

National Cyber Security Awareness Month: October 2025

October is observed every year as National Cyber Security Awareness Month (NCSAM) across India. The aim is to promote cyber hygiene and best practices to ensure a secure and resilient digital environment.

The theme for this year's campaign is “**Cyber Jagrit Bharat**” (#CyberJagritBharat), emphasizing our collective responsibility to protect digital assets, safeguard information systems, and maintain the integrity of our online ecosystem.

With our increasing reliance on digital platforms for communication, academics, research, and administration, it is vital that we strengthen our cyber defense by staying informed, alert, and proactive.

In this direction, all members of the Institute community are requested to adopt the following key cybersecurity practices:

- **Enable Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA):** Add an extra layer of protection to your accounts beyond just passwords.
- **Use Strong, Unique Passwords:** Avoid reusing passwords across platforms. Use a password manager if needed.
- **Recognize and Report Phishing / Smishing / Vishing Attempts:** Verify suspicious links, messages, and calls before responding.
- **Avoid Financial Frauds:** Never share OTPs, bank credentials, or click on unknown payment links.
- **Keep Software and Devices Updated:** Regularly install updates and security patches on your systems and mobile devices.
- **Be Cyber-Smart on Social Media:** Avoid oversharing personal or professional information online.
- **Backup Important Data Regularly:** Maintain secure backups of critical data to prevent loss due to ransomware or device failure.
- **Use Only Authorized Devices and Applications:** Avoid using unverified or pirated software, which may contain malware.
- **Ensure Secure Wi-Fi Usage:** Avoid public Wi-Fi for sensitive transactions; use a VPN when necessary.
- **Lock Your Devices When Not in Use:** Always lock your computer and mobile screens when stepping away.

Following these key actions will significantly enhance the cybersecurity posture of both our institute and the nation.

For more information and day-wise National Cyber Security Tips, please visit:

<https://www.csk.gov.in/announcements/ncsam-2025.html>

Let's all contribute to making our digital space safer and resilient- “**Cyber Jagrit Bharat**” begins with you!

Stay Safe. Stay Cyber Aware.

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