

# Techie creates fake metro site to cheat job seekers, held

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**Chennai:** A 34-year-old techie doing freelance work for some IT firms in Kerala has been arrested by the cy-



ber crime wing of TN Central Crime Branch (CCB) for creating fake websites and

cheating several job aspirants.

**S Sreejith**, 34, of Malappuram was found to have created two fake websites inviting job applications on behalf of Chennai Metro Rail Limited (CMRL). Police arrested him after metro rail officials complained. CMRL had cautioned people not to fall prey to fake and misleading advertisements on websites, local TV channels and social media platforms.

CMRL officials said several job seekers came to them inquiring about the status of

their applications. Some of them had paid ₹4,000 as "application fee" as mentioned on a couple of websites. "These turned out to be fake websites," said an official. "CMRL recruitment ads are different, and they are published in newspapers and posted on CMRL's website <https://chennaimetro-rail.org>."

Cyber police investigation found that the fake websites were created by Sreejith, who copied many elements from the CMRL's original website. These websites carried announcements inviting job applications. Sreejith gave his contact number and email ID for correspondence."

"He took resumes from a few candidates and also issued appointment orders," said a police officer. "We are trying to find out whether he had conducted fake interviews and taken money from them," he added.