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How a Wi-Fi username terrorised the vicinity

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New Delhi: "Join Hizbul Mujahideen," read the Wi-Fi network as a 34-year-old software engineer entered his home on Sunday night. The puzzled man looked at the list again to check if he had misread it.

He refreshed the list, switched his phone off and on but the name continued to remain active on the list of Wi-Fi networks. He then made a PCR call, informing them about the network that was present in their area but whose exact location could not be found.

The local police was called in and they also received the same set of networks on their phones. The teams checked for the possible addresses in the night but when the local inquiry did not yield anything, the local cybercrime unit was roped in and other security agencies were also notified.

Investigating officers said that they first created a radius in which the Wi-Fi net-

Police were called to a neighborhood in Delhi after a complaint was lodged over a Wi-Fi network with the name "Join Hizbul Mujahideen"

work was available and chalked out a map based on it. Through this, a list of addresses was created the next day and the cops started checking the houses for Wi-Fi addresses that were being operated by the inhabitants there.

Meanwhile, the cops also contacted the local internet service providers in order to obtain information from them about their customers who could be running the network. Subsequently, the teams managed to contact a telecom shop in the vicinity and the owner, Gulshan Tiwari (60), confirmed that he had a Wi-Fi connection that was installed on November 26 in his shop.

However, Tiwari, who is from Lucknow, feigned ignorance about the name or how it was being operated, claiming little technical know-how.

The mystery finally unravelled when Tiwari's younger son admitted to the cops that it was him who had put that name on their family Wi-Fi network. He told cops that earlier, the username was set after his elder brother's name when it was being installed. The 25-year-old later told cops that after the Wi-Fi was installed, many people were able to connect to their system and use their internet. Fed up with this, he came up with the idea of setting a 'scary' name, which he thought would dissuade his neighbours from hacking into their internet. Confirming the developments, DCP (Dwarka) Anto Alphonse said that no case was registered as no suspicious activities were found running on the Wi-Fi network and they just asked the family to change the username.

UGC provides extra time in exams for differently abled candidates

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BENGALURU, DHNS: Keeping the interest of differently abled candidates in mind, the University Grants Commission (UGC) has asked all the higher education institutions to provide a minimum one-hour 'compensatory time' for a three-hour examination.

However, the candidates can claim the compensatory time with or without a scribe.

The UGC in the latest circular said the persons with benchmark disability (PwBD) have to produce valid documents to avail the service and

prove the necessity of the scribe to write the exam.

"All candidates with benchmark disabilities, who are eligible to avail a scribe, may be allowed additional time of minimum of one-hour for examination of three hours duration, whether they use a scribe or not," the circular, as defined by Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, said.

The additional time should not be less than 20 minutes per hour of examination, the circular added.

"If the examination is less than one hour, then additional time must be allocated ac-

cordingly on a pro-rata basis. Additional time should not be less than five minutes and should be in multiples of five minutes," it said.

Welcoming the move, visually challenged candidate Muniyappa told *DH*: "This was a long-pending demand. We needed extra time during the examinations. It's not possible for us to think and dictate the same to scribes within three hours. The extra time will be of much help for us." The circular has also clearly mentioned the usage of the word 'extra time' or 'additional time,' changing to 'compensatory time'.

SC rejects Centre's plea against department-wise quota for faculty

NEW DELHI, DHNS: The Supreme Court on Wednesday dismissed a plea by the Centre and the UGC to reconsider the January 22 order on treating a particular department in universities as a unit for reserving teachers posts.

The issue has rocked Parliament in the last session, forcing the government to file review petitions as it was contended by all political parties that providing reservation taking each department of universities as a unit would deprive OBCs, SCs and STs lose their shares.

On Wednesday, a bench of Justices U U Lalit and Indira Banerjee said, "We have gone through the review petitions and do not find any error apparent on record to justify interference in review jurisdiction." The bench also pointed out that the grounds

in the review petitions were also raised and gone into when the special leave petitions were considered by this court.

It had upheld the HC's judgement, delivered on April 7, 2017, directing for considering a particular department as a unit for reserving teaching posts instead of the university.

"The decision rendered by the HC was (then) found to be correct and the special leave petitions were dismissed. The court also noted that similar challenge raised on behalf of certain individual petitioners had also been rejected earlier," the bench said in its order on Wednesday.

"Taking totality of the circumstances, the submissions raised by the University Grants Commission and the Union of India were not accepted and the petitions were dismissed," the bench added.