C, there has also been a 14.3% drop in overall cybercrime incidents on the Airtel network, validating the efficacy of Airtel's fraud detection solution in

curbing cybercrime and creating a safe network for its customers. The data analyzed by MHA-I4C compares key cybercrime indicators from September 2024—prior to the launch of Airtel's Fraud & spam detection solution—with those from June 2025.

Commenting on the initiative, Gopal Vittal, Vice Chairman and Managing Director, Bharti Airtel, said, “We are on a mission of eliminating Spam and financial frauds for our customers. In the past one year, our AI-powered network solutions have identified

over 48.3 billion spam calls and blocked 3.2 lakhs fraudulent links. However, we see this as small steps in a much larger fight. We will continue to innovate and invest heavily in this area until our networks are free of digital spam and scam.”

Vittal added, “The impact shared by the Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C) -

Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) encourages us tremendously and validates our efforts in this mission. I would like to commend the MHA I4C and DoT for their initiatives to curb spam and fraud and we will look forward to collaborating deeply with the authorities to eliminate the threats of cyber-crimes & frauds.”

### **Three Cyber Fraudsters Arrested in Delhi for Impersonating Bank Employees**

Delhi Police have arrested three men accused of posing as bank employees to defraud customers by claiming their credit card protection plans had expired. The suspects, identified as Mohammad Shakir, Adarsh Kumar Jha, and Mukesh, allegedly contacted victims under the pretence of renewing security coverage, extracting sensitive details and siphoning money from their accounts.

Police said the group operated with a polished script that mimicked the tone and procedures of real bank staff. During the arrests, officers recovered three mobile phones and two SIM cards believed to have been used in the fraud.

The case came to light after a Rohini resident reported losing ₹23,000 (about \$2,700) following a phone call from one of the suspects. The victim was persuaded to download a mobile application and provide banking information, after which unauthorized transactions were carried out. Days later, an additional ₹4,000 was withdrawn from the account.

Police officials said such scams are part of a wider pattern in which fraudsters exploit public trust in financial institutions.

### **Man held for duping ex-army officer of ₹78 lakh in ‘digital arrest’ scam**

Police have arrested a man for allegedly defrauding a retired army officer of over ₹78 lakh under the “digital arrest” scam, officials said on Monday. The accused, identified as Anikant Bhat, a resident of Deepnagar in Dehradun (Uttarakhand), was reportedly acting on the instructions of handlers based in Cambodia, police said. Superintendent of police Nitish Aggarwal said the arrest was made by the cyber crime police station, Kurukshetra, following a complaint by a retired army personnel residing in Sector 2 of the city.

The complainant, Bal Krishna, said he received a call on August 24 from a woman posing as a bank employee, who alleged that his credit card had an outstanding bill of ₹1 lakh. When he denied owning a credit card, she connected him to other so-called “senior officials”. Subsequent callers falsely accused him of involvement in money laundering using his Aadhaar card and threatened him with serious consequences unless he paid the alleged dues.



# International

## Microsoft blocks bait for 'fastest-growing' 365 phish kit, seizes 338 domains

Microsoft has seized 338 websites associated with RaccoonO365 and identified the leader of the phishing service - Joshua Ogundipe - as part of a larger effort to disrupt what Redmond's Digital Crimes Unit calls the "fastest-growing tool used by cybercriminals to steal Microsoft 365 usernames and passwords."

The criminal operation sold subscriptions to its RaccoonO365 Suite of phishing kits, ranging from a 30-day plan for \$335 to a 90-day subscription for \$999, via a private Telegram channel with more than 850 members, according to separate blogs from Steven Masada, Microsoft's DCU assistant general

counsel, and Cloudflare, which also participated in the website takedown.

Since July 2024, these phishing kits have been used by other criminals to steal at least 5,000 Microsoft credentials from 94 countries, raking in at least \$100,000 in cryptocurrency payments for Ogundipe and his affiliates, Masada said. "We estimate that this amount reflects approximately 100-200 subscriptions, which is likely an underestimate of the total subscriptions sold," he added.

RaccoonO365's customers can use the service to input up to 9,000 target email addresses per day, bypass multi-factor authentication (MFA), steal user credentials, and gain persistent access to victims' systems.

## The FBI Warns Salesforce Customers of Increasing Cyber Attacks

The US Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) has put out a warning that cybercriminal groups have been targeting organizations' Salesforce platforms.

In the alert, the FBI warned of increased data theft and extortion intrusions from two specific groups.

One of those groups is behind the recent Salesloft attack that opened a backdoor into Salesforce.

Hackers exploited compromised OAuth tokens for the Salesloft Drift application, an AI

chatbot that can be integrated with Salesforce via API.

OAuth tokens are digital credentials that authorize secure API access to specific user data or services. The hackers used the compromised tokens and third-party app integration to compromise victims' Salesforce systems and extract data.

Salesforce quickly worked with Salesloft to close the security loophole. On August 20, 2025, Salesloft revoked all active access from the tokens, stopping the hackers from being able to breach victims' Salesforce platforms, the FBI said.

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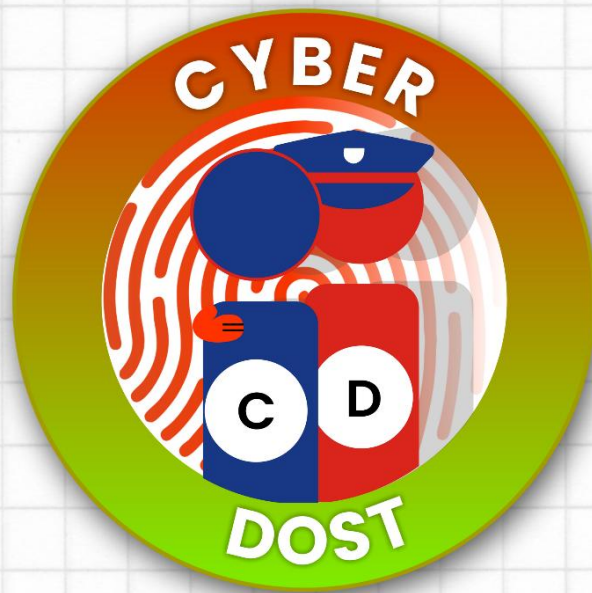
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