

Protecting Privacy in Cyberspace CIET-NCERT

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Cyberspace Anonymity. Lacks borders. rising threats



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-According to NCRB, Cases registered up 1.6%; crimes against women rise 7.3%; cybercrimes increased by 63.5%

During 2019, 60.4% of cyber-crime cases registered were for fraud, sexual exploitation- 5.1% and 4.3% cases for causing disrepute

<u>https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/ncrb-crim</u> e-data-2019-cases-registered-up-1-6-crimes-agai



Rising cybercrime on Internet

What are cybercrimes?

- Computer Crime, E-Crime, Electronic Crime is where a computer is the target of a crime or is the means adopted to commit a crime.
- Most of these crimes are not new. Criminals simply devise different ways to undertake standard criminal activities such as fraud, theft, blackmail, forgery, and embezzlement using the new medium, often involving the internet.
- Cybercrimes can be categorised based on gravity or nature of offence, or affected target group.





• Sexual harassment • (S.354A,509 IPC)

• Criminal Intimidation/bullying • (S.506 IPC)

• Extortion (S.384 IPC)

• Hacking • (S.66 IT Act)

> • Cyber Defamation • (S.500 IPC)

• Stalking ●(S.354D-IPC)



 Pornography • (S.67,67A IT Act

> • Privacy invasion • (S.66E,IT Act,354C,509-IPC)

Cybercrimes

• Cheating by personation(S.419 –IPC,S.66D,IT Act)

• Phishing • (S.66C,66D IT Act , • S. 419 IPC

 Identity Theft(s.66C,IT Act)





Need to protect children online

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Rise of sexual abuse of children online

- Children on the internet are vulnerable to attacks by paedophiles, child predators, child groomers, cyberstalkers and other cybercriminals
- Motive is sexual gratification and/or commercial exploitation by creating and selling child pornography • A study published by Ministry of Women and Child development in 2007, reported India has the world's largest number of sexually abused children
- 53% of children in India were reported to have been sexually abused.
- Predators stalk children, steal pictures or threaten them to send obscene pictures, morph the pictures and later extort them
- Children being approached or observed in chat rooms
- Children's identities, location or vulnerability being sourced from material available online
- Deep fakes
- Morphing of pictures
- Child trafficking rackets
- Section 67B bans Child pornography and S.14 of POCSO Act, 2012 5years imprisonment and fine or both
- Supreme Court of India- Kamlesh Vaswani v UOI case- block child pornography .





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- Trolling
- Stalking
- Hidden webcam
- Invasion of privacy
- Morphed pictures, videos
- Extortion rackets
- Revenge porn
- IT Act-S.67,67A,66E,of IT Act,2000-upto 3 yr term +fine
- IPC-354A,354C, 354D ,509 -upto 3 yr term +fine
- Indecent Representation of women Act
- Vishaka Judgment Sexual harassment agiainst women at workplace Act,2013



Offences under IPC, IT Act, 2000



Identity theft & Cheating

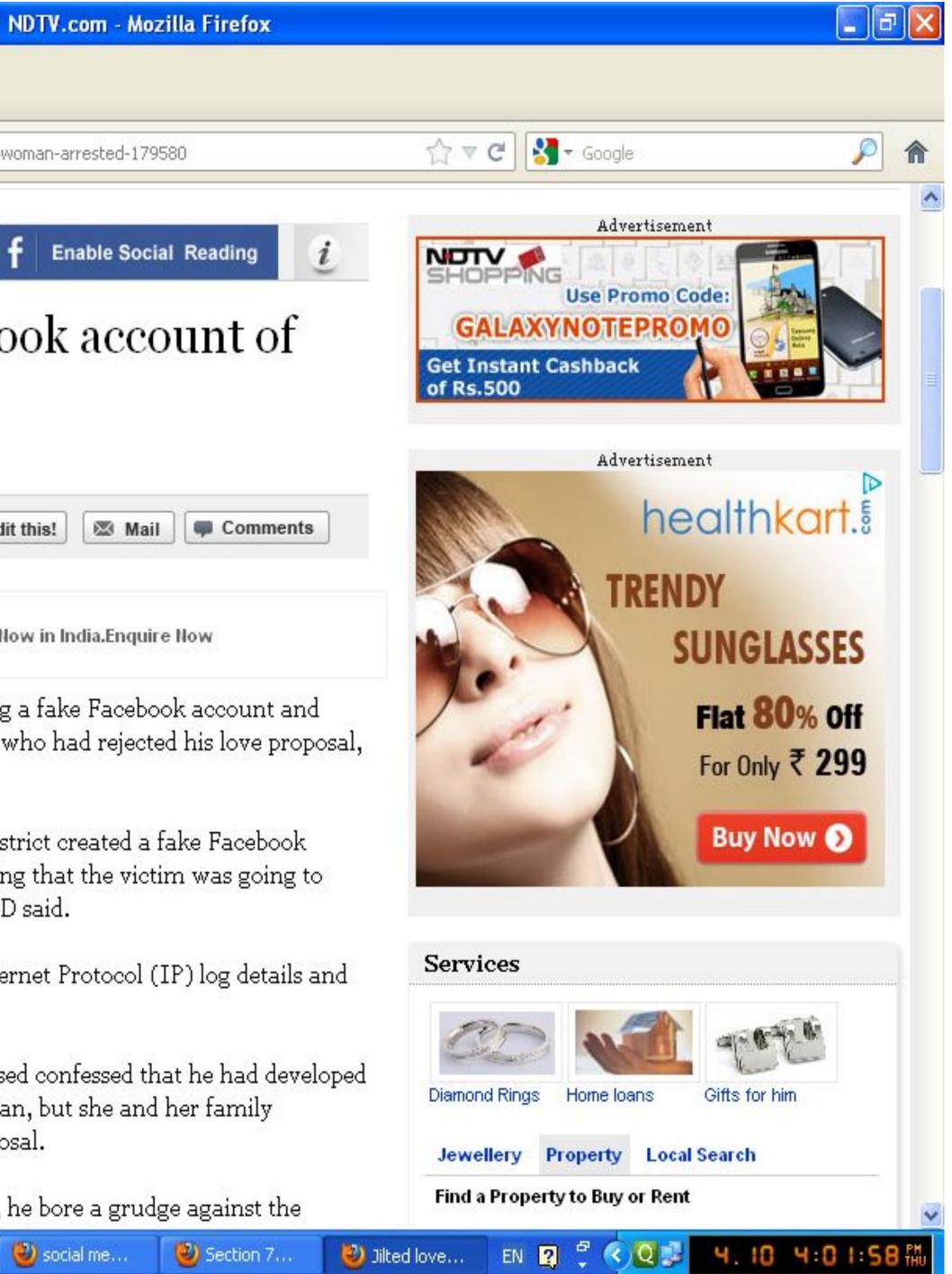
- Fake social media accounts and identity theft cases on the rise
- Motive is sexual exploitation or extortion
- Identity theft is punishable under Section 66C of IT Act, 2000 with imprisonment of unto 3 years and fine or both.
- Cheating by personation is punishable under SEc.66D ofIT Act,2000 with imprisonment of unto 3 years and fine or both.
- Report to police -100,112,<u>cybercrime.gov.in</u>
- Keep screen shots of evidence





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Jilted lover creates fake Facebook account of woman, arrested

Press Trust of India | Updated: February 25, 2012 10:40 IST

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Hyderabad: A man has been arrested on charges of creating a fake Facebook account and posting defamatory and obscene comments about a woman, who had rejected his love proposal, Andhra Pradesh police said on Friday.

The accused Mohammed Osman Ali, resident of Nalgonda district created a fake Facebook account of the victim and transmitted vulgar comments stating that the victim was going to deliver a baby shortly, officials of Cyber Crimes Cell in the CID said.

Following a complaint, Cyber Crime sleuths analysed the Internet Protocol (IP) log details and identified Ali and arrested him from Nalgonda.

| Most Rece | nt | During interrogation, the accused confesse affection and love for the woman, but she members had rejected his proposal. | | | |
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Phishing Vishing.

- Never reveal OTP
- Keep two step verification
- Do not share passwords with anyone
- Keep password manager to secure passwords
- Fake lottery /employment mails
- Use of key loggers /malware /spoofing tools /fake emails
- Sec 66 of IT Act,2000 -3 year term of punishment, Sec 420 IPC cheating-non bailable offence







IT Act, 2000 -offences

phishing/identity theft/cheating

Compensation can be claimed for unauthorised debits to any bank account under Section 43 r/w Section 46 of IT Act,2000

- Section 66 Punishment for hacking
- Section 66C- Punishment for Identity theft
- Section 66D -Punishment for Cheating by Personation
- Section 66F cyberterrorism
- Section 420 IPC-cheating

Preserve screenshots of evidence

Report it to Bank immediately if account/ plastic card data gets compromised

- Block credit cards /debit cards
- If bank server is hacked- zero liability for customer or when he reports fraud on immediate basis as per RBI mandates.
- Register police complaint –cybercrime.gov.in
- Emergency Helpine-112



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Online safety

Best practices

- Need for cyberawareness in schools
- Regular sensitisation of parents , teachers, students by schools through workshops on online safety
- Use of tracking software / filtering software
- Need for sex education
- Internal complaints committee against sexual harassment
- Building trust to keep communication open and transparent with teachers, parents
- Need for IT policy/home rules for internet usage
- Below 13 years -no social media account to be opened







Fake donation handles during Covid times!

 In one case registered by Delhi Police a fraudster created a fake UPI ID for PM cares Relief Fund .While the correct UPI ID is 'pmcares@sbi', someone created a fake id as pmcare@sbi.

Beware of fake NGOs/fake ads for donation

FAKE UPI IDs

pmcares@pnb
pmcares@hdfcbank
pmcare@yesbank
pmcare@ybl
pmcare@upi
pmcare@sbi
pmcares@icici





Advisory by Delhi Police

86% rise in Frauds during lockdown

SMS on donation schemes or offers on essential items like masks, sanitisers, fake testing kits, vaccines,

Fake links on sms/email/whatsapp

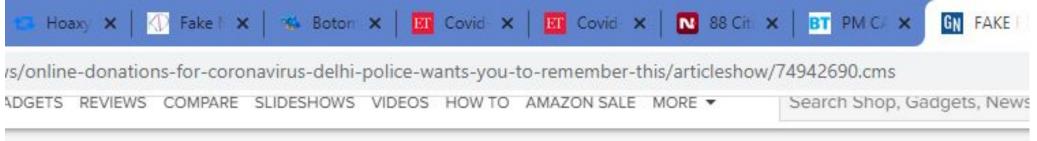
Fake therapists/astrologers

Fake apps/infected links

Fake online apps

Dark web- selling blood of corona patients who recovered



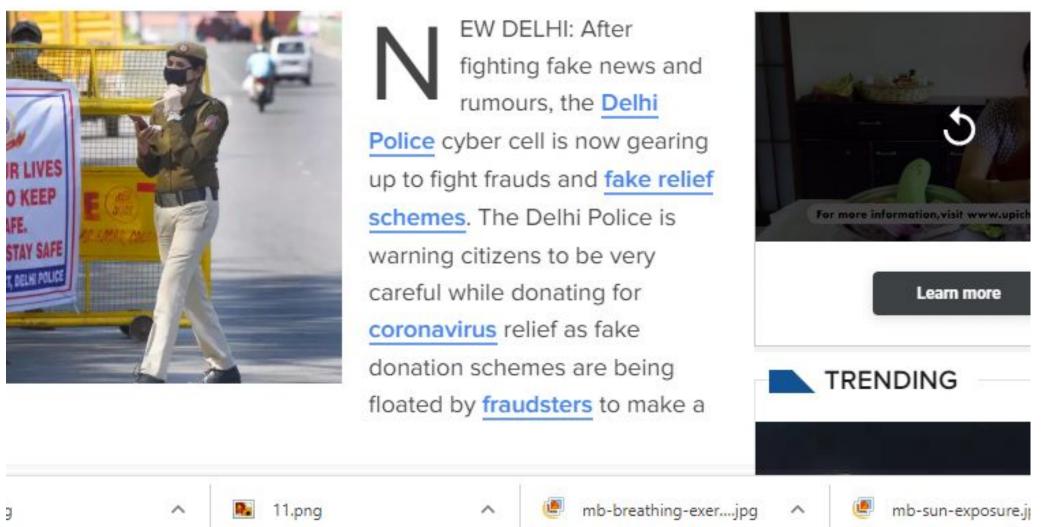


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Read Newspaper websites/official news handles /PIB reports/official govt websites /official news sites

WHO Website/ official websites of Other Countries / Govt
 Detect fake video- slow/incomplete/deep fake/doctored/geo location properties

Websites that detect fake news-

- Botometer
- Factcheck.org
- Snopes
- Hoaxy
- Metafact
- Boom
- Altnews
- Google Reverse image search
- Youtube data viewer
- SM Hoaxslayer

• <u>Times Internet has TOI Factcheck and The Quint has WebQoof</u>

Tools to Detect fake news!







Advisories by CERT-IN During Cov

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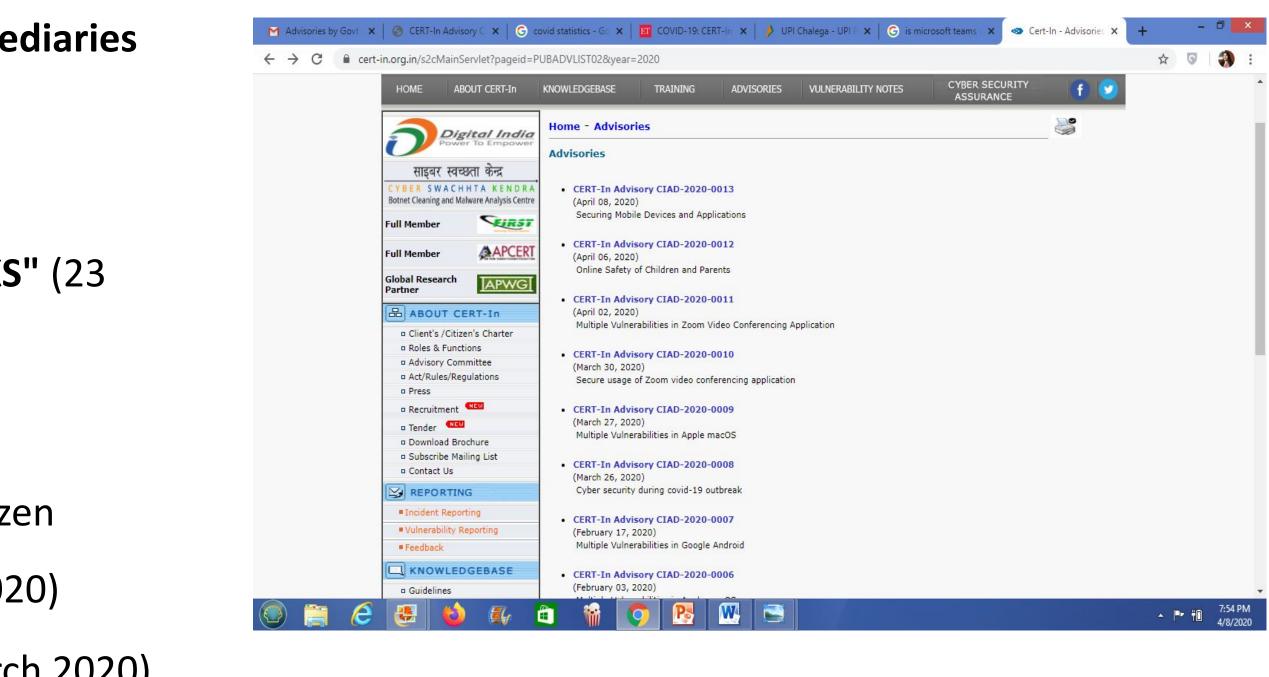
Cyberlaw Group had issued an advisory on 20.03.2020 to intermediaries particularly major social media platforms to curb fake news/misinformation related to corona virus.

2. "CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC [COVID-19] BASED CYBER ATTACKS" (23 March 2020)

3. Cyber security during covid-19 outbreak (26 March 2020)

4. Fake UPI IDs circulated on the pretext of "Prime Minister's Citizen Assistance and Relief in Emergency Situations Fund" (30 March 2020)

5. Secure usage of Zoom video conferencing application (30 March 2020)
Strong passwords-zoom software patched and uptodate







- Art. 21 of Constitution of India-Right to privacy-a fundamental right- Justice K.S. Puttaswamy case
- data
- Terms of use, privacy policy mandatory
- Clickwrap agreement -legally valid
- Apps /websites-collect more than required information
- Obligation to protect personal data -Section 43A of IT Act, 2000
- Role of Adjudicating Authority
- Grant of Compensation

safeguard your privacy online



• Requirement of consent to collect, process, store personal data, update and delete



'rotection under Indian cyberlaw

Section 2(1)(v)- information

- Includes data, message, text, images, sound, voice, codes, computer programmes, software and databases or microfilm or computer generated microfiche
- Section 66- computer related offences includes hacking unto 3 years of imprisonment + fine
- Section 43- compensation for damage to computer, computer system . Includes unauthorised access to computer/data, unauthorised copying of data (from system/removable storage), damage to computer/data, denial of access, disruption of computer, destroys, deletes, alters information, or diminishes its value or utility or affects it injuriously
- objective criteria laid down for guidance maintained-Amount of unfair advantage animad amount of loss repatitive pature of default







PDP bill,2019

- Justice Srikrishna Committee report
 PDP bill,2019 Personal data includes religious, political preferences, sexual orientation etc. Excludes Passwords
- Expanded the definition of personal data to include inferred data. Sec.
 3(28) includes "... and shall include any inference drawn from such data for the purpose of profiling".
- Applicable to government as well as private entities.
- creation of a separate data protection



Overview of Justice Srikrishna Committee Report

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PDP bill ,2019- personal data protection

- Consent of user should be clear, express and informed
- Collect only what is necessary
- processing of data should be minimal and only for the purpose for which it is **SOUGht**
- forgotten
- Right to erasure of data
- maintain security of data, approval of Data Protection Authority
- Mirror copy to be saved in Indian Servers
- Very sensitive data such as health record to be saved in Indian Servers
- Similar to GDPR in Europe.

Participation right-confirm, access, and rectify the data, right to object to data processing, right to be

Data transferred outside India by Data Fiduciary only with explicit consent of user, Contractual clauses to





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- A victim of cybercrime needs to immediately report the matter to his local police station and to the néarest cybercrime cell.
- Collect evidence of content, date and time and take screen shots and report it to nearest police station. Take advice of cyberlaw expert.
- Depending on the nature of crime there may be civil and criminal remedies.
- In civil remedies, injunction and restraint orders, blocking of websites, may be sought, together with damages, delivery up of infringing matter and/or account for profits.36 hr deadline for blocking or approach court.
- Call police helpline, 1112, 100, 1098. Report at cybercrime.gov.in In criminal remedies, a cybercrime case will be registered by police if the offence is cognisable and If the same is non cognisable, a complaint should be filed with
- metropolitan magistrate
- •For certain offences, both civil and criminal remedies may be available to the victim.

gal recourse against cybercrime





est practices for cyber safety

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- > Keep your private information private. Information posted once cannot be permanently deleted from internet such as phone number, pics
- > Choose security & privacy settings carefully.
- > Keep your software and OS uptodate
- > Use good antivirus and antispyware
- > You can choose to remain anonymous-use Tor or other tools
- > Use DNC registry/block abusers/invaders/report abuse
- \succ Wifi Should be closed when not in use and secured by a password.
- > Donot click on any attachments/download any free software without antivirus check
- > Read terms of use when taking a service & read consumer reviews about it
- > Type url of a website you want to access than using search result. To check if website is secure look for https in the url.
- > Adopt 2 factor authentication
- > Maintain backup, use good antivirus, strong passwords and keep it confidential.
- \succ remember to log off from account if using a cybercafe.
- > Make use of virtual keyboard when typing password.
- > Register for mobile and email alerts, register for OTP verification to access your email account.
- > Don't discard old phone/tablet without deleting at zero level all information stored in it.
- > Donot leave your phone unattended or without password protection with anyone.
- > Use good password manager solution



Safeguarding office data

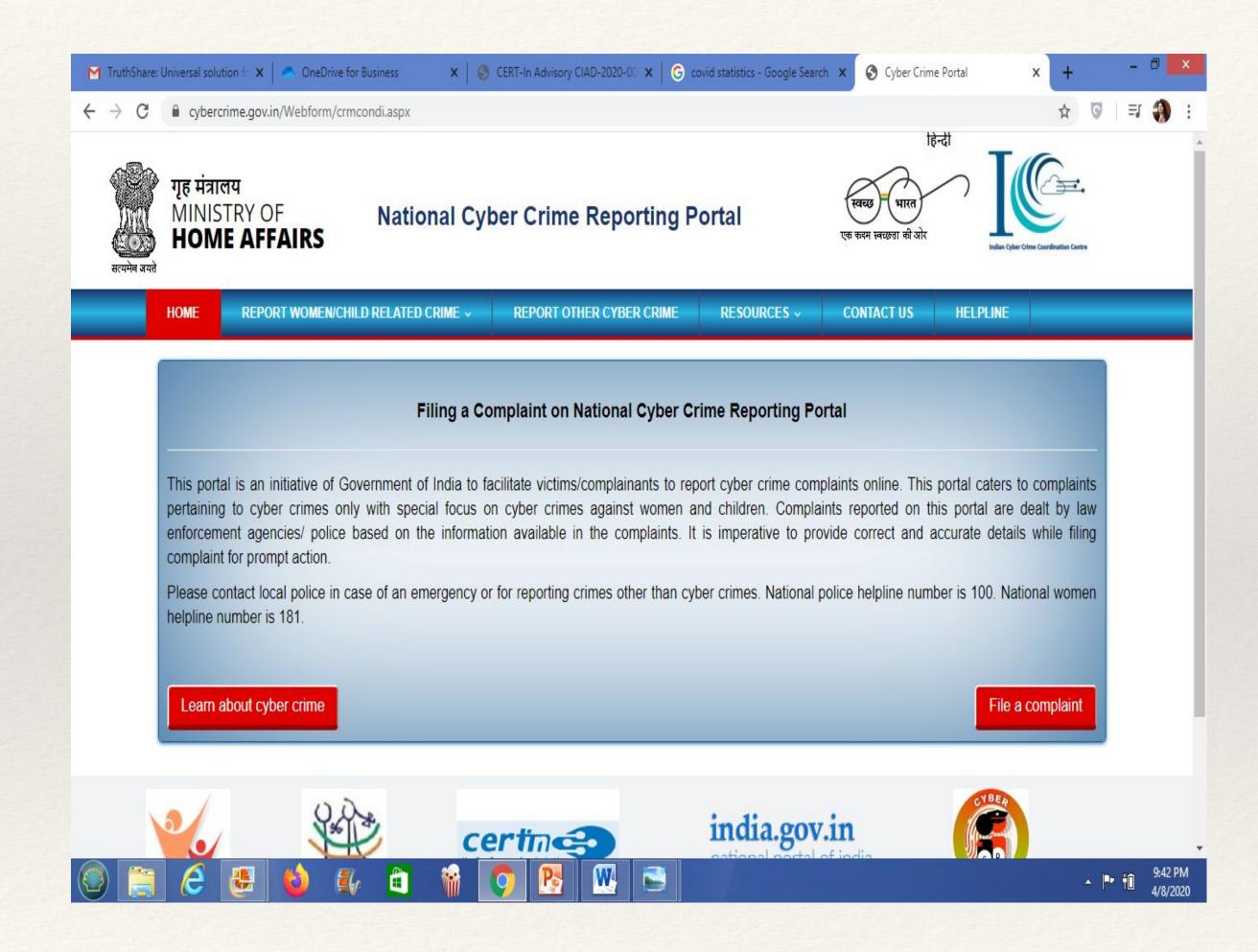
- Built-in Encryption, both Apple (FileVault) and Microsoft (Bit deploy Data loss prevention software
- > Prepare IT policy/WFH policy **for** your organisation
- > Audit of system security & data
- > Regular backups
- > Use of digital signatures to protect data and confidentiality
- > Strong password managers
- > Adopting robust firewalls/VPN
- > Security awareness training



> Built-in Encryption, both Apple (FileVault) and Microsoft (Bitlocker) offer native tools in their OS's to support For businesses,



National Cybercrime Reporting portal-cybercrime.gov.in





Useful resources-Books Authored by Dr. Karnika Seth More at sethassociates.com , <u>www.firengo.com</u>, <u>youtube</u> channel-CYBERLAW INDIA

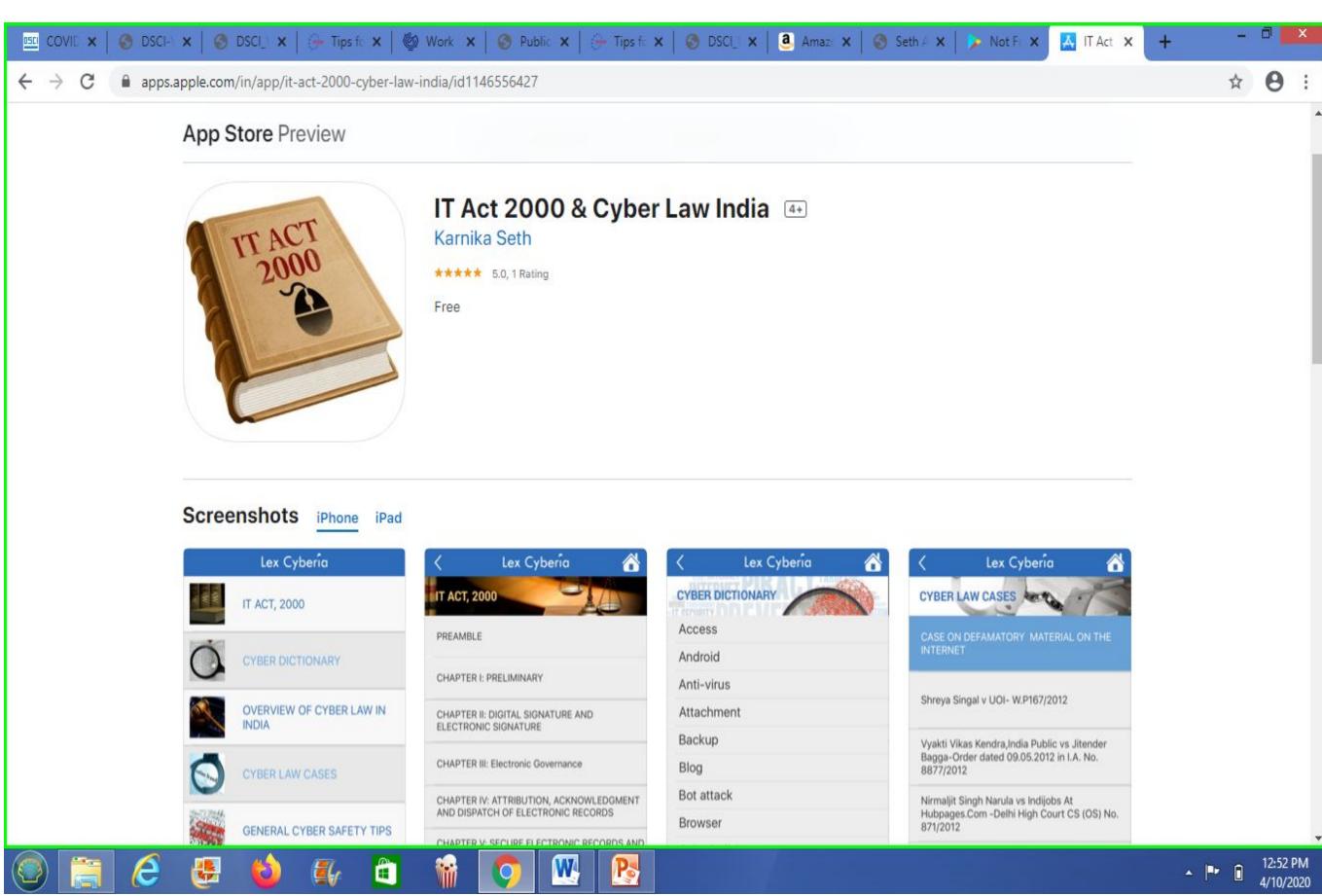








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