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University Grants Commission
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Subject: Observance of National Cyber Security Awareness Month – October 2026: Chetna Series Lecture on "Cybercrime Uncovered: Threats, Prevention & Response" on 27 October 2026 at 10:30 AM – reg.

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As you are aware, October is observed annually as **National Cyber Security Awareness Month** to promote cyber hygiene, digital safety, responsible online behaviour and the protection of digital assets. Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) have an important role in fostering cybersecurity awareness among students, faculty members and non-teaching staff.

The University Grants Commission (UGC) has been undertaking various initiatives to strengthen cybersecurity awareness and promote safe digital practices across the higher education ecosystem. These initiatives include:

1. UGC's earlier communication No.F.1-1/2025 (CBC/Cybersecurity) dated **21st July, 2026**, regarding promotion of Cyber Safety awareness and cybercrime prevention initiatives in Higher Educational Institutions
   Access link: https://www.ugc.gov.in/pdfnews/4226506_Promotion-of-Cyber-Safety-Awareness-and-Cyber-Crime-Prevention-Initiatives-in-HEIs.pdf
2. **Handbook on Basics of Cyber Hygiene for Higher Education Institutions:** UGC disseminated the handbook to familiarise stakeholders with essential cybersecurity practices and preventive measures.
   Accesslink:https://www.ugc.gov.in/pdfnews/4580600_A_Handbook_on_Basics_of_Cyber_Hygiene.pdf
3. **Cyber Security Course Syllabus:** On the occasion of Cyber Jaagrookta Diwas on 6 October 2022, UGC launched the syllabus for cybersecurity courses at the undergraduate and postgraduate levels.
   Access link: https://www.ugc.gov.in/e-book/Cyber_Security/mobile/index.html
4. **Chetna Series Lectures on Cybersecurity:** UGC has been organising lectures to enhance awareness of cyber threats, preventive measures and responsible digital practices. Recordings of previous Chetna Series Lectures on cybersecurity are available at the following links for wider dissemination:
   - https://youtube.com/live/CVvQBNSuti4?feature=share
   - https://youtube.com/live/IGiEIqV8EMQ?feature=share
   - https://youtube.com/live/xloqbWcTNVU?feature=share

In continuation of these initiatives, UGC is organising another **Chetna Series Lecture on "Cybercrime Uncovered: Threats, Prevention & Response"** on **27 October 2026 (Tuesday) at 10:30 AM**, to be delivered by **Shri Nishant Kumar, Director, Indian Cybercrime Coordination Centre (I4C), Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India**, as part of the observance of National Cyber Security Awareness Month – October 2026.

The lecture will focus on emerging cyber threats, online financial frauds, phishing, digital safety, cyber hygiene, preventive measures and appropriate mechanisms for reporting and responding to cybercrime. The lecture will be **live-streamed through UGC's official social media handles**, including Facebook, X, LinkedIn and YouTube, to facilitate wider participation and outreach. The **poster announcing the lecture is enclosed** for information and further circulation.

The official social media handles of UGC are provided below for accessing updates and the live stream of the lecture:

- **Twitter (X):** https://twitter.com/ugc_india
- **LinkedIn:** https://www.linkedin.com/company/79374190/admin/feed/posts/
- **YouTube:** https://www.youtube.com/@UGC_India/featured
- **Instagram:** https://www.instagram.com/ugcindia
- **Facebook:** https://www.facebook.com/UniversityGrantsCommission
- **WhatsApp Channel:** https://whatsapp.com/channel/0029VaCh6c50gcfMkcXzgq1w

In view of the above, you are requested to kindly disseminate this communication, the enclosed poster and the links to previous Chetna Series Lectures widely among **students, faculty members and non-teaching staff** through institutional websites, official communication channels and social media platforms. You are also requested to encourage their participation in the forthcoming lecture and share the relevant UGC social media links to facilitate access to the live stream.

Your cooperation in these efforts will contribute significantly towards strengthening cybersecurity awareness and promoting a safe, secure and responsible digital environment across Higher Educational Institutions in the country.

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संलग्नक: Poster announcing the Chetna Series Lecture.

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as part of the observance of National Cyber Security Awareness Month

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Threats, Prevention & Response



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Tuesday
27th October, 2026

Starts at
10:30 AM

LIVE on UGC Social Media Handles