



'PART-TIME JOB' CON: 65 CASES IN FOUR MONTHS; THREE PEOPLE LOSE ₹3 CRORE

Frauds are using the promise of a "part-time job" or "work from home" to extract money from unsuspecting victims, with many falling for the trick of liking YouTube videos for small rewards before being asked to invest in products or bitcoins. Data from Mumbai's cyber police shows that 65 people were defrauded in this way in the first four months of the year, with 103 such cases reported for the same period last year. People aged between 25 and 55 are particularly targeted, with many looking for part-time work or work-from-home jobs due to the pandemic. For many working professionals, a chance to make a few extra bucks, just by liking YouTube videos, would in normal circumstances appear tempting. And if the offer comes in the name of a multinational advertising or marketing company, it sounds credible and then, it becomes difficult to resist it.



'Part-time job' or 'work from home' con has been the latest trick frauds have employed to extract money from 65 people in the first four months of the year, data with the Mumbai cyber police shows. In three cases, the amount taken from each victim is around ₹1 crore, while it is more than ₹10 lacs each in 27 cases. Last year, 103 such cases were reported in the corresponding period.

The modus operandi, according to police officers, is to first convince the victim to like videos on YouTube and earn smaller amounts ranging from ₹100 to ₹2,000 in rewards. "The frauds do pay their victim for a while. After they have won his/her trust, they ask them to upgrade for better tasks through investments where the reward amounts are bigger," Sanjay Shintre, superintendent of Maharashtra Cyber, said.

Once the victim joins a Telegram group, Shintre said, other members keep posting how he or she had earned through investments with the accused. "This motivates the victim, who shall have been assigned a 'manager' by then and who keeps on persuading him or her to make investments and complete bigger tasks to earn more. They ask them to invest in their products or bitcoins and offer 2% to 4% commission every day." After the victim has fallen into the trap, the next step is to ask them to download an application or use a cloned website that is not available on the play store and must be downloaded using a link sent by the frauds, officers said. The app is designed in such a way that if a victim has invested ₹1 lakh in the fraud products or bitcoins, it shows ₹1.30 lakh or ₹1.50 lakh has been credited in his or her virtual account.



STOCK Why Indian stock market has been rising for last six sessions

Indian stock market closed higher on all five sessions in the week gone by. Among key benchmark indices, NSE Nifty gained 407 points or 2.31 per cent last week whereas BSE Sensex went up over 1400 points or 2.40 per cent this time. In the last five sessions, the Nifty Bank index shot up 791 points or 1.87 per cent and closed at 43,233 levels breaching the previous swing high of 43,200 levels.

According to stock market experts, Nifty has been in an uptrend after giving a breakout at 17,200 levels

PRIYANKA GANDHI JOINS WRESTLERS PROTEST, ASKS COPS TO SHOW FIR COPY

THE DELHI POLICE, WHICH FUNCTIONS UNDER AMIT SHAH'S HOME MINISTRY, FILED THE TWO FIRST INFORMATION REPORTS (FIRS) HOURS AFTER THE SUPREME COURT ORDERED THEM TO DO SO.

New Delhi: Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra met protesting wrestlers at Delhi's Jantar Mantar today to express solidarity with their demand for action against the alleged sexual harassment of women athletes by superiors. The wrestlers have been on a sit-in at Jantar Mantar demanding the arrest of Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) chief Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh on complaints of sexual harassment.

At the protest venue, the Congress general secretary hit out at the Delhi Police for not providing a copy of the First Information Report, or FIR, filed against Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh. "I don't have any expectations from the PM (Narendra Modi), because if he is worried about these wrestlers, then why has he not talk.

to them or met them yet. Why the govt is trying to save him (Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh)," she said. The Delhi Police on Friday filed two cases against the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) chief after the Supreme Court ordered them to do so. One of the FIRs is over a complaint of sexual harassment by a minor, filed under the stringent Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, which gives no scope for bail. The Delhi Police will pursue the case actively, sources said. But despite the assurance of police action, the wrestlers said they will continue their sit-in protest demanding the "immediate arrest" of the WFI chief.



"We respect Supreme Court's order, but we don't have faith in Delhi Police. This fight is not for an FIR. This fight is to punish people like him. He needs to be in jail and stripped of his portfolios," the wrestlers said. Earlier this week, Priyanka Gandhi slammed the government, saying that the pleas of the sports persons, who enhance the country's honour, were being ignored. She had asserted that "when the arrogance of a party and its leaders" is sky high, then such voices are crushed.

Congress leaders such as Bhupinder Hooda, Deepender Hooda and Udit Raj also joined the protesting wrestlers at Jantar Mantar earlier this week to express solidarity with them. Mr Singh, who is also a BJP MP, welcomed the Supreme Court's order to file the police case into allegations of sexual harassment against him.



Business Nestle plans tenth factory in India; investing to augment capacity of existing units

New Delhi: FMCG major Nestle India is planning to open a new factory to meet the growing demand here and is scouting for the ideal location, its Chairman & Managing Director Suresh Narayanan said. This would be the tenth factory for Nestle India, which last year announced to invest Rs 5,000 crore in the country by 2025 to accelerate its core business and leverage new growth opportunities.

When asked about the possibility of a new factory in India, Narayanan told PTI: "Certainly. There is scouting for a site for the tenth factory".

"We will make up our minds sooner than later. There is some preliminary work that has been done. And then we will come with an announcement," he added.

Nestle is looking at numerous places, however, Narayanan said it will be eastern India where it is not having any production units.

MUMBAI'S APRIL PROPERTY REGISTRATIONS DOWN 16% ON YEAR, 25% ON MONTH: GOVT DATA

Mumbai city and suburbs reported a 16 percent year-on-year (YoY) and 25 percent month-on-month drop in property registrations in April 2023 over April 2022 and March 2023, respectively. However, the Maharashtra government collected Rs 840 crore revenue from registrations of property, the highest in the last 10 years, according to data shared by the state's Office of Registrations and Stamps (IGR).

Of the total properties registered, 83 percent were residential and 17 percent non-residential. The growth in revenue was on account of an increase in stamp duty and a surge in higher-value property transactions, according to Knight Frank India, the real estate consultancy firm that collated the IGR data.

IN A 5-MONTH DRIVE, 6,000 WERE BOOKED FOR NOT WEARING SEATBELTS ON MUMBAI-PUNE HIGHWAYS

MUMBAI: State transport tragic crash last September in commissioner Vivek Bhimanwar which former Tata Sons chairman on Friday announced that over Cyrus Mistry had died. 40,000 violators have been "We plan to create more booked on Mumbai-Pune awareness on the importance of highways, which includes over seatbelts. Also, those caught on 6,000 motorists for not wearing the highway not wearing seatbelts, in an ongoing drive seatbelts were sent for since December 1. Nearly 7,000 counselling," Bhimanwar said. car drivers have been booked for Those caught for speeding were speeding on the Expressway. also counselled and asked to sign The campaign is being carried out a road safety pledge stating that on Pune Expressway and the old they will not repeat the offence, Mumbai-Pune highway and will headed. continue till May end. "We have The statistics released to the imposed penalties on various media on Friday showed that offenders including those not speeding cases on Mumbai-Pune wearing seatbelts," he said. The route were high in January (2,508 drive on the use of seatbelts was cases) and February (1,596 important for the transport cases). They were below 1000 department, especially after the cases for in March as well as.

