

Central Equipment Identity Register (CEIR) Portal

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Why in news?

Telangana has emerged as the top-performing state in India in recovering lost or stolen mobile phones through the CEIR portal, with over 78,000 devices recovered as of May 2025.

- **CEIR Portal** - It is a crucial digital tool designed to recover mobile phones by blocking, tracking and managing lost or stolen devices.
- **Launched by** - Department of Telecommunications (DoT).
- **Purpose** - To combat mobile phone theft and loss by blocking, tracking, and managing lost or stolen devices through their IMEI numbers.

Key Features of CEIR Portal

- **IMEI Blocking** - The portal enables blocking of mobile phones by blacklisting their unique IMEI numbers.
- Once blocked, these devices become unusable on any cellular network in India, regardless of SIM card changes.
- **Centralized Database** - CEIR maintains a centralized database accessible to all telecom operators, ensuring consistent enforcement of device blocking and tracking nationwide.
- **Device Status Lists** - The portal manages three lists -
 - **White List** - Devices allowed on networks
 - **Black List** - Lost, stolen, or unauthorized devices banned from networks
 - **Grey List** - Devices with pending status for verification
- **Tracking Lost Phones** - CEIR integrates advanced tracking technology to aid in locating and recovering lost or stolen mobile phones.
- **Coordination with RPF and Police** - The Railway Protection Force (RPF) and other law enforcement agencies can use CEIR to block stolen devices quickly, reducing illegal resale and possession.
- **Citizen-Friendly Reporting** - Users can report lost or stolen devices via the CEIR portal or integrated police portals, facilitating swift action and recovery.

Reference

[The Indian Express | CEIR portal](#)



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