



Telangana State Cyber Security Bureau

Fake IPOs and Trading Apps: A New Financial Threat

Scammers lure investors with promises of high returns on IPO investments, claiming to be associated with reputable institutions like Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs). They typically reach out through messaging platforms, presenting seemingly profitable opportunities. Victims are persuaded to download fraudulent trading apps, which provide scammers access to personal and financial details.

These apps display fake investment portfolios, manipulating victims into transferring more money to specific bank accounts controlled by the scammers. When victims attempt to withdraw their supposed profits, the scammers block their requests, resulting in significant financial losses.

Precautions to Take:

To protect yourself from these scams:

- **Research Thoroughly:** Before investing, thoroughly research the company offering the IPO. Verify its legitimacy through official financial news sources and regulatory bodies like the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI).
- **Beware of Unrealistic Promises:** Be cautious of high-return promises that seem too good to be true. Legitimate investments carry risk, and extraordinary returns often indicate a scam.
- **Verify Contacts:** Confirm the identity and credentials of individuals or institutions claiming to offer IPO opportunities. Contact the official company or institution directly using verified contact details.
- **Avoid Unsolicited Offers:** Be wary of unsolicited messages or emails offering IPO investment opportunities. Scammers often use these methods to lure victims.
- **Use Official Channels:** Only use official, regulated trading platforms and apps for investments. Avoid downloading apps or software from unknown or unofficial sources.
- **Check Regulatory Registration:** Ensure the broker or intermediary is registered with appropriate regulatory bodies. In India, check for SEBI registration.

If you encounter any suspicious activity or believe you have been targeted by these scams, please report it immediately to the Telangana State Cyber Security Bureau.

Stay vigilant, stay safe.

Best Regards,



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