

Report says Mumbai's cybercrimes surged 112% in five years: 7 things to know

Morphing mail, data theft, phishing and hacking, among other forms of cybercrimes featured in the list released recently. Mirror Now breaks down the major findings of the report in seven points here.

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Mumbai: The city of Mumbai recorded 1,361 [cybercrime](#) cases in 2017. By 2021, it went up to 2,883 -- a 112% increase. Morphing mail, data theft, phishing and [hacking](#), among other forms of cybercrimes featured in the list released recently by the non-profit 'Praj Foundation'.

However, experts were of the opinion that the number of FIRs being registered in connection with cybercrimes was very small compared to the actual number of

complaints, the report said. Here are the major details from the report that might interest Mumbaiikars:

- Online cheating through matrimonial apps, job scams and loan apps topped the list of cybercrimes last year. A total of 1,154 FIRs were filed in association with cases of this kind, the Times of India (TOI) pointed out.
- Cybercrimes involving credit/debit cards came second with a total of 1,057 FIRs being filed.
- According to the data, the detection rate of cybercrimes was low at 16% in 2021.
- The report showed a substantial fall in the number of cybercrimes in the city that involved obscene mail/SMS/MMS. While 228 such cases were reported in 2017, it went up to 295 the following year. 2019 and 2020 witnessed 239 and 247 cases of the kind being registered while only 142 cases were registered in 2021.
- Meanwhile, fraud through morphing mail and fake social media profile reached an all-time high of 118 in 2021 while it was only 30 in 2020, the data showed.
- Not a single case was filed for sending threatening mail/SMS in the city for the fourth year in a row.
- 20 cases of data theft, 54 sextortion and 17 communal posts were also featured in the chart for the year 2021. These categories were not included in the previous editions of the report and hence comparisons were unavailable.

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