

Need more awareness on cyber crimes: Police chief

Mumbai: Expressing concern over the spurt in cyber crimes in the city, police commissioner Vivek Phansalkar on Sunday said the need of the hour is greater awareness among citizens. Phansalkar, who usually keeps a low profile and does not speak much at public events, attended the 'AGNI Meet Your Police' event organized by Agni H-West ward at Bandra.

Mumbai Police has a dedicated cyber crime wing, headed by a DCP-rank officer, and has opened five cyber police stations to deal with such cases, said Phansalkar. He added that every police station has a dedicated cyber cell — comprising an inspector, two sub-inspectors and two-three constables — to facilitate Mumbaiers to file complaints.

Dinesh Ahir, trustee and convenor of AGNI, said citizens and police should have regular meetings on the lines of ALM meetings with BMC. In fact, he suggested that local police should also attend ALM meetings for "better coordination among BMC and cops to cater to citizens' issues".

In the first three months of 2023, 1,205 cyber crime cases have been registered across the city. Police have solved 92 of these cases and made 135 arrests. TNN