2 more held in fake Chennai Metro Rail website case

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The city cyber-crime police on Monday arrested two more persons in connection with a cyber-crime fraud that allegedly involved creating a fake website purportedly on behalf of the Chennai Metro Rail and releasing advertisement on its webpage for recruiting personnel for Metro Rail.

Following the recent arrest of Srijith (34) from Mallappuram district in Kerala, allegedly the brain behind the fake website, cyber-crime sleuths arrested Balu (38) and Prashanth (32) in Chennai on Monday.

The accused designed the fake website, www.cmrlco.org by copying the design of Metro

Rail's original website, www.chennaimetrorail.org. The accused also incorporated the content and pictures from Metro Rail's original website to make it look like the official website of the Chennai Metro Rail.

Police said they have used this fake website for a jab racquet by fraudulently impersonating Metro Rail's original website. Investigations revealed that the three accused have also tried to fake in similar way the websites of other public sector undertakings.

While Srijith has already been remanded to judicial custody on July 8, the other two were remanded on Monday. The fake website has been pulled down by the cyber-crime police.