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Urgent: Strengthening Cyber Security and Promoting Cyber Hygiene in Higher Educational Institutions

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Dear Sir/Madam,

In alignment with the recent directives from the Ministry of Education and the Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C), it is imperative that we recognize and prioritize the critical role of cybersecurity in our institutions. The digital landscape offers immense opportunities for academic growth but also presents significant threats from cybercrime and online misuse.

Cyber security is fundamental to safeguarding the integrity, confidentiality, and availability of our institutional data, as well as protecting students, faculty, and staff from cyber threats. Building a cyber secure environment requires a collective effort to promote cyber hygiene, responsible digital behavior, and awareness of cyber safety measures across all levels of our educational ecosystem.

To contribute towards a cybercrime-free society, the Department of Higher Education, in collaboration with I4C, urges all institutions to undertake the following activities:

- Integrate cyber hygiene topics into the academic curriculum to educate students about safe online practices.
- Establish Cyber Clubs that organize periodic cyber hygiene activities and create student engagement in promoting cybersecurity awareness.
- Utilize social media platforms, mobile applications, and institutional websites to disseminate targeted awareness messages relevant to students and staff.
- Conduct regular workshops, seminars, pledge drives, and awareness campaigns to promote cyber hygiene and safe digital behavior.
- Involve colleges, educators, e-learning platforms, and social media influencers to amplify outreach efforts for wider impact.
- Undertake any other activities deemed necessary to achieve the goal of creating a safe and secure digital environment.

It is essential that all HEIs actively participate in these initiatives and adopt best practices for cyber safety to prevent cybercrime and foster a resilient digital environment. Institutions are urged to coordinate with the designated Nodal Officer from I4C, Director NCEMU (email: dir-i4c2@gov.in), and share periodic updates on their activities through the provided portal.

An action taken report on the measures implemented may kindly be shared by 20th November 2025 using the following Google Sheet:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1axg76rKx_gvWfjHYBbmWxxdE-DbjxTInuGSXMvVas98/edit?usp=sharing

Your leadership and support in this national effort are vital to safeguard students and citizens from cyber threats.

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