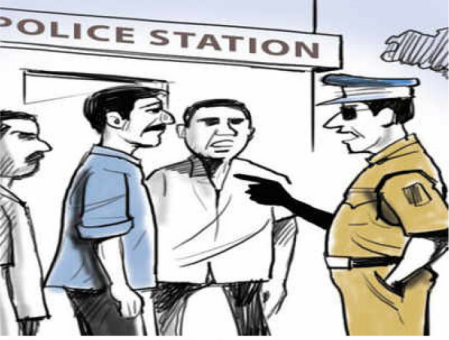


# Conmen bought NEET candidates' data for Rs 5,000: Cops

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BENGALURU: Conmen who allegedly cheated an Uttar Pradesh doctor of Rs 11.5 lakh after promising to get his son an MBBS seat in a Benglauru college accessed data of medical aspirants after paying Rs 5,000 to a National Eligibility Cum Entrance Test (NEET) official in New Delhi.

Acting on the complaint filed by the doctor, Cubbon Park police from central Bengaluru arrested

four accused, all residents of Odisha.

Deputy commissioner of police (central division) D Devaraja told TOI the accused confessed to have stolen data of students by paying Rs 5,000 to an NEET official.

“We will soon visit NEET authorities in New Delhi and question the staffers. Looking at the modus operandi, we suspect it is a deep-rooted racket,” he said.

Meanwhile, an investigating officer confirmed more instances of cheating are emerging during probe. “After reading the news, four parents visited us on Tuesday saying they too have been cheated in a similar fashion and that they would file complaints. We have come across victims from Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and West Bengal,” he said.

### Accused targeted repeaters

Investigations revealed the accused always targeted NEET repeaters. “The conmen targeted these students knowing they’d be desperate to land an MBBS seat. The accused would call these students, claiming to be professional agents for medical seats. After initial talks, they’d tell students there is no use writing exams as seats were being sold and offer to buy seats for them,” investigating officers said.

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# 4 years on, fertilizer plant promised by Union minister H N Ananth Kumar remains on paper

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H N Ananth Kumar

BENGALURU: It's been four years since Union chemicals and fertilizers minister H N Ananth Kumar announced the setting up of a fertilizer manufacturing plant in Karnataka. But the promise still remains on paper, despite the state government offering land for free for the proposed factory.

Soon after he took over as minister of chemicals and

fertilizers in 2014, Kumar had announced that he'd sanction a fertilizer manufacturing unit for Karnataka, provided the state government gives the required land. It was, in fact, one of his first promises as a minister. The proposal was to set up a plant with an annual production capacity of 13 lakh tonnes, with an investment of Rs 5,500 crore.

Responding to the minister's promise, the state government, after several rounds of discussions and communications with the ministry of fertilizers, identified three sites near Dharwad, Davanagere and Vijayapura districts. All the sites are in the vicinity of the Dabhol-Bidadi gas pipeline project as suggested by the Union ministry, as natural gas is a major component for a fertilizer plant.

“We have identified around 275 acres near Davanagere and 500 acres each near Dharwad and Vijayapura. We have even informed the Union fertilizers ministry that the state government is ready to provide land free of cost. But there is no further communication from the minister or the ministry,” said an official of the state industries department.

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It is also being said that at one point of time, the Union ministry asked the state government to contact private fertilizer manufacturing companies to invest in Karnataka, much against the promise made by the Union minister. “We did contact some five companies, but none evinced interest. It is the Union minister who had promised a plant to Karnataka. Now they are asking us to find a private company,” an official said.

Industries minister K J George said the state government had promptly identified land for the plant and offered to give it free of cost. “Now it is for the Union ministry to finalize one of these sites and set up the plant,” he added.

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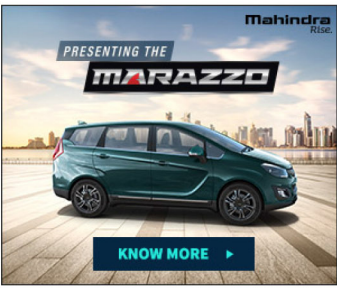
### TOP COMMENT

*Dear Ananth Sir , not many of our ministers taken tje benefit of being in the central ministry like other states. Pls keep the intrrest of the state and help the people of karnataka.*

Anthony

When contacted, Kumar's office staff, quoting fertilizer ministry officials, said the delay in setting up the plant is because a feasibility study is being conducted on the sites proposed by the state government. “It will take some more time and the fertilizer ministry officials, said the delay in setting up the plant is because a feasibility study is being conducted on the sites proposed by the state government. “It will take some more time and the minister is committed to setting up the plant in Karnataka as promised,” they said.

Kumar, however, was not available for comment.



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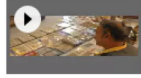
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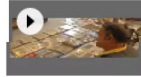
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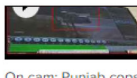
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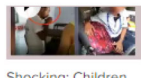
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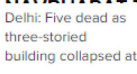
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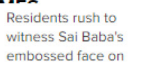
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# Man's forearm chopped off in Bannerghatta forest

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Bannerghatta National Park

BENGALURU: Two miscreants near Suvarnamukhi Temple in Bannerghatta forest on Tuesday evening chopped off the right forearm of an electrical contractor who was with a friend, a woman traffic police constable, and fled with the severed limb.

Bannerghatta police said Raveesh, a resident of Yarandahalli near Anekal and from Chitradurga, and the

constable attached to Bengaluru police, came to the Lakshminarasimhaswamy temple next to the Suvarnamukhi tank on a bike in the afternoon. They parked the bike near the temple and walked into the forest.

Around 6pm, the miscreants chopped off Raveesh's forearm and fled with the weapon and severed limb. Cops suspect the attack was triggered by the couple's relationship or Raveesh's business interests.



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Raveesh, with bleeding severed arm, and policewoman in plainclothes walked to the temple where he collapsed. As Raveesh writhed in pain, the woman's screams drew passersby to the spot. Videos shot on cellphones by passersby show the woman wailing and pleading with them to help Raveesh.

A few passersby rushed him to a nearby hospital from where he was shifted to a private hospital on Bannerghatta Road.

## TOP COMMENT

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Police said couple had stayed in the forest beyond the permitted 5.30pm. "Raveesh and the woman are in shock. She said the miscreants attacked Raveesh around 6am but she couldn't give us clues about them and was unaware about what happened to the chopped off portion. She once said there were three miscreants but later said there were two. We're waiting for her to come out of shock before we take her statement about what happened," Bannerghatta police said.

Police said police personnel and forest officials went to the spot to find the severed limb as attackers may have thrown it away nearby. "It'll be a very difficult task as there are elephants in the area. Doctors said it's impossible to attach the severed limb even we find it," a police officer added.

# Stinking Vrishabhavati nauseates motorists at Sumanahalli bridge

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FILTH UNLIMITED: The garbage dump under Sumanahalli bridge near Vrishabhavati drain

BENGALURU: The wait at the traffic signal under Sumanahalli flyover at the intersection of Outer Ring Road and Magadi Road is nothing short of a nightmare. Besides heavy traffic, the stench emanating from Vrishabhavati stormwater drain that flows under Sumanahalli bridge, Vrishabhavatinagar, is what grates motorists on their nerves.

Sumanahalli bridge is a crucial link for commuters travelling from Nagarbhavi (southwest) and Kamakshipalya (west)

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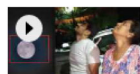
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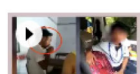
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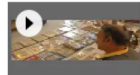
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towards Peenya (east), Rajajinagar (south) and central Bengaluru. The stretch from Vrishabhavati drain, which ironically was once a river, is one festering garbage dump spread over one acre, admit civic officials.

"It's terrible to travel on the bridge, given the foul smell emanating from garbage there. The BBMP has failed to clean the place despite many requests. We've seen its trucks parked in the area, but it's not clear if they dump garbage or lift it," said Mallikarjuna Swamy, a resident of Kamakshipalya.

Businesses in the locality hit

A new apartment is coming up a stone's throw from the dump. "We've asked BBMP to clean this place because it is affecting our business. People don't want to buy flats here because of this," said a spokesperson for the builders.



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"During heavy rain, mucky water from Vrishabhavati spills on to road, troubling passersby. BBMP should create a separate garbage collection point," said Anand N, a businessman running a factory nearby.

Palike officials promised to fix the issue in a month. "We've noticed garbage pile up in the locality. This is mainly because waste collectors haven't been visiting houses. We'll deploy auto tippers for the purpose. Tenders have been called for the same," said Sarfaraz Khan, joint commissioner of health and stormwater management, BBMP.

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**Suryanarayana Krishnamurthy**

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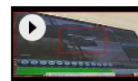
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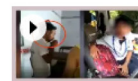
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