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ADMISSION SCAM ALERT



School Scam Alert

Parents were targeted through fraudulent emails promising guaranteed school admission for ₹3.75 lakhs. Cybercriminals impersonated school authorities creating urgency and trust to extract payments. Victims lost significant money and personal data. The scam caused financial and emotional loss and eroded trust in digital communication.

Cause: Phishing emails and social engineering impersonating educational institutions.



Phishing Result Trap

Cyber fraudsters targeted board exam students by posing as evaluators and threatening failure using real details like names and roll numbers. They demanded ₹15,000 via UPI to "fix" results. The scam exploited student anxiety, causing financial risk and mental stress while exposing misuse of personal exam data.

Cause: Phishing calls, data leakage and fear-based social engineering.



Fake Degree Network

A Kanpur-based fraud involved criminals promising admission to a D.Pharm course and future job opportunities to gain trust. Victims paid around ₹2.5 lakh, after which fake certificates were issued. When questioned fraudsters threatened victims. The scam caused financial loss and misuse of fake educational credentials.

Cause: Cyber enabled fake admission promises, forged certificates and intimidation tactics by fraudsters.



Exam Integrity Breach

A Delhi-based racket manipulated over 10 online entrance exams using remote desktop access and WhatsApp groups for real-time answer sharing. Students were recruited via fake internships to solve papers. Aspirants paid ₹1.5-2 lakh for guaranteed admission. The scam compromised merit process enabled unfair selection and exposed major flaws in online exam systems.

Cause: Remote access misuse organized solver networks and weak online proctoring.



NEET Cyber Scam

Fraudsters spoofed identities of medical authorities and coaching agents promising guaranteed NEET admission for ₹20-30 lakh. Victims were lured into controlled locations and provided forged question papers to appear legitimate. The cyber-enabled scam used manipulation and deception causing severe financial loss and psychological stress.

Cause: Spoofed identities, forged exam materials and coordinated social engineering attacks.



Abroad Admission Fraud

Cyber fraudsters spoofed a foreign university admission portal and impersonated authorized consultants luring parents with confirmed overseas seats. Victims transferred ₹10 lakh through manipulated digital payment links. Forged admission letters were used to maintain trust. The attack caused major financial loss and exposed vulnerabilities in online admission verification systems.

Cause: Fake websites, forged digital documents and phishing payment diversion



BEST PRACTICE

- Verify admission details only through official websites and institutions avoid guaranteed offers.
- Use authorized payment channels and never transfer money to unknown accounts or links.
- Do not share OTPs, credentials or personal documents with unverified sources.
- Stay alert to spoofed emails, fake portals, phishing calls and exam-related scams.

NEWS OF THE MONTH

Forged Certificate Network

A cyber-enabled fake degree scam exposed a network issuing forged academic certificates to secure jobs and admissions. A lecturer was arrested for using counterfeit qualifications in the RPSC Agriculture exam case. The fraud involved digital document forgery and verification bypass impacting recruitment integrity and trust in academic credentials.

