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IFSO, DELHI POLICE BUSTS CYBERCRIME NETWORK INVOLVED IN SUPPLYING MULE BANK ACCOUNTS; FIVE ACCUSED ARRESTED

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ORGANISED NETWORK LINKED TO INTERNATIONAL CYBERCRIME SYNDICATE OPERATING FROM CAMBODIA UNEARTHED; SEVEN TELEGRAM CHANNELS IDENTIFIED FOR TRADE IN MULE BANK ACCOUNTS

IFSO, Delhi Police has **busted an organised cybercrime network involved in procuring and supplying mule bank accounts** to cybercriminals and **arrested five accused persons** from different parts of the country. During the investigation, **suspicious transactions** amounting to approximately **₹2 crore** were detected in a **mule bank account**. With prompt intervention and coordinated efforts of the **IFSO team and HDFC Bank officials**, the **entire amount was successfully put on hold.**

The operation also led to the working out of **two cybercrime cases registered in Andhra Pradesh.**

BACKGROUND OF THE CASE

During the investigation of FIR No. 148/26, registered at PS Special Cell, Delhi, credible **information was received** regarding **a gang involved in providing bank accounts for facilitating cybercrime activities**. The members of the gang were reportedly **staying at a hotel in the area of Dwarka, Delhi** and operating a bank account in the name of M/s MR Traders, maintained with HDFC Bank, for routing cybercrime proceeds.

Acting on this information, a police team conducted a raid in the area and apprehended the suspects. Consequently, **FIR No. 230/26**, was registered at PS Special Cell.

MODUS OPERANDI

Investigation revealed that the **accused were facilitating cybercriminals by procuring and providing mule bank accounts for receiving and routing cheated money.** The accounts were allegedly **operated on behalf of cybercrime handlers**, enabling the movement and layering of fraudulent proceeds through multiple bank accounts.

A mobile phone examination revealed a **suspicious application named "SMS TOOLS", which appeared to be configured to automatically forward incoming SMS messages, including OTPs, to persons allegedly involved in cybercrime activities operating from abroad**. Such access could facilitate the remote operation of bank accounts and other cybercrime-related activities.

The accused were also **allegedly using Telegram** to coordinate their activities. Investigation has **identified seven Telegram channels** suspected to be involved in the **buying and selling of mule bank accounts,** indicating an organised network for supplying bank accounts to cybercriminals.

INVESTIGATION & ARRESTS

During the raid and subsequent investigation, the following **five accused persons** were arrested:

1. Anish Khan (31 years)
2. Intekhab (27 years)
3. Altaf Hussain (45 years)
4. Md. Mahfuzar Rahman (41 years)
5. Izhar Alam (34 years)

Examination of the mobile phones seized from the accused revealed **Telegram chats, WhatsApp conversations, cryptocurrency transaction details and other incriminating digital evidence.** The investigation further established that the **accused were allegedly working as facilitators for an international cybercrime syndicate operating from Cambodia.**

The identified mule account was linked to **two cybercrime cases** registered **in Andhra Pradesh.**

The operation was conducted by a dedicated team of IFSO, Delhi Police, comprising **Inspector Satish Kumar, HC Rajesh and HC Manoj Kumar**. The operation was carried out under **the close supervision of Sh. Vivekanand Jha, ACP/IFSO**, and **the overall supervision of Sh. Gaurav Tyagi, DCP-I/IFSO, Delhi Police.**

RECOVERY

The following items were seized during the investigation:

- **Cheque book** pertaining to the bank account of M/s MR Traders.
- **Six mobile phones** containing incriminating digital evidence, including WhatsApp/Telegram chats and cryptocurrency transaction details.
- **Digital evidence** relating to **seven Telegram channels** allegedly used for trading in **mule bank accounts**.

Additionally, **suspicious transactions of approximately ₹2 crore** were detected in the **identified mule account**, and the **entire amount was successfully put on hold** through coordinated intervention **by the IFSO team and HDFC Bank officials.**

FURTHER INVESTIGATION

Further investigation is underway to identify and apprehend other members of the network, trace the complete money trail, identify additional mule accounts and establish the role of the international cybercrime syndicate and its handlers.

Delhi Police remains committed to dismantling organised cybercrime networks and taking strict action against those facilitating cyber fraud through mule bank accounts and other financial channels.

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