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THE JOB SCAM CHECK

Is this job offer real?

Check any job message in sixty seconds before you pay, share a document or click a link. A real employer wants your skills. A scammer wants your money, your documents or your bank account.

Nine red flags. One is enough to stop.

01
You are asked to pay anything

Registration, training, “security deposit”, laptop, uniform or a “refundable” fee. Genuine employers do not charge you to be hired.

02
An offer without a real interview

A “selection letter” before anyone who would manage you has spoken to you properly.

03
WhatsApp or Telegram only

No company email, no verifiable landline, a recruiter profile with no history.

04
“Earn per task”

Like videos, rate hotels, review products. Small payouts first to win trust — then a bigger task that needs your money.

05
They want your bank account, SIM or UPI

“Open an account for salary”, “lend your account”. This can make you a money mule — and the legal trail leads to you.

06
Pressure to decide today

“Only three seats left.” “Offer expires in two hours.” Real hiring survives a 24-hour pause.

07
Salary far above the market

₹60,000 a month for data entry from home, no experience needed.

08
Personal email addresses

hr.companyname@gmail.com. Real HR teams write from the company’s own domain.

09
Documents asked for too early

Aadhaar, PAN, bank details or OTPs before a genuine interview or signed offer.

The one rule: if a job asks you for money — for any reason, however small, “refundable” or not — it is not a job.

Before any call, payment or document

- Search the company name + “fraud” or “scam”.
- Check the sender’s email domain matches the company’s official website.
- Find the company’s own careers page and check the job is listed there.
- Call the company on a number from its official website — never the number in the message.
- **Never share an OTP.** No genuine employer will ever need one.

IF YOU HAVE ALREADY PAID OR SHARED

Act within hours, not days.

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National Cyber Crime Helpline. Call immediately if you have lost money — the first hours give the best chance of freezing it.

cybercrime.gov.in

File a complaint online and keep the complaint number. Works for money lost and documents misused.

What to do

SITUATION	DO THIS
You lost money	Call **1930** now. Then file at **cybercrime.gov.in**.
Suspicious call, SMS or WhatsApp (no money lost)	Report it on **Chakshu**, on the government's Sanchar Saathi portal or app.
You shared bank details or an OTP	Call your bank's official helpline to block the account or card, then report on 1930.
Your documents were misused	File at cybercrime.gov.in and keep the complaint number.

Never share before a signed offer

NEVER	WHY
Any OTP	It authorises payments and account access.
Bank login, UPI PIN, card details	No "salary setup" needs them.
Original documents	Photocopies are enough for genuine early checks.
Aadhaar + PAN + bank details together	Enough to open accounts or take loans in your name.
Your SIM or an account "for company use"	The money-mule trap.
Screen-sharing / remote-access apps	They give full control of your phone.



What stopped Arjun, 22, Gorakhpur. A WhatsApp "selection letter" asked for a refundable ₹2,999 registration fee. His thumb was on the payment app. Three things stopped him: the "HR manager" wrote from a Gmail address, the company's real website listed no openings in his city, and when he said he would pay after visiting the office, the messages stopped. *(A composite story, drawn from common patterns.)*

Do these three things now: save **1930** in your contacts as "Cyber Crime Helpline" · bookmark **cybercrime.gov.in** · forward this page to one person in your family who is looking for work.

Why this matters: people filed more than 53 lakh complaints on the National Cyber Crime Reporting Portal between FY 2023-24 and FY 2025-26, reporting losses of over ₹56,000 crore across all cyber-fraud categories. Fake jobs and work-from-home "tasks" are among the most common hooks.

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