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EAST DISTRICT POLICE CRACKS CHAIN SNATCHING CASE UNDER SPECIAL OPERATION "STREET SHIELD"; HABITUAL OFFENDER WITH OVER 25 PREVIOUS CRIMINAL CASES APPREHENDED BY ASB CELL

- **ASB Cell, East District, apprehends a 46-year-old habitual criminal involved in a chain-snatching case registered at PS New Ashok Nagar.**
- **Case worked out through systematic CCTV footage analysis, ANPR verification, technical investigation and human intelligence.**
- **Accused and his associate allegedly used a motorcycle with a forged number plate to evade identification.**
- **Accused disclosed the identity and role of his associate, who allegedly accompanied him during the crime.**
- **Accused has involvement in more than 25 previous criminal cases, including snatching, robbery, dacoity, attempt to murder and Arms Act cases.**

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, identified as Nahid Azad (46), in connection with a chain-snatching case registered at PS New Ashok Nagar. The case was worked out through sustained investigation involving CCTV footage analysis, ANPR

verification, technical investigation and human intelligence. The accused has a history of involvement in more than 25 criminal cases.

INCIDENT:

On 27.10.2026, at approximately 7:00 AM, complainant Vijay Kumar Seth was going for a morning walk near Parvatiya Vihar Apartments when two persons riding a black motorcycle allegedly snatched his gold chain weighing approximately 12 grams, along with an Om pendant weighing 1.2 grams, and fled from the spot. Accordingly, FIR No. 754/2026 under Sections 304(2)/3(5) BNS was registered at PS New Ashok Nagar and investigation was taken up.

TEAM AND INVESTIGATION:

Considering the seriousness of the incident, a dedicated team of ASB Cell, East District, comprising HC Shailender, HC Manendra, HC Navdeep, ASI Umesh, HC Mohit, Ct. Manish and Ct. Anant Pal was constituted under the leadership of SI Ajay Tomar, In-Charge ASB Cell, East District, under the close supervision of ACP/Ops Sh. Mahavir Prasad.

During the investigation, the team examined CCTV footage of the surrounding areas and traced the suspected motorcycle's movement through multiple routes. The complainant identified the two persons appearing in the footage as the alleged perpetrators. ANPR footage initially revealed that the motorcycle was displaying a registration number which, upon verification, was found to be registered to a scooter, indicating the use of a fake number plate. Through backward route analysis, the team traced the movement of the suspects through New Ashok Nagar, Kalyanpuri and Nala Road. CCTV footage revealed that the suspects had allegedly changed their clothes, helmets, seating positions and motorcycle number plate during their movement to conceal their identities and evade detection. Further examination of ANPR footage near Gazipur underpass revealed the motorcycle's actual registration number. Verification of its

ownership and subsequent field investigation helped the police establish the ownership trail and identify persons connected with the motorcycle.

INTERROGATION:

During the investigation, it emerged that the motorcycle belonged to Ejaj and had been given to his father-in-law, Aslam. Aslam disclosed that he had subsequently handed over the motorcycle to his old acquaintance, Nahid Azad, who was allegedly not returning it despite repeated requests. Despite sustained efforts, Nahid could not initially be traced. It was learnt that he was not using a regular mobile SIM connection. Acting on specific information regarding his presence near Karkardooma Courts, the ASB Cell team laid a trap and successfully apprehended Nahid Azad. During interrogation, Nahid disclosed that he was accompanied by an associate, Afzal during the commission of the chain-snatching offence. He stated that he had become acquainted with Afzal during his stay in jail and that the two communicated through the Jangli application using Wi-Fi. The accused further disclosed that the motorcycle allegedly used in the offence and the snatched gold chain were presently in the possession of his associate, Afzal, who is stated to reside in the Modinagar area. Efforts are underway to trace the co-accused and recover the snatched property and motorcycle. The accused has been handed over to the concerned Investigating Officer of PS New Ashok Nagar for further legal action. The case has been worked out through the coordinated efforts of the ASB Cell, East District. Further investigation is in progress.

PROFILE OF ACCUSED:

Name: Nahid Azad

Age: 46 years

Address: Mustafabad, Delhi.

PREVIOUS INVOLVEMENT:

The accused is a habitual offender with involvement in more than 25 previous criminal cases, including offences relating to attempt to murder, snatching, robbery, dacoity and the Arms Act.

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