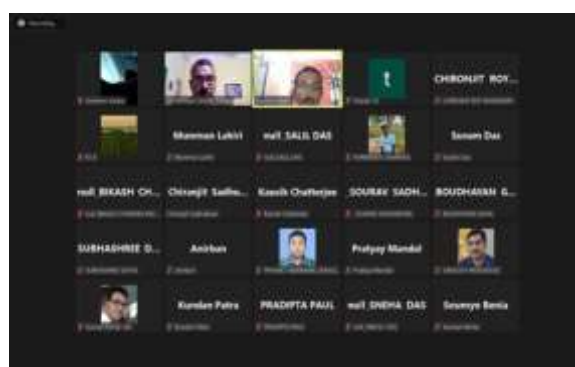


## Report on the celebration of Cyber Security Awareness Month (CSAM)

Cyber Security Awareness Month is being celebrated since the month of October 2004 with the objective to help individuals protect themselves online from threats to technology and confidential and personal data. This year's theme is '**See Yourself in Cyber: Together we make it Safer**', focusing on the 'people' part of cybersecurity, providing information and resources to help spread awareness. Together as individuals, employees, and citizens, we collectively put efforts to maintain digital hygiene, follow security best practices and strive for a safer cyberspace. CSAM has been globally observed as a collaborative effort between government, industry, and individuals to create a dialogue and awareness around cybersecurity priority areas. Every year in the month of October, with the help of various awareness activities, individuals, workforce, and the community at large are encouraged to come forward and incorporate stronger security measures and work together to create better security solutions. 47 participants attended this virtual programme.

Netaji Subhas Open University conducts various awareness programme through its Learning Management System (LMS). The centre for Lifelong Learning (SVS) designed a 7-week MOOC on Fundamentals of Cyber Security. The 2<sup>nd</sup> cycle of the course was stated on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2022. To celebrate the CSAM, the Centre organized a special lecture which was delivered by Shri Kaushik Halder, Assistant Manager, Commercial and Education, WEBEL and also a member of Cyber Security Team, WEBEL on 31/11/2022.



The theme of 2022, “**See Yourself taking action to stay safe online**” means enabling basic cyber hygiene practices: updating software, thinking before you click, having good strong passwords or a password keeper, and enabling multi-factor authentication on all sensitive accounts.

Mr. Halder in his lecture highlighted the basic requirements to be followed in the cyber world to protect from cybercrime/ fraud etc.



*The important steps to be followed on the digital platform to remain safe:*

**Think Before You Click:** If a link looks a little off, think before you click. It could be an attempt to get sensitive information or install malware.

**Update Your Software:** Don't delay -- If you see a software update notification, act promptly. Better yet, turn on automatic updates.

**Use Strong Passwords:** Use passwords that are long, unique, and randomly generated. Use password managers to generate and remember different, complex passwords for each of your accounts.

**Enable Multi-Factor Authentication:** You need more than a password to protect your online accounts.

The participants took the pledge along with Mr. Halder to remain safe and secure in the digital world.

আমি এতদ্বারা অঙ্গীকার ক'রলাম যে –

1. আমি কোনো ব্যক্তিগত তথ্য গণ মাধ্যমে প্রকাশ ক'রব না।
2. আমি গণ মাধ্যমের মধ্য দিয়ে অপরিচিত কারো সঙ্গে তথ্যের আদানপ্রদান ক'রব না।
3. আমি কোনো ব্যক্তিগত তথ্য ফোনের মাধ্যমে আদানপ্রদান ক'রব না।
4. আমি কোনো অপরিচিত বিপণনকারী ওয়েবসাইটের সার্ভে-ফর্মে তথ্যপূরণ ক'রব না।
5. আমি ফোনের বা ব্যাঙ্কের আই-ডি এবং পিন কাউকে কখনোই দে'ব না।
6. আমি কম্পিউটার ও মোবাইল ফোনে কখনোই পাসওয়ার্ড 'সেভ' ক'রে রাখব না।
7. আমি নিয়মিতরূপে আমার ব্যবহৃত অ্যাপ্লিকেশনগুলিকে 'আপডেট' ক'রে রাখব।
8. আমি মনে রাখব যে, আমার 'তথ্য' আমার 'অধিকার' এবং আমার 'দায়িত্ব'।

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