



Telangana  
Cyber Security Bureau

## PUBLIC ADVISORY

Beware of Hotel Booking Fraud



Telangana Cyber Security Bureau (TGCSB) alerts citizens planning to attend Mahakumbh in Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh, to stay cautious of cybercriminals exploiting online booking platforms. Fraudsters are using fake websites and links to deceive devotees seeking hotels, dharamshalas, guest houses, and tent accommodations.



### What to Do If You Suspect Fraud:

- Discontinue communication with the fraudster immediately.
- Do not make further payments or share sensitive information.
- Report the incident to the 1930 helpline or visit [cybercrime.gov.in](https://cybercrime.gov.in).

### Preventive Measures:

- Book only through official websites and verified channels provided by state authorities.
- Refer to the official accommodation list at: <https://kumbh.gov.in/en/Wheretostaylist>.
- Avoid clicking on unknown links offering heavily discounted stays.
- Verify authenticity by cross-checking contact numbers and details.
- Never share bank details or OTPs with unverified service providers.


### Golden Hour Reporting:

Act immediately if you fall victim to fraud. Reporting within the first few hours can significantly increase the chances of recovering losses.

**Stay vigilant and cyber-safe during your pilgrimage to Mahakumbh.**

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Reporting portal  [cybercrime.gov.in](https://cybercrime.gov.in)

Toll-free number  1930

Cyber fraud registry  8712672222