

## Mumbai- Section 144 imposed, New Year's parties banned amid surging omicron cases

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Mumbai Police has imposed Section 144 in Mumbai starting from today till 7th January 2022, in view of rising Covid cases, ANI reported on Thursday. As per the new COVID-19 restrictions, prohibition has been placed on New Year's celebrations, parties in any closed or open space including restaurants, hotels, bars, pubs, resorts and clubs from December 30 to January 7.

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Maharashtra on Wednesday recorded a spurt in new COVID-19 cases at 3,900, including 85 of Omicron, with the daily count rising by 1,728 from a day before.

Meanwhile, Mumbai on Wednesday reported 2,510 fresh COVID-19 cases and one death in the last 24 hours, informed the state health bulletin.

Mumbai has 8,060 active cases and the recovery rate stands at 97 per cent. Presently, 45 buildings have been sealed in Mumbai.

Maharashtra cabinet minister Aditya Thackeray also chaired a meeting at Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) headquarters.