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Subject: Promotion of Cyber Safety Awareness and Cyber Crime Prevention Initiatives in Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs)

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In continuation of the UGC's previous letter **No. 1-1/2025(CBC/Cybersecurity)** dated **17th November, 2025** regarding the promotion of cyber hygiene and cyber awareness in Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs), the **Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C), Ministry of Home Affairs** has once again highlighted the increasing incidence of cybercrimes, including fake part-time/work-from-home job scams, UPI and digital payment frauds, romance scams, sextortion, AI-powered deepfake scams, fake scholarship and admission scams, online marketplace frauds, identity theft, investment scams and misuse of social media platforms. Students and young adults are particularly vulnerable to such cyber threats, underscoring the need for continuous awareness and preventive education.

In view of the above, all Universities and Colleges are requested to take appropriate measures to strengthen cyber safety awareness among students, faculty members and non-teaching staff. Institutions are encouraged to undertake the following initiatives:

1. Integrate cyber hygiene, digital safety and cybercrime awareness into academic and co-curricular activities, wherever feasible.
2. Establish **Cyber Awareness Clubs/Cyber Security Clubs** to promote sustained cyber safety awareness on campus.
3. Organise workshops, webinars, expert lectures, cyber safety quizzes, debates, pledge drives and other awareness programmes on a regular basis.
4. Conduct capacity-building and sensitisation programmes for faculty members, administrative staff, non-teaching staff and student leaders.
5. Disseminate cyber safety advisories through institutional websites, student portals, mobile applications, social media platforms and other communication channels.
6. Promote awareness about the **CyberDost** initiative, the **National Cyber Crime Reporting Portal** and the **Cyber Helpline Number 1930** for reporting cyber frauds.
7. Observe **Cyber Jagrukta Diwas** on the first Wednesday of every month and actively participate in **Cyber Security Awareness Month** and other national cyber awareness campaigns.

The UGC has also developed the following resources to support cyber safety awareness in HEIs:

1. **A Handbook on Basics of Cyber Hygiene in Higher Educational Institutions**
https://www.ugc.gov.in/e-book/A_Handbook_on_Basics_of_Cyber_Hygiene.pdf
2. **Cyber Security: Syllabus for Undergraduate and Postgraduate Programmes**
<https://www.ugc.gov.in/e-book/CyberSecurity.pdf>

All HEIs are requested to widely disseminate these resources among students, faculty members and non-teaching staff and encourage their effective utilisation for promoting safe digital practices and enhancing cyber resilience within campuses. You are also requested to take necessary steps for the implementation of the Syllabus of Cyber Security Course at Undergraduate and Post Graduate level in all the streams of your University and also in the affiliated / constituent Colleges.

Further, HEIs are requested to accord priority to the above initiatives.

Your cooperation in this important national initiative is highly appreciated.

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