30 Capital schools sent bomb threats again

Second such incident this week, over 44 Delhi schools had received similar threats on Monday

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NEW DELHI: At least 30 schools across Delhi received bomb threats on email in the early hours of Friday, leading to widespread chaos as parents scrambled to retrieve their children from school amid the morning rush, police said.

Despite thorough searches by the Delhi Police, Delhi Fire Services (DFS), and bomb squads, no suspicious items were found, police said.

This is the second such incident this week — on Monday, over 44 schools received similar threats. Of the 30 schools targeted on Friday, 22 were repeats from Monday.

Police suspect the court was the as some schools were "yet to check" their email.

The threatening emails, sent at 12.54am from cappmapg@mail.com, did not include any demands. On Monday, an unidentified account had sent the threat from a Gmail ID demanding $10,000.

Police suspect the same sender or group was behind both incidents. Preliminary investigations suggest the server used could be located in China or the Netherlands, primarily via a VPN.

No breakthrough has been achieved in either incident — the special cell lodged a case under sections of criminal intimidation and criminal conspiracy to identify the sender.

In May this year, more than 250 schools received similar bomb threats on email, and the case, too, is yet to be solved.

DFS on Friday said it received calls from the Bhatnagar International School in Paschim Vihar (8.21am), Cambridge School in Srinivaspuri (8.23am), DPS Ashok Colony in East of Kailash (8.25am), South Delhi Public School in Defence Colony (7.57am), Delhi Public Public School in Sriniwaspuri (8.02am) and Vasundhara Global School in Rohini (8.10am).

Fire officials said that they rushed to the schools along with teams of the Delhi Police and bomb detection units and dog squads.

'Threats likely linked'

Deputy commissioner of police (southeast) Ruri Singh confirmed the hoax after thorough checks at all locations. Central agencies are now involved in the investigation.

Special Cell officers believe the sender is likely tied to the threats earlier this year.

"All schools were evacuated. Mostly children had not arrived at schools since mailers checked their mail early in the morning. According to our information, 30 schools got these mails. The sender is likely from abroad." More schools were alerts to parents to not send their children to schools.

Others checked the mail later and sent students back home.

Police outside Cambridge School in Srinivas Puri in south Delhi on Friday. HT PHOTO

6th threat this year: when will mischief, ordeal end: Parents

Varun Bhandari

NEW DELHI: On Friday, Delhi saw its sixth instance this year of hoax bomb threats targeting schools, exacerbating confusion and fear among students, parents, and staff.

"As soon as the school administration was aware of the bomb threat, we issued an alert to the parents via SMS and took our classes online," said Anil Jain, manager, Modi's International School in Kalu Sarai. He said police arrived at 7.45am.

Madhu Goswami, principal, Cambridge School in Srinivaspuri, said that she was checking school mail when she saw the threat.

"We took our classes online today," she added.

Several parents complained about the uncertainty. Some bomb threats are causing, and said that these threats have now increased in frequency.

Vikas Sharma, whose daughter studies at Delhi Police Public School in Sultanpur Enclave, said that nowadays they frequently check their mobile phones for updates about bomb threats.

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"Every morning, we are seeing more nowadays and checking whether there is an update for any threats since these threats have become so common," said Kiki Grover, whose child studies at Bhatnagar International School in Paschim Vihar.

Asha Prabhakar, chairperson of the National Progressive Schools Conference and principal of the Bharat Public School, Noida, said that authorities should find the source of threats that are causing a lot of mental and physical anguish to students, parents and school staff.

Parents expressed concern about evacuation outside schools when they rush to collect children.

Ajaykar Gaur, president, Delhi Parents' Association, said parents are constantly anxious these days.

| MUNICIPAL POLLS |

22 IAS OFFICERS DEPLOYED AS POLL OBSERVERS IN PUNJAB

HT Correspondent

CHANDIGARH: The Punjab State Election Commission on Friday deployed 22 IAS officers as election observers to oversee the arrangements for the conduct of polls to the municipal corporations, municipal councils and nagar panchayats in the state.

The IAS officers have been deployed by the SEC amid allegations of misuse of police and official machinery, levelled by the opposition parties against the ruling Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) during the filing of nomination papers.

An official spokesperson of the SEC said that Gharbiyan Tiwari has been deployed as election observer for municipal corporation, Amritsar; Arvind Pal Singh Sandhu for municipal corporation, Jalandhar; Puneet Goyal for municipal corporation, Ludhiana; Anandita Mitra for municipal corporation, Patiala; Bubla for municipal corporation Phagwara; Bhagwant Kaur for municipal council(s)/NPs, Amritsar; Sevam Aggarwal for municipal council(s)/NPs, Bathinda; Bhupinder Singh for municipal council(s)/NPs, Barnala; Amandeep Kaur for municipal council(s)/NPs, Fatehgarh Sahib; Uphar Singh for municipal council(s)/NPs, Firozpur, according to an official release.

Similarly, Apneet Riyat has been deputed as election observer for municipal council(s)/NPs, Pathankot; Amit Talwar for municipal council(s) NPs, Jalandhar; Sandeep Hans for municipal council(s)/NPs, Kapurthala; Rahul for municipal council(s)/NPs, Ludhiana; Daljit Singh Mangat for municipal council(s)/NPs, Moga; Kuldeep Bhagoria, for municipal council(s)/NPs, Moga; Amrik Singh for municipal council(s) NPs, SAS Nagar; Harvinder Singh for municipal council(s) NPs, Sri Muktsar Sahib; Sagar Setia for municipal council(s) NPs, SBS Nagar; Harbir Singh for municipal council(s)/NPs, Patiala; Karwalpreet Brar for municipal council(s)/NPs, Sangrur and Sandeep Kumar for municipal council(s)/NPs, Tarn Taran.

Elections to five municipal corporations - Amritsar, Jalandhar, Ludhiana, Patiala and Phagwara - and 64 municipal council(s) and nagar panchayats will be held on December 21.

The counting of votes will also take place the same day. Nominations came to a close on Thursday. Scrutiny of papers was carried out on Friday. The last date for the withdrawal of nominations will be December 16 (till 3 pm).

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