



## Heading home for Sankranti? Stay Safe & Alert!

**Cyberabad:** With many people traveling to their hometowns for the Sankranti festival, Cyberabad Crimes DCP Muthyam Reddy has urged residents to be vigilant against burglaries. The police department has stepped up night patrolling and surveillance to prevent thefts during the festive season.



DCP Crimes has issued the following safety guidelines for the residents of the Cyberabad Commissionerate:

### **Home Security Tips**

- **CCTV Surveillance:** Install CC cameras in colonies, homes, and shopping malls. Ensure the DVR is hidden in a secret location so thieves cannot destroy evidence.
- **Neighbour Watch:** Inform trusted neighbours about your absence and ask them to keep an eye on your house.
- **Hide the Lock:** After locking the main door, use a door curtain to hide the lock from outside view.
- **Smart Lighting:** Leave a light on in one of the rooms. Using **Timer-based lights** or **Motion Sensor lights** (which turn on when they detect movement) is highly recommended.
- **Professional Locks:** Use high-quality central locking systems, strong doors, and high-end security locks. For independent houses, installing iron grills provides a second layer of security.
- **Digital Monitoring:** Use Home Security Systems that allow you to watch live footage of your home via your mobile phone.

### **Handling Valuables**

- **Bank Lockers:** Keep gold jewellery and large amounts of cash in bank lockers. Do not leave valuables at home.

- **Don't Disclose:** Avoid discussing your travel plans or financial matters with strangers or on **Social Media**.
- **Travel Safety:** When traveling by bus or train, keep your bags close. Never leave a bag on a seat and step out.
- **Keys:** Do not hide spare keys inside the house (like under mats or in cupboards); carry them with you.

### **Vehicle Safety**

- **Secure Parking:** Park vehicles inside the house premises, not on the road.
- **Double Locking:** Use both handle locks and wheel locks for two-wheelers. Do not leave valuables in the scooter dicky or car dashboard.

### **Signs of Absence (Be Careful!)**

- **Cleanliness:** Ensure that newspapers, milk packets, and trash do not pile up at your doorstep, as this signals to thieves that the house is empty.
- **Domestic Help:** If you have domestic help, ask them to sweep the front yard daily to make the house look occupied.

### **Community & Police Cooperation**

- **Inform the Police:** If you are going away for many days, inform your local police station with your address and contact number so they can increase patrolling in your area.
- **Stranger Alert:** Watch out for new or suspicious individuals in your colony. If you notice anything unusual, call **100** or WhatsApp Cyberabad Police at **9490617444**.
- **Colony Committees:** Apartment associations and colony committees should hire reliable security guards and maintain a visitor register for night entries.

**Stay Alert – Stay Safe.** *Issued in Public Interest by the Office of the Commissioner of Police, Cyberabad.*