

# PhD, BTech fake degree racket busted

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The Special Cell of Delhi Police on Friday claimed to have smashed a racket involved in distributing fake degrees, including PhD and B Tech for `40,000, with the arrest of two persons. The arrests came following investigation into a complaint filed by one Kamaljeet, who became suspicious of an institute where he enrolled for BA degree course.

Omkar Singh (23), who owns an institute in Hari Nagar, and Sanjeev Kumar (48), who runs another institute in Faridabad, were arrested following the investigation, Arun Kampani, Deputy Commissioner of Police (Special Cell), said. "We got information about this racket and later Kamaljeet confirmed it to us. He told that he had also applied for BA degree in 2009 but after taking `40,000, they were not providing him any admission or any kind of examination. Later, when he went to the office of Sarvodya College, Singh showed him a marksheet of BA first year from Chhattisgarh University in his name, but when he checked it he found that the mark sheet was of 2004-2005 while he had applied in 2009 only, the DCP said.

He got suspicious and asked the duo to return his money as he did not want to take earn a degree like that. He complained that he visited them many times to get his money back.

During the raids at the two institutes, police recovered fake degree certificates of PhD, LLB, MBA, M Ed, B Tech, BBA, BCA, BAMS, B Sc, BA and D Pharm of various Universities.

"These degrees help people without qualification to apply for jobs in private firms where no verification of educational qualifications is undertaken in most of the cases," Kampani said.