

Duo uses EDI name to cheat firms of Rs 27L

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Two persons who cheated the Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (EDI) of lakhs of rupees by using its name illegally were arrested by Gandhinagar Special Operations Group (SOG). The duo was nabbed from Kanpur and a case of cyber cheating filed against them. During preliminary investigation, the police found the accused's roles in four other cheating cases that were filed with Hyderabad and Orissa police.

The accused ran an NGO called CDS (Centre for Development Studies) and made fake claims of its tie-up with EDI to dupe contractors of Rs 27 lakh.

In his complaint to the SP office in Gandhinagar, EDI's senior manager Alok Prashad Shashibhushan had accused an NGO named CDS of illegally using EDI's name to cheat contractors. SP Virendrasinh Yadav handed over the probe to SOG PI DD Sodha who started investigation on the basis of technical surveillance and bank accounts. The accounts were traced to Delhi, Hyderabad, Himachal Pradesh, Kanpur and Lucknow. Based on a tip-off, the SOG nabbed Amjad Sohail Ahmed and Arvind Verma from Kanpur last Friday.

Sodha said, "Amjad's father Dr Afzal Ahmed was a professor at JNU, Delhi. He had established CDS, an NGO in 1986 and received three projects from the Central government. But after his de-



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ath, the NGO had almost become non-existent."

When Afzal's son, the accused, was in dire need of money, he resorted to resurrecting the NGO by making fake claims of its connection with EDI, the PI said. "He gave an advertisement in a local newspaper which showed that CDS had tie-ups with EDI for educational purposes and attracted contractors, only to dupe them of Rs 27 lakh. Using the same modus operandi he executed four other cases of cyber cheating."