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WEEKLY DIGEST OF CYBER SCAMS TO HELP YOU STAY AHEAD

International cyber fraud racket busted in Noida, police arrest 18 'Microsoft support agents'

Incident
Law enforcement authorities uncovered a major international cyber fraud operation based in Noida. The racket was being run from a makeshift facility where a group of individuals were impersonating Microsoft support agents to target foreign nationals.

Modus Operandi
The accused deployed malware to simulate fake technical problems on victims' computers, convincing them to grant remote access. Once access was obtained, the fraudsters posed as technical support personnel, extracting money under the pretense of system repair or subscription services.

Action Taken
A coordinated raid led to the arrest of 18 individuals and the seizure of laptops, mobile phones, fake ID cards, and other tools. The group operated across various rented flats, indicating a structured and well-disguised operation.

Key Concern
The misuse of legitimate brand names and social engineering tactics to target international victims shows a rising trend in cross-border tech-enabled financial fraud.

Four Arrested in Hyderabad for ₹3 Crore Stock Market Fraud

Incident
An individual in Secunderabad was duped of approximately ₹3 crore by a group posing as stock market investment advisors.

Modus Operandi
The victim was added to a WhatsApp group by fraudsters who claimed to represent a leading financial services firm. He was enticed with false promises of high IPO returns and gradually convinced to transfer large sums.

Action Taken
Following the complaint, police arrested four individuals who were found operating through false identities and coordinated digital communication.

Key Concern
This case highlights the dangers of investment frauds operated via encrypted messaging apps, demanding proactive monitoring and financial literacy.

228 cyber criminals arrested across India by Telangana Cyber Security Bureau

Incident
A pan-India operation led by the Telangana Cyber Security Bureau resulted in the arrest of 228 individuals involved in diverse cyber crimes.

Modus Operandi
The accused were connected to scams including fake customer support, investment schemes, cyber slavery, and exploitation via fraudulent employment offers.

Action Taken
Multiple states collaborated in the enforcement action. A major call centre in Hyderabad was dismantled and digital evidence seized.

Key Concern
The scale and diversity of the operations reveal the urgent need for a nationwide cyber threat intelligence sharing platform.

Hyderabad man held for assisting cyber crooks in Cambodia

Incident
A man from Hyderabad was arrested for allegedly facilitating recruitment and logistics for a Cambodia-based cybercrime network.

Modus Operandi
The accused allegedly helped move individuals overseas, who were later forced or manipulated into cybercrime operations, often under false job pretenses.

Action Taken
Police linked the suspect to several ongoing investigations and are working to identify the full extent of the international syndicate's activities.

Key Concern
This incident underlines how cybercrime and human trafficking are increasingly interlinked, requiring global cooperation.

Retired TCS Employee Duped Of ₹2.64 Crore in Stock Market Cyber Scam

Incident
The cybercrime wing of the West Bengal Police faced a serious data breach, reportedly due to a ransomware attack that encrypted sensitive files.

Modus Operandi
Initial investigations suggest unauthorized access to the department's internal network, possibly facilitated by a third-party IT service provider. The attackers demanded a ransom in exchange for decryption keys.

Action Taken
Authorities launched an immediate investigation and recovered a suspected ransom note from the affected system. Access to the compromised systems was restricted.

Key Concern
The breach raises significant concerns about cybersecurity practices within critical law enforcement agencies and third-party vendor risk management.

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