**PRESS RELEASE**

**EAST DISTRICT** **DATED: 25.11.2026**

**ASB CELL, EAST DISTRICT, APPREHENDS HABITUAL SNATCHER UNDER SPECIAL OPERATION "STREET SHIELD"; CHAIN SNATCHING CASE WORKED OUT WITHIN THREE DAYS**

- **A habitual snatcher involved in 51 previous criminal cases apprehended by ASB Cell, East District.**
- **Chain snatching case of PS Laxmi Nagar, reported on 21.11.2026, worked out within three days.**
- **Stolen gold chain with Om locket recovered from the accused.**
- **Stolen scooty allegedly used in the commission of the offence recovered.**
- **Clothes, shoes and helmet allegedly worn by the accused at the time of the incident also recovered.**

**BRIEF:**

In a significant breakthrough under the special operation "Street Shield", the Anti-Snatching and Burglary (ASB) Cell, East District, has apprehended a habitual criminal involved in a chain-snatching case registered at PS Laxmi Nagar. The accused, identified as Pankaj @ Cheera, was apprehended through sustained CCTV analysis, route tracking and focused field investigation. The case was worked out within three days, resulting in the recovery of the snatched gold chain, the stolen scooty allegedly used in the offence and other relevant evidence.

**INCIDENT:**

On 21.11.2026, at approximately 04:30 PM, complainant reported that while returning after shopping from Laxmi Nagar Market, an unknown person riding a scooty snatched her gold chain bearing an Om locket and fled from the spot. Accordingly, FIR No. 414/26 dated 21.11.2026, under Section 304(2) BNS, was registered at PS Laxmi Nagar and investigation was taken up.

**TEAM AND INVESTIGATION:**

Considering the nature of the offence, a dedicated team of ASB Cell, East District, comprising HC Shailender, HC Navdeep, HC Rohit, Ct. Anantpal and Ct. Manish was constituted under the leadership of SI Ajay Tomar, IC ASB Cell/East, under the close supervision of Sh. Mahavir Prasad, ACP/Operations/East.

The team immediately contacted the complainant, visited the place of occurrence and undertook an extensive examination of CCTV footage from the crime scene and adjoining routes. During CCTV analysis, a suspect riding a brown-coloured scooty and wearing a black helmet was identified committing the snatching at approximately 04:37 PM. His movement was meticulously tracked through multiple CCTV cameras installed along the suspected escape route. During the investigation, the registration number of the scooty was captured through ANPR footage. Verification revealed that the scooty had been reported stolen in FIR No. 38630/26 dated 21.11.2026, registered at PS Shakarpur. Further CCTV analysis established that the accused had proceeded towards B-Block, Shakarpur. The team conducted an extensive search of the adjoining area, leading to the recovery of the stolen scooty parked in a street. Local enquiry established its connection with Pankaj @ Cheera. Acting swiftly, the police team conducted a raid at his residence, where he was found present and apprehended. During questioning, the accused disclosed that he had pledged the snatched gold chain with Muthoot Finance to obtain a loan. He also produced the relevant finance receipt. Subsequently, the snatched gold chain was recovered. The clothes, shoes

and helmet allegedly worn by the accused during the commission of the offence were also recovered from his possession. The apprehended accused, along with the recovered articles, was handed over to the concerned Investigating Officer of PS Laxmi Nagar for further necessary legal action. Further investigation is in progress.

**PROFILE OF ACCUSED:**

**Name: Pankaj @ Cheera**

**Age**: 35 years

**Address**: Shakarpur, Delhi.

**PREVIOUS INVOLVEMENT:**

The accused is a habitual offender with involvement in 51 previous criminal cases registered at various police stations of Delhi. His previous involvements include cases relating to snatching, theft, and arms offences etc

**RECOVERY:**

- One gold chain with Om locket, snatched from the complainant.
- One scooty bearing registration No. DL6SAB****, reported stolen vide FIR No. 38630/26 dated 21.11.2026, PS Shakarpur, allegedly used in the commission of the offence.
- Clothes, shoes and helmet allegedly worn by the accused at the time of the incident.

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