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Four held for circulating fake poll video

CITY BUREAU
Hyderabad

Four persons were arrested by the Hyderabad Cybercrime Police for circulating an old video with fake information on election process, making it viral. According to D Kavitha, DCP, Cybercrime, a video in which a person in a polling station was seen casting multiple votes was noticed by the complainant on social media. The video was presented as if the incident happened at a polling station in Bahadurpura in the recent LS polls held on May 13. However, the alleged video was found to be an old video recorded during West Bengal polls held in 2022.

Based on the complaint, a case was registered and an investigation was taken up. The Cybercrime Police traced out the suspects as Vurapalli Sravan, a resident of Malkajigiri, Mohammed Bin Ali Al Gutmi, a resident of Nampally, Piddamulla Kashi from Chaderghat and Kanukati Mithilesh from Chikkadpally, and arrested them.



MISSING FAMILY: STATUE MAN IS ALL ALONE!

EPSITA GUNTI
Hyderabad

One day, he is surrounded by his family, happy and content. The next, he is all alone. His loving wife, daughter, and son are nowhere to be seen. What happened to them? No one knows. Not even the GHMC officers who

permitted to put them there in the first place.

As fate and apathy of the civic officials would have it, a statue man has lost his family for at least four days now. Let alone search operations for these missing beings, authorities don't seem to be paying any heed to this man's sorrow. An art installation de-

picating a family in sculptures which was positioned on a pavement at Narne Road in the upscale Jubilee Hills locality is the latest example of GHMC's attitude toward — do it but don't maintain it.

These were installed as part of street art around 2021 to beautify the city's thoroughfares.

Like other sculptures, this happy family which adorned the road near Whisper Valley now stands as a symbol of the city's failure to uphold its commitment to urban beautification.

Irrespective of the work undertaken by the GHMC or any other organisation under Corporate Social Respon-

sibility (CSR), the onus of maintenance falls on the civic body. Repeated efforts to reach the GHMC engineering officer concerned were met with no response.

With that, the question remains, where is his family? Were they removed for some renovation? Or were the sculptures stolen?

City techie dies in US road accident

HYDERABAD

A 30-year-old software engineer from Hyderabad died in a road accident in North Carolina, United States.

Abbaraju Prudhvi Raj was killed in the accident which occurred on Tuesday night in north Charlotte.

His family in LB Nagar in Hyderabad received the information that Prudhvi Raj lost his life in a tragic turn of events after surviving a crash along with his wife and friends. The techie's car had collided with an un-

tended vehicle on the road. All the occupants of the car were saved due to the airbags and they had walked to the side of the road. Prudhvi Raj, who wanted to call the police, approached the crashed car to reach for his phone. However, an incoming vehicle hit him resulting in his death.

The techie had been working in the US for eight years and had married last year. The news has shocked the family, which hails from Sangareddy district but settled in LB Nagar, Hyder-

abad. Prudhvi Raj's father Abbaraju Venkataraman, a retired employee of the electricity department, passed away two years ago.

The family and friends were making efforts to bring home the mortal remains.

His friends created a GoFundMe page to help the family. SriPriya Dandamraju, who is organising the fundraiser said he was solely supporting the family.

"Our friend succumbed to the injuries caused by a car accident last night, everything happened in the blink

of an eye. We had an initial impact with an unattended vehicle on the highway, causing our airbags to deploy. We made a stop and walked to the side of the road. Meanwhile, to call the police, our friend Prudhvi approached our crashed car to reach for the phone and in the darkness of the night, an incoming vehicle hit him and ran away. While all of this happened, his wife and we (friends) were looking around for him. Prudhvi was declared spot dead," reads the page. IANS

Swift cyber cops save woman from losing Rs 60 L

CITY BUREAU
Hyderabad

In a swift action, the Cyber Crime Helpline at the TS Cyber Security Bureau (TSCSB) came to the rescue of a cyber fraud victim and managed to save her from losing a sum of Rs 60 lakh.

On May 15 evening, the cyber fraudster, claiming to be an official of Maharashtra Police, called the woman and charged her with in-

volvement in a major money laundering offence, told her that a warrant was pending against her. The fraudster forced the victim to be on a Skype video call throughout the night and kept threatening her with dire consequences. Scared by the threats, the victim ended up transferring Rs 60 lakh to an account mentioned by the caller.

However, after transferring the amount, she re-

alised it to be a fraud and immediately called the cybercrime helpline number 1930.

Responding immediately, the Cybercrime Helpline at the TS Cyber Security Bureau uploaded the transaction details on the CFCFRMS portal, alerted SBI Bank, to which the amount was fraudulently transferred, and ensured that the entire amount of Rs 60 lakh was put on hold within one hour.



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