

Sanchar Saathi

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The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) has made it mandatory for all newly manufactured or imported mobile phones in India to come with the Sanchar Saathi app pre-installed.

About Sanchar Saathi

- It is a **security and awareness platform** developed by the **Department of Telecommunications (DoT)**.
- It is available both as an **app and a web portal**.
- **Purpose:** To **help mobile users manage their digital identity, report suspicious activity, and safeguard their devices**.
- The platform **also provides educational material on telecom safety** and cyber risks, making it a combined service-and-awareness system.

Sanchar Saathi Features

- **‘Chakshu’ Feature:** It lets users report suspicious calls, SMS, and WhatsApp messages, such as fake KYC alerts, impersonation scams, or phishing links. It helps authorities spot fraud patterns.
- **Report Spam and Unwanted Commercial Calls:** Users can report spam calls and messages that break TRAI rules. Complaints made within seven days can lead to action against the sender.
- **Report Malicious Links and Apps:** Allows reporting of phishing links, unsafe APKs, and fraudulent websites.
- **Checking Mobile Connections Linked To Your Identity:** Shows how many mobile numbers are registered using your identity. **Helps identify SIM cards taken without your knowledge.**
- **Blocking Lost or Stolen Phones:** Allows users to **block the IMEI of a lost or stolen device** so it can't be used. Phones can be unblocked if recovered.
- **Verifying The Authenticity Of A Device:** Allows users to check if a phone is genuine **by validating its IMEI**. It is useful when buying second-hand phones.
- **Reporting International Calls That Appear As Indian Numbers:** Some scammers use illegal telecom setups to make international calls appear as regular +91 calls. Sanchar Saathi enables users to report such cases.
- **Finding Your Local Internet Service Provider:** The app also includes a feature that lets users check which wired internet service providers are available in their area by entering a PIN code, address, or provider name.
- **Verifying Trusted Contacts and Helpline Numbers:** Provides a **directory to confirm genuine customer-care numbers, emails, and websites of banks** and other major institutions.

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