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आदरणीय महोदया/महोदय,

In continuation of our previous communication (File No.: 1-1/2025(e-gov), dated 12.09.2025) regarding dissemination and promotion of the UGC Handbook on “Basics of Cyber Hygiene for Higher Education Institutions” and Cyber Security sessions during Deeksharambh (Student Induction Programme), you must be aware that October is observed annually as the **National Cyber Security Awareness Month (NCSAM)**. This year, the theme is “**Cyber Jagrit Bharat**” (#CyberJagritBharat), aimed at increasing awareness of cyber hygiene, digital safety, responsible online conduct, and protection of digital assets across all Higher Education Institutions (HEIs).

In alignment with this initiative, you are requested to conduct awareness activities as per indicative list given below:

- Conduct workshops/webinars.
- Organize Cyber hygiene campaigns for employees/users.
- Organize cyber security awareness quizzes.
- Carry out phishing simulation exercise.
- Conduct cybersecurity leadership round tables to increase awareness of latest cyber security threats.
- Run innovative social media campaigns regarding cyber hygiene and cyber security best practices to promote adoption by all stakeholders.
- Support campaigns of other Ministries/departments on social media, where appropriate
- Organize vulnerability patching competitions among the entities under your administrative control.
- Reward employees following best cyber security practices.
- Conduct cyber security drills to test response capabilities against latest and most prevalent threats.
- Conduct drive to update inventory of all IT assets.
- Conduct drive to complete Cyber Security Audit of all unaudited Applications (websites/web portals/ Mobile Apps etc.)/ systems.

You are requested to circulate these details within your institution and take initiatives to design innovative and impactful campaigns to increase cyber security awareness. Such efforts will help ensure a safe and sound digital environment for present as well as upcoming generations.

Further, you are requested to submit a brief report on the activities undertaken during the month to the UGC through the following link for monitoring and documentation purposes: -

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScBxMJ8T2fjuuCAwpm0_6TT2JSH5EbKBfJL76UM7IcLGksMWw/viewform?usp=header

In addition, as part of the NCSAM observance, the University Grants Commission is pleased to invite all HEIs to participate in the **Chetna Series Lecture on "Cyber Crime and Cyber Safety"** to be delivered by **Sh. Gaurav Gupta**, Director/Scientist 'F', **Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology**, Government of India.

- **Date:** 24th October, 2025
- **Time:** 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM
- **Mode:** Online using the link given below: -

<https://ugc-hq.webex.com/ugc-hq/j.php?MTID=mfba11a74165800c50a1f9d8d1c1a1553>

We look forward to your active participation in this lecture and related activities to foster a culture of cyber awareness in your institution.

Your cooperation in observing NCSAM and promoting a culture of cyber security awareness will significantly strengthen the cyber security ecosystem in higher education across the country.

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