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Online Crime: Phishing, Fraud and Identity Theft

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Introduction to Online Crime

- Online crime refers to illegal activities using the internet.
- Criminals target users to steal data, money, and identity.
- Common online crimes:
    - Phishing
    - Online Fraud
    - Identity Theft
- Cybercrime is increasing with growing internet usage.

What is Phishing?

- Phishing is a method to trick users into revealing sensitive information.
- Fake emails, messages, or websites pretend as real organizations.
- Aim: Steal usernames, passwords, bank details.
- Examples:
  - Fake bank login page
  - "Your account is blocked" email
  - Prize or lottery messages

Types of Phishing

Type	Description
Email Phishing	Fake emails with malicious links
Spear Phishing	Targeted attack on individuals
Smishing	SMS phishing using phones
Vishing	Voice call phishing

What is Online Fraud?

- Online fraud involves cheating users for financial gain.
- Criminals use fake websites or payment scams.
- Common types:
    - Fake shopping websites
    - Investment scams
    - Job and lottery scams

What is Identity Theft?

- Identity theft is stealing personal details to commit crimes.
- Misuse of Aadhaar, PAN, or bank info.
- Criminals open accounts or loans in others' names.
- Victims suffer financial and legal issues.

Impact of Online Crime

- **Financial Loss:** Money loss and bank fraud.
- **Emotional Stress:** Fear and anxiety.
- **Reputation Damage:** Identity misuse.
- **National Threat:** Cyberattacks on systems.

Prevention and Safety Measures

- Use strong passwords and 2FA.
- Do not click unknown links.
- Do not share OTP, PIN, or passwords.
- Keep antivirus and software updated.

Legal Measures in India

- **IT Act 2000:** Law to punish cybercrimes.
- **Section 66C & 66D:** Punishment for identity theft and cheating.
- **Cyber Crime Helpline:** 1930
- **Reporting Portal:** https://cybercrime.gov.in

Conclusion

- Online crime is a rising threat in the digital world.
- Awareness and prevention are key to safety.
- **Stay Alert, Stay Safe!**

Thank You!

Questions?