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All the Heads of Schools affiliated to CBSE

Subject: Observance of October as the National Cyber Security Awareness Month - reg.

The month of October is observed every year as the National Cyber Security Awareness Month (NCSAM) to promote cyber hygiene and cyber security best practices across the country. The theme for 2025 is "*Cyber Jagrit Bharat*" emphasising collective responsibility in safeguarding our digital ecosystem. The objective is to build a strong defensive barrier to minimize vulnerabilities and protect systems from cyber threats.

All schools are requested to organise an effective cyber hygiene and cyber security awareness campaign throughout October 2025 for the students, teachers and all stakeholders. The vast digital resources on cyber safety and security developed by NCERT which are available at the link (<https://ciet.ncert.gov.in/cyber-safety-security>) may be optimally leveraged to this end.

An indicative list of suggested activities for the awareness month is enclosed as **Annexure**. These include workshops and webinars, awareness campaigns, quizzes and phishing simulation exercises, leadership round tables, social media campaigns, collaborative initiatives with other departments or agencies, vulnerability patching competitions, recognition and rewarding of best practices, security drills, inventory updates, and audits of IT assets and applications.

You are requested to upload a brief report on the above activities at the given link <https://forms.gle/7QJWgY3a1PDj3AwWA> by 31st October, 2025 and encourage maximum participation in order to promote a safe, secure, and trusted digital environment.

With best wishes!

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INDICATIVE LIST OF ACTIVITIES FOR CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS
CAMPAIGNS

1. Conduct workshops/webinars.
2. Organise cyber hygiene campaigns for employees/users.
3. Organise cyber security awareness quizzes.
4. Carry out phishing simulation exercise.
5. Conduct cybersecurity leadership round tables to increase awareness of latest cyber security threats.
6. Run innovative social media campaigns regarding cyber hygiene and cyber security best practices to promote adoption by all stakeholders.
7. Support campaigns of other Ministries/Departments on social media, where appropriate.
8. Organise vulnerability patching competitions among the entities under your administrative control.
9. Reward employees following best cyber security practices.
10. Conduct cyber security drills to test response capabilities against latest and most prevalent threats.
11. Conduct drive to update inventory of all IT assets.
12. Conduct drive to complete Cyber Security Audit of all unaudited Applications (Websites/Web Portals/Mobile Apps etc.)/ Systems.