

## 34. CHARITY FRAUDS

Raju is a Government school teacher.  
 He came across a news report that Actor Monu  
 was gifting smartphones to government school students.

**NEWS  
 REPORT**

Actor Monu gifts 100  
 smartphones to Government  
 school students

Raju searched on the  
 internet about the  
 actor's charity  
 foundation  
 and called up the  
 number.

**MONU**  
 charity  
 Foundation

"Hello, Sir. Is this actor  
 Monu's charity foundation??"

"Hi Sir. This is his  
 office's number.  
 I am his personal  
 secretary.  
 How may I help you?"

Do's-

- ✓ Always cross-check charity organizations' credentials on the Government website /database to see if they are genuine or fake.
- ✓ Always be vigilant because the fake website may look almost identical to a genuine charity site, changing only the details of where to send donations.
- ✓ Scammers often use high-pressure tactics, such as stressing the urgency and using highly emotive language. Always be cautious of anyone claiming that donations need to be immediate.
- ✓ Report the incident to the nearest Cyber Crime Police Station and National Cyber Crime Reporting Portal at <https://cybercrime.gov.in>



"Sir. I am Raju, calling from xxxx government school. I saw the news of your charity to the students. Sir, we have 100 poor students in our school who cannot afford laptops / smartphones. Can you please help us, Sir"?



"That would be great! Sir."



"Okay, Sir. I'll send you the registration fee right away. Please share your account details."



"Oh yes! Thank you so much for reaching out to us on behalf of poor children. I assure you of help."



"Okay. Please share your address. We will send you 100 smartphones. However, you will have to pay a token registration charge of Rs 50,000/- today itself for us to send the phones. The phones will be delivered in a week, and we will refund the registration fee after delivery."



Raju transferred the funds, but he later came to know that no such mobile phones were donated to government school students. Raju realised that he had been duped by fraudsters under the pretext of charity.

Don'ts-

- × Don't call on a random number based on a google search without verification.
- × Don't send money upfront without verifying the authenticity/genuineness of the claim.