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An online minor sexual abuse racket has been busted by the CBI today.
This is part of an ongoing investigation.
The leader of the gang was arrested from his house in Srinagar. He is being produced in court.
The racket operated and targeted minors online.

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CBI says that they have recently traced and arrested another accused from Chitrakoot in Uttar Pradesh on November 16.
The man is accused of sexually abusing at least 50 minors from the districts of Chitrakoot, Banda & Hamirpur (Uttar Pradesh).
Searches are on across India.

CBI isn't revealing how they got to know about these rackets but sources confirm that they got to know about them while pursuing an "ongoing case" which is under investigation.
A huge cache of data in pen drives, laptops, external hard drives have been recovered from both accused

The accused in Uttar Pradesh used to sell the pornographic material online on dark web. The transactions have been traced.

The man in Srinagar had a conduit, a woman, in Washington DC, and both used to engage in blackmailing minor girls from the USA with incriminating materials.

As per CBI: The accused's partner is living in Washington DC.
"The accused was allegedly operating through his wife, who had agreed to be involved in Master - Slave relationship with the accused and on his direction, she allegedly exploited multiple minors, recorded these abuses"

CBI adds: "The incriminating data was electronically sent to him. It was alleged that when the victims refused to follow his dictate, he shared these videos and images with victims' family members."
CBI raid at Srinagar led to the recovery of 3 laptops, 5 mobiles, pen drives etc.

The CBI has slapped a case under sections of 67B of the IT Act and section 14 of POCSO Act (2012).
Sources say Homeland Security has been notified about the woman in DC and she may be in custody soon.
The CBI is praying for custody of the man accused and it's likely to be granted

The CBI confirms and affirms that it is working on unearthing of child sexual abuse rackets and tracing channels on the dark web where these illegal materials are traded.
They haven't declared if it is connected with any case so I would request all to not draw a conclusion.

However, the CBI has also confirmed that this minor abuse case, is a "part of an ongoing probe".
This means, that the leads of this case have emerged while investigating another case which was already under its jurisdiction.
Apart from this, no other fact has been revealed so far

Parents must keep a vigil on the online activity of children. Parents must also regularly check the browsing history and conduct surprise checks on their children's' devices. More so, it is not advisable to let them log in alone when none is around to keep check.

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