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CYBER SCAMS TO HELP
YOU STAY AHEAD



WOMAN LOSES MONEY AFTER FALLING INTO BIRTHDAY GIFT TRAP

The 51-year-old wife of a chartered accountant received a message on Instagram from a young man who identified himself as a level two officer in the merchant navy. The victim got a request on her Instagram account by a young man named Alex Lorenzo, who informed about his gym in Italy. The victim shared a bold photos of herself in few days. Alex then told her that he was sending a gift for her birthday. Then a person called saying he was from a courier company and asked to pay a fee of 750 euros before delivering the parcel. The representatives of the courier company contacted the woman again and said that we have found European currency notes in the parcel and you have to pay Rs 2,65,000 to avoid charges of money laundering. The victim paid the money. The woman then became suspicious when the man asked her to pay Rs 98,000 again to get the parcel. When she stopped paying the second amount after paying Rs 3.69 lakh, Alex started threatening her and said that I will post your bold photo on social media and share it with your family members.

WOMEN LOSES RS 14 LAKH AFTER 'INSURANCE' CALL

The women received a call from an unknown number. The caller introduced himself as an official of a reputable insurance company and told her that one of her insurance policies with an hefty amount as 'sum assured' had lapsed. She was told that the lapsed policy could be revived and she could still claim the benefits, but for that she needed to pay a nominal amount as tax. The woman apparently agreed to make the payment and was told to download an app on her mobile phone and share a passcode. Within a few minutes of doing that, Rs 14 lakh was debited from her bank account.

A MAN CHEATED OUT OF RS 2.5 LAKH BY CYBER FRAUDSTER POSING AS CAB AGENT

A 30-year-old man defrauded by a cyber fraudster when he tried to book a cab to visit his hometown in Gujarat. While trying to book a cab he came across malhotracarrental.in and sent a booking request on the website. He eventually received a call from an unknown individual who claimed to be a staffer of Malhotra Car Rental. The caller told that the cab fare would be Rs 1,900, which he found reasonable. The victim was then asked to pay a nominal fee of Rs 101 using a link to confirm the booking. When he attempted to make the payment using his SBI and ICICI Bank cards, the payments seemed to fail. Soon after, he received a message alerting him that Rs 2,49,121 had been withdrawn from his bank account.

WOMAN DUPED OF ONE LAKH IN THE NAME OF GETTING JOB IN INDIGO AIRLINES

The woman registered her number on mobile app. After this, a young man called the woman and said that she has been selected in Indigo Airlines. The woman was asked to submit Aadhaar card, PAN card and Rs 1500 for registration. The woman deposited the amount on a number through UPI. After this, 11 thousand rupees were demanded in the name of security. 19,500 was deposited separately in the name of Employee Training Security. After this, another 35 thousand rupees were demanded. The woman sent this amount to different numbers. After this, when the woman got suspicious, she contacted the office of Indigo Airlines. From here it came to know that he has not been appointed in the airlines.

A WOMAN FALLS FOR 'LIKE AND EARN' SCAM, LOSES RS 10 LAKHS

The 49-year-old housewife was asked to like some YouTube videos and earn. The woman in order to earn some quick cash followed the instruction and was later asked to invest some money to get more such tasks. she was able to earn a few thousand rupees in the beginning under the scheme which made her confident about the plan. They initially sent money to the woman and then told her she could earn more by investing. The woman transferred Rs1.71 lakhs through a link but realized she had been duped when she found that the crooks had deleted that link.

ENGINEER ARRESTED FOR DUPING WOMAN THROUGH DATING APP

Forty-four-year-old allegedly cheating a 25-year-old-woman from Mumbai Central to the tune of ₹11.13 lakh by posing as an income-tax commissioner and officer with the Research and Analysis Wing (RAW) on a dating app. The accused ran a UPSC coaching academy in Lucknow, and started cheating women after he suffered losses. the man met the woman on a dating app. As their friendship developed, he told her that he was associated with several non- governmental organizations (NGOs) that were doing good work, and asked for her documents in order to make her a member of the NGOs. Using the documents, he took a personal loan of ₹500,000 and also convinced her to deposit ₹6.13 lakh in his bank account.

SENIOR CITIZEN LOSES RS 3 LAKH IN SOPHISTICATED VOICE CLONING SCAM

A 63-year-old man fell victim to a sophisticated cyber scam, losing Rs 3 lakh. The fraudster, pretending to be his son's friend, duped him by mimicking his voice over a phone call. The elderly man, whose children reside abroad, was deceived when he received a call via WhatsApp from an unknown number. The caller imitating his son's friend voice, whom the victim knew since childhood, pleaded for urgent financial help. Trusting the caller's familiar voice, the victim transferred Rs 2 lakh to the provided account and convinced two friends to contribute Rs 50,000 each. However, suspicion arose when the caller demanded more money, and subsequent attempts to video call the fraudster were unsuccessful.

CHEATING FARMERS IN THE NAME OF GIVING TRACTORS BY CREATING FAKE WEBSITE

A website named www.kissantractoryojana.in has been created by thugs. Due to this, some farmers get confused and go to this site and feed their data to buy a tractor. For this, due booking amount is also being taken from them, QR code is also being given to the farmers by the thugs to get the booking amount, by scanning the same QR code, the thugs are making the farmers victims of fraud. A booking amount of Rs 5,200 is being taken from farmers in the name of tractor booking through QR code. Confused farmers are giving this money to thugs by scanning the QR code.