



Accounts Linked to Cybercriminals Frozen | Jharkhand | 17 Jan 2024

Why in News?

Recently, **8,674 bank accounts**, allegedly **linked to [cybercriminals](#)**, have been frozen in Jharkhand on suspicion that these **were being used** for [phishing](#) activities.

- The maximum of **2002 accounts** were **frozen in Deoghar district**, followed by **1,183 in Dhanbad** and **959 in Ranchi**.

Key Points

- The details of frozen accounts were received from the [Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre](#) and a district and bank-wise list of such information was prepared.
- The data will be shared with the superintendent of police of all districts and banks for verification of the accounts.
- The **Criminal Investigation Department (CID)** has been carrying out a massive operation against cybercriminals in Jharkhand.
 - **495 people** have been **arrested** for allegedly being involved in cybercrimes, and **First Information Report (FIRs)** lodged **against 107** for cyber frauds in the past three months.
 - **1,164 mobile phones** and **1,725 SIM cards** have also been **seized** during operations against cybercrimes.
 - **Raids against cybercriminals** are being conducted regularly in various districts, including Deoghar, Giridih, Bokaro, Jamtara and Ranchi.

Cyber Crime

- Cybercrime is **defined as a crime where a computer is the object of the crime** or is used as a tool to commit an offense.
- It **involves illegal or unauthorized activities** that exploit technology to commit various forms of crimes.
- **Types:**
 - **Distributed Denial-of-Service (DDoS) Attacks:** These are used to make an online service unavailable and take the network down by overwhelming the site with traffic from a variety of sources.
 - **Botnets:** Botnets are networks from compromised computers that are controlled externally by remote hackers. The remote hackers then send spam or attack other computers through these botnets.
 - **Identity Theft:** This cybercrime occurs when a criminal gains access to a user's personal information or confidential information and then tries to tarnish reputation or seek a ransom.
 - **Cyberstalking:** This kind of cybercrime involves online harassment where the user is subjected to a plethora of online messages and emails. Typically, cyberstalks use social media, websites, and search engines to intimidate a user and instill fear.
 - **Phishing:** It is a type of social engineering attack often used to steal user data, including login credentials and credit card numbers. It occurs when an attacker, masquerading as a trusted entity, dupes a victim into opening an email, instant message, or text message.

Criminal Investigation Department (CID)

- **Established in 1902 by the British Government**, CID is an investigation and intelligence department of state police. On the other hand, CBI is an agency of the Central Government.
- CID is **looking into murder, assault, riot or any cases as directed by respective High Courts.**

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