Want to go online on Facebook but don't want your friends to know it? Well, it's simple. All you have to do is turn off the Active Status in the Facebook or Messenger app of your iPhone. Keep reading to learn how it is done.


How to enable or disable Active Status in Facebook on iPhone or iPad

Appearing offline on Facebook or Messenger app has never been easy. Just follow the steps below to disable the green dot!

Using Facebook app

1. Launch the **Facebook** app on your iPhone.
2. Select the **hamburger** icon from the bottom-right corner.
   *Some might see a **profile picture** instead.*
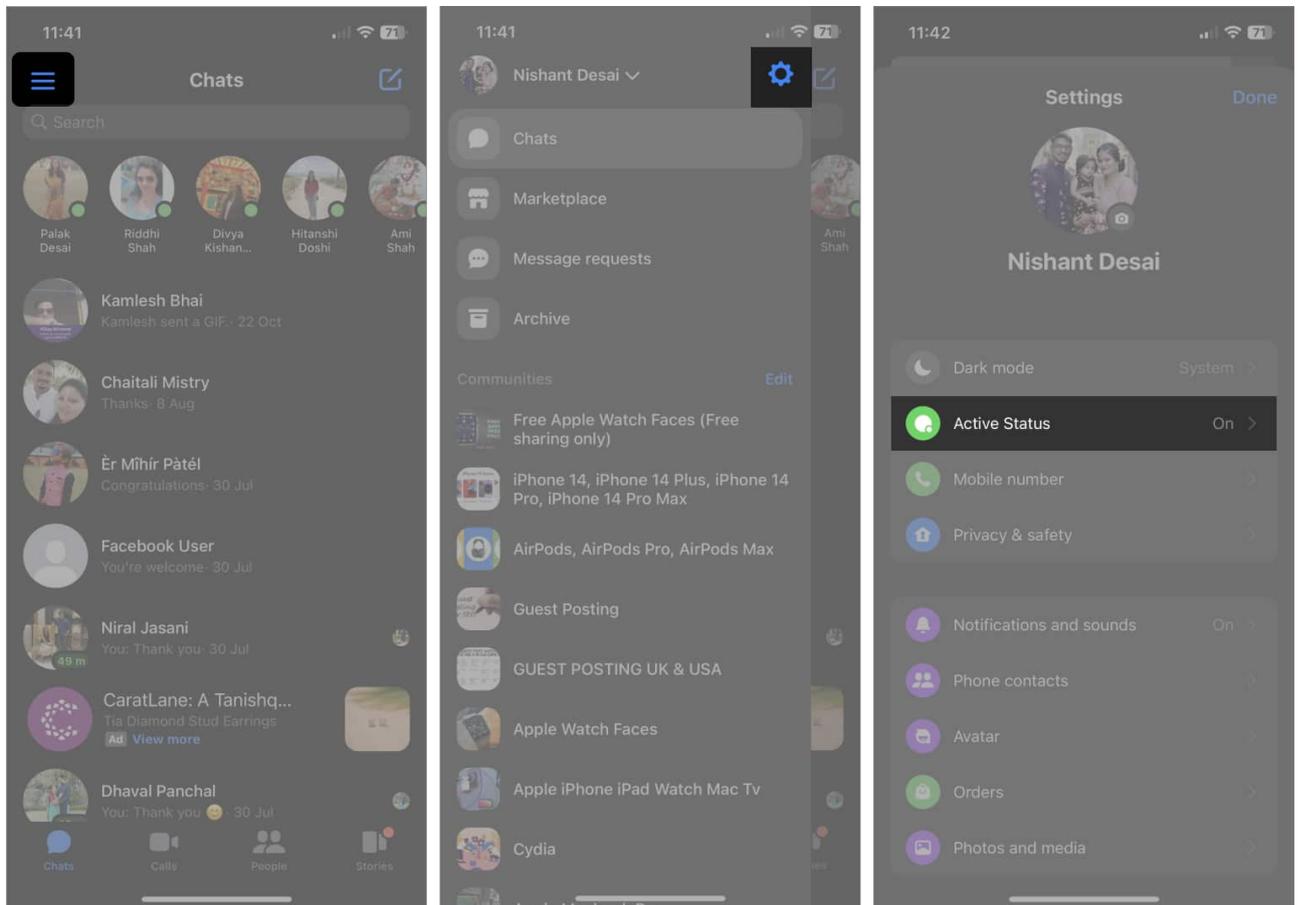3. Choose **Settings and Privacy** → Select **Settings**.
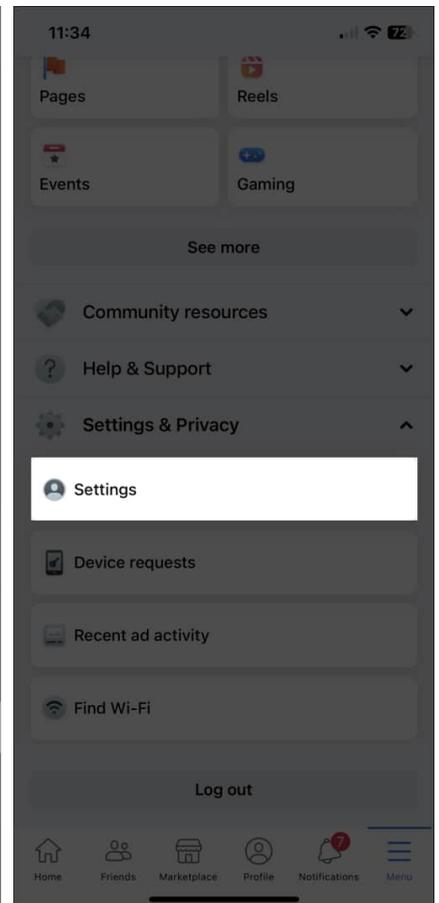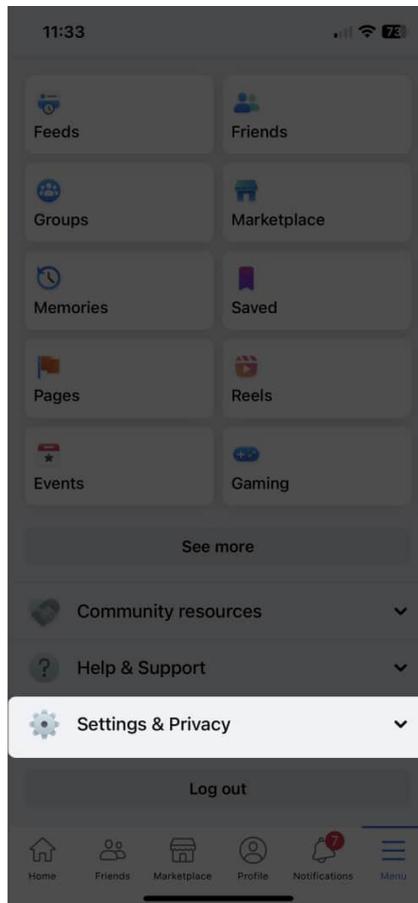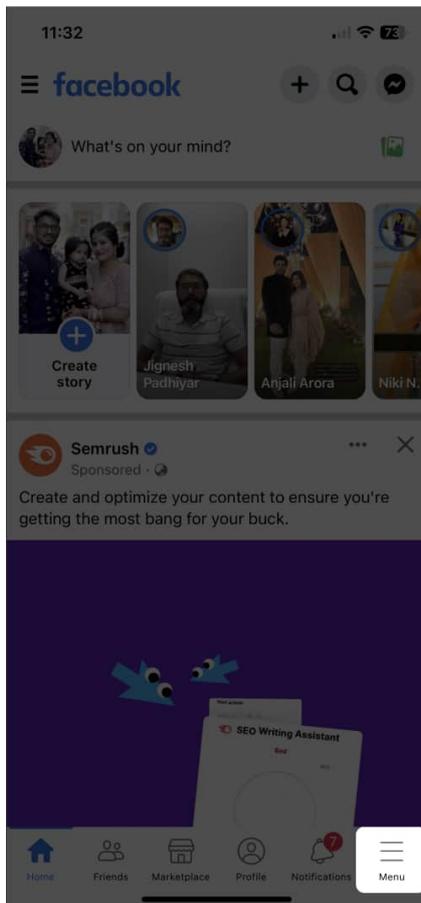
4. Choose the **Active Status** option under Audience and Visibility.
5. Toggle off the **Show when you're active** option.
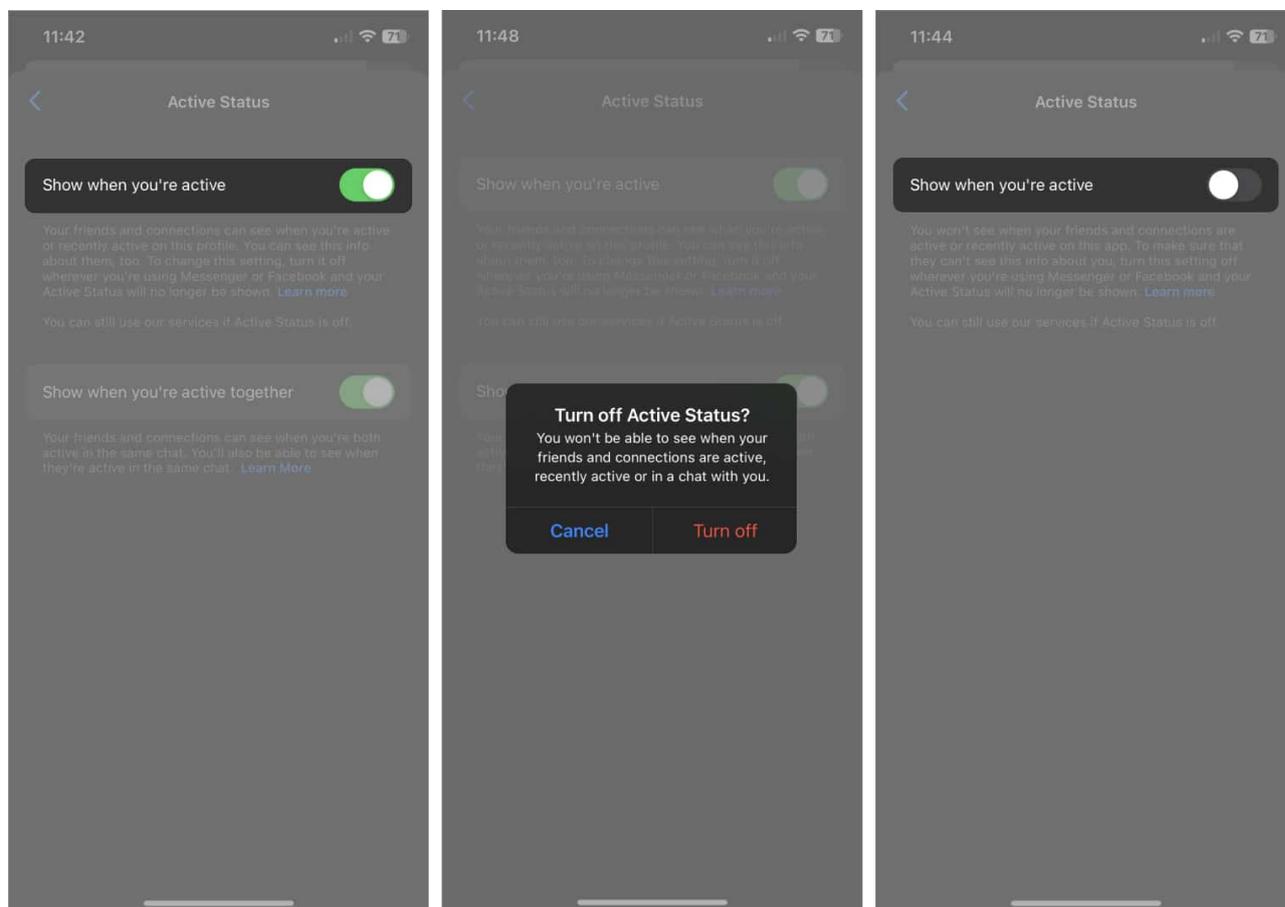6. Select **Turn Off** from the pop-up.
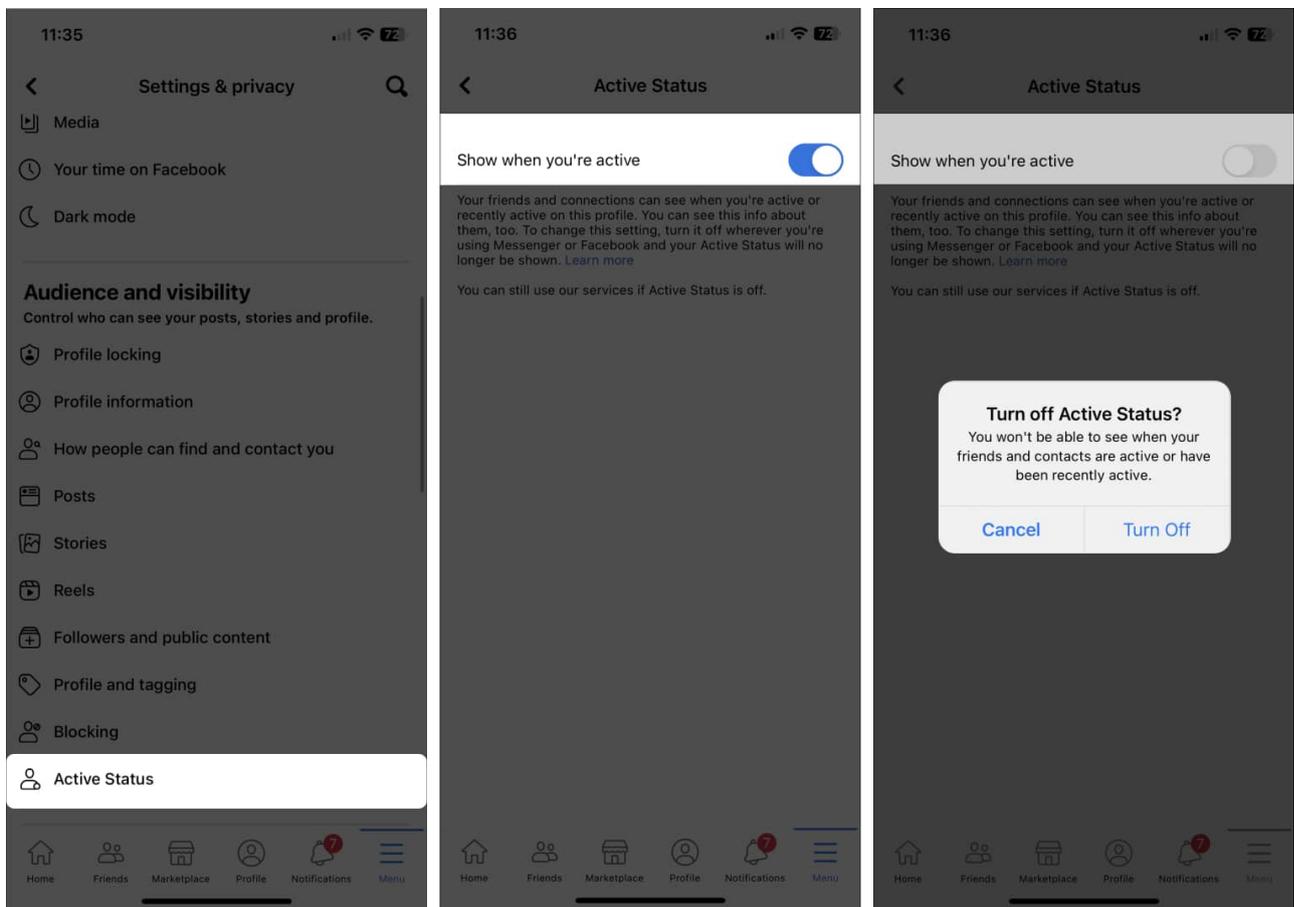
Using Messenger app

1. Open the **Messenger** app.
2. Tap the **hamburger icon** at the top-left corner.
3. Select the **Settings** icon → and tap **Active Status**.

4. Toggle off **Show when you're active** → tap **Turn Off** when prompted.

The Messenger app further allows you to display your Active Status only when you and your friend are active together. However, this does not work if you've turned off your Active Status for all on Facebook Messenger.

How to control who can see you online on Facebook from Web

If you want to allow a particular set of your Facebook friends who can or cannot view your Active Status without disabling it for all, you should follow the below-mentioned steps via the web browser.

1. Open any **browser** → **log in** to your [Facebook](#) account.
2. Access **Messenger** → select the **three-dot** icon.
3. Click the **Active Status** option.
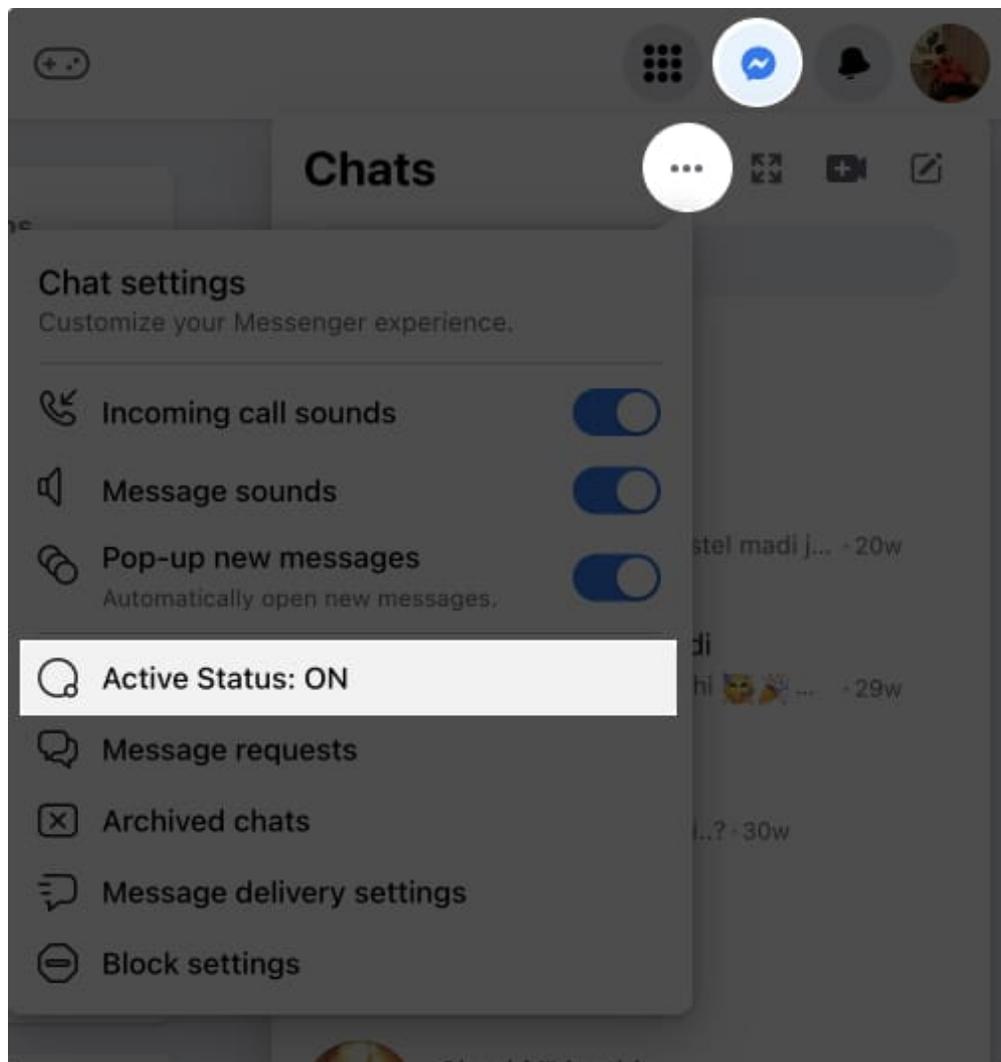
4. Toggle off **Active Status** → select **Save** if you want to disable your active status for all.
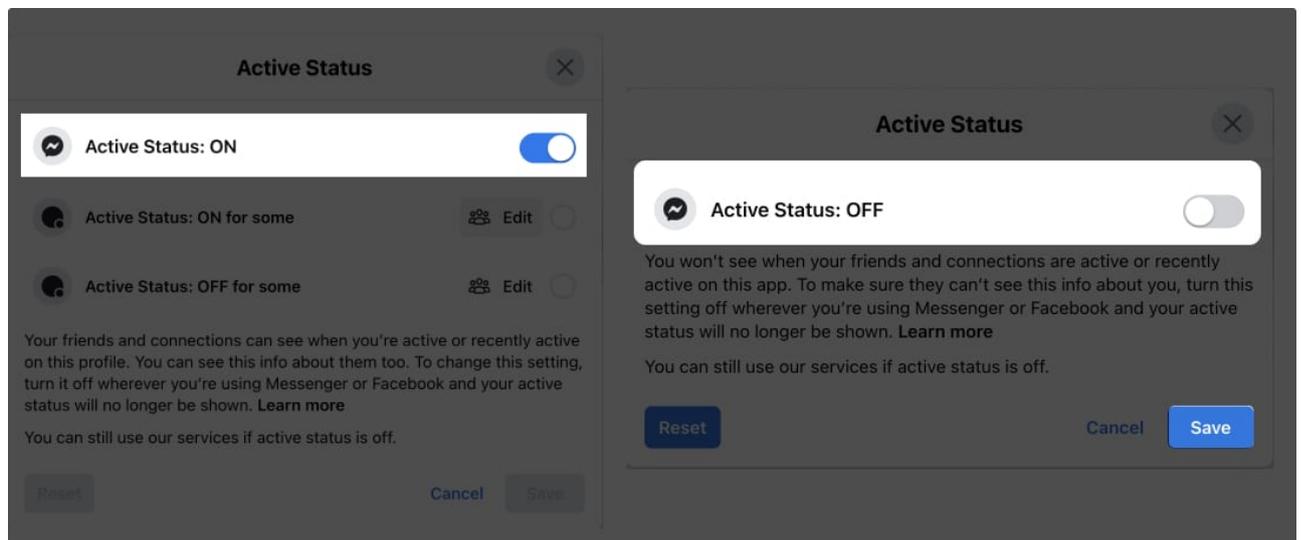
5. However, you can either enable or disable your status for a particular set of friends if you desire.
6. Select **Edit** next to the option you prefer.
   Here, I have chosen **ON for some**.
7. Add participants of your choice → click **Save**.
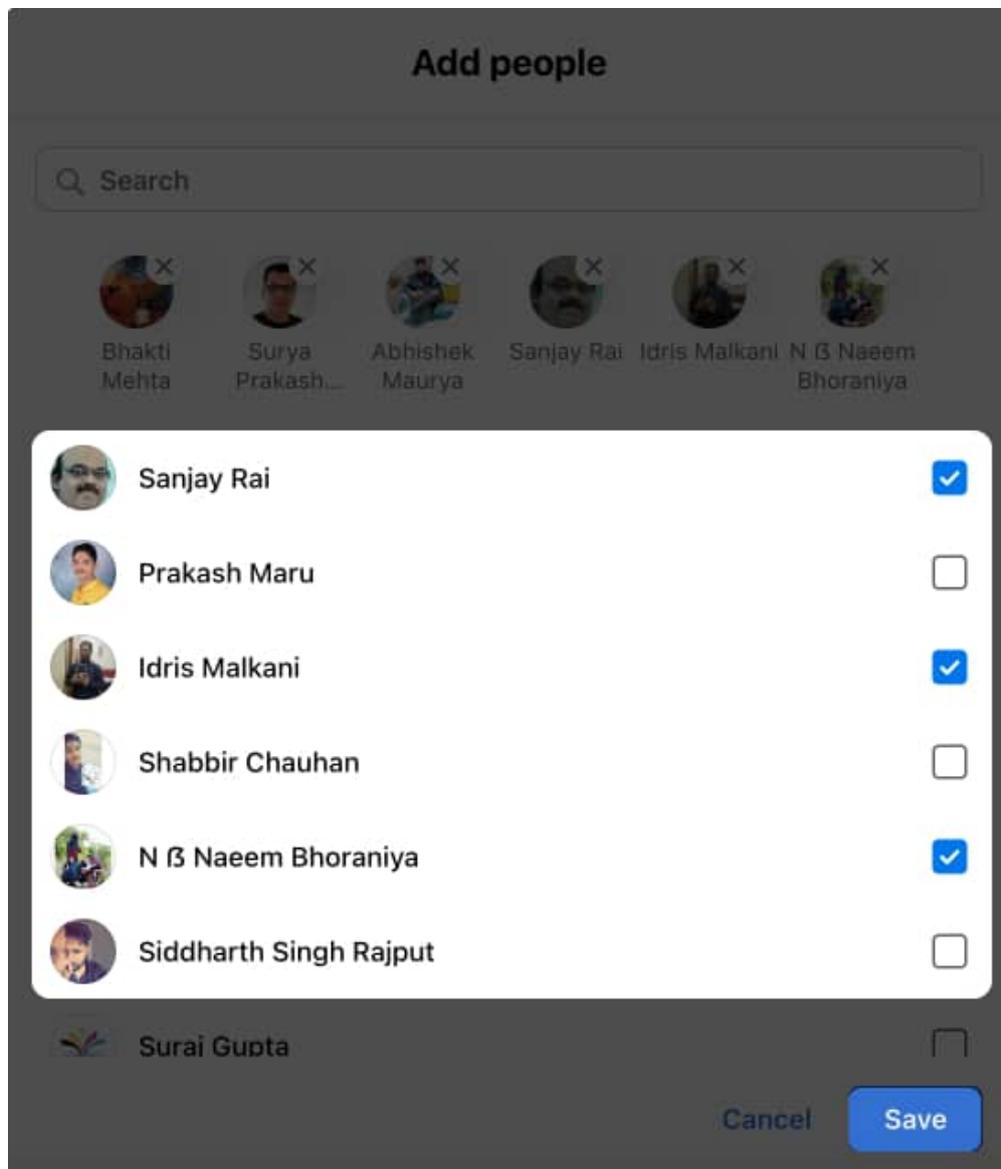
8. You'll be prompted with the **Active Status** menu.
9. Select the option you altered → click **Save**.
10. Now, nobody can see your Active Status apart from the participants you just added.
11. You can repeat the same for **OFF for some**, and it'll act accordingly.

Conclusion

In summary, turning off Active Status in Facebook Messenger on iPhone is a simple process. By turning off this feature, you can maintain your privacy and avoid being disturbed when you do not want to be. Alternatively, you can hide your seen status in a chat in Messenger too.

I hope that this article has been helpful, and if you have any concerns regarding the same, don't hesitate to drop them below.

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- [Recover deleted messages on Facebook Messenger for iPhone and Web](#)
- [How to send Soundmojis on Facebook Messenger](#)
- [How to find your Facebook Messenger history on iPhone, iPad, or desktop](#)