

Cyber Security Awareness Month (October 2021) Message from MD, MPPGCL

Dear friends,

Cybercrime is becoming a major problem for organizations around the world. With attacks against businesses increasing multiple folds in the last few years, organizations need to invest heavily in Cyber Security awareness training to help defend against attacks.



As gathered, over 90% of all successful cyber-attacks are a result of information unknowingly provided by the employees. As networks become harder to breach, cybercriminals are increasingly targeting employees as they are the easiest way to break into a network and steal sensitive data. Employees are central to an organization's ability to operate safely and securely so it's vital that employees have all the information and knowledge they need to support the security of a company's network and information systems.

The month of October is being celebrated globally as the **Month of Cyber Security Awareness**. It was initially launched in USA in October 2004. The theme for the Year 2021 is '**Do Your Part. #BeCyberSmart**', helping to empower individuals and organizations to own their role in protecting their part of the cyberspace.

Cyber security is the practice of protecting systems, networks, and programs from digital attacks. These cyber attacks are usually aimed at accessing, changing, or destroying sensitive information; extorting money from users; or interrupting normal business processes. Cyber Security aims to reduce the risk of cyber attacks and protect against the unauthorized exploitation of systems, networks and technologies.

Cyber security awareness refers to how much end-users know about the cyber security threats their networks face, the risks they introduce and mitigating security best practices to guide their behavior. Since end-users are a major vulnerability, technical means to improve security are not enough. Cyber Security Awareness will help serve the following purposes:-

1. Educate the officers and employees on the cyber threats being faced.
2. Raise their awareness of the sensitivity of data on systems.
3. Ensure procedures are being followed correctly.
4. Provide information on how to avoid Phishing emails and other scam tactics.
5. Help reduce the number of data breaches.

I would like to encourage all officers and employees of MPPGCL, including their family members and friends, to increase their awareness regarding cyber security, as far as possible, by using the informative material provided through our web site www.mppgcl.mp.gov.in so that they may responsibly protect their sensitive data and improve their cyber security awareness by embracing this year's theme: **“Do Your Part. Be Cyber Smart.”**

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