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A Report on Cyber Security Awareness Session on "Cyber Sentinels"

Theme: Cyber Security Awareness for a Safer Digital Future

Organized by Department of Computer Science & Engineering

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Venue: Seminar Hall – C

Mode of Conduct: Offline

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The Department of Computer Science & Engineering, Madanapalle Institute of Technology & Science (MITS), Deemed to be University, organized the Cyber Security Awareness Session "Cyber Sentinels" on 03 November 2026 at Seminar Hall – C, in collaboration with the Computer Society of India (CSI), Hyderabad Chapter, and the MITS CSI Student Chapter. Under the theme "Cyber Security Awareness for a Safer Digital Future," the programme focused on cyber threats, online safety, cyber security best practices, digital fraud, and real-world cybercrime incidents initiated by CSI Hyderabad chapter.

The programme commenced with a welcome address by Dr. R. Nidhya, Professor/CSE and Event Coordinator. She welcomed the dignitaries, invited experts, faculty members, and students, introduced the objectives of the programme, and emphasized the importance of cyber security awareness in everyday academic and personal digital activities.

Following the welcome address, Dr. M. Sreedevi, Professor & Head/CSE and Convener, addressed the gathering. She highlighted the need to connect classroom learning with contemporary cyber security challenges and encouraged students to adopt responsible online practices and benefit from interaction with domain experts.

Dr. C. P. Gupta, Dean, School of Computing, then addressed the participants and spoke about the importance of cyber security awareness in an increasingly connected society. He emphasized the role of sound technical fundamentals, ethical awareness, and a security-conscious attitude in the development of computing professionals.

Subsequently, Dr. P. Ramanathan, Principal, addressed the gathering and highlighted the significance of safe digital behaviour and preventive security practices. He encouraged participants to apply the lessons from the session to their online communication, financial transactions, and interactions with digital platforms.

The invited expert Dr. Appecherla Ramakrishna Prasad, Chairman, CSI Hyderabad Chapter, then spoke on cyber security awareness and the role of professional associations in strengthening technical competence. His address emphasized the value of collaboration between educational institutions and the cyber security community.

Dr. Manish Yadav, Cyber Crime Investigator and Chief Technical Officer, Lexicon Infotech Pvt. Ltd., followed with an investigation- and industry-oriented perspective on cyber threats. He discussed the need to identify suspicious digital communications, remain vigilant against online fraud, protect personal credentials, and respond appropriately to suspected cyber incidents.

Mr. Akhilesh Rao Kanduri, Entrepreneur and International Cyber Security Trainer (Government & Corporate), also addressed the participants as an additional invited expert. Drawing upon his professional background in cybercrime investigation, digital forensics, and incident response, he highlighted the importance of digital evidence preservation, timely incident reporting, and practical cyber hygiene. His professional profile includes training engagements with law-enforcement agencies and corporate teams.

Together, the addresses and expert sessions provided an opportunity to connect everyday online safety concerns with professional cyber security practices. The programme reinforced the need for vigilance, informed decision-making, responsible technology use, and continuous learning in the field of cyber security. The session was closed by delivering vote of thanks by Mr. T. Thangarsan.









Outcomes of the Cyber Security Awareness Session

1. Awareness of Cyber Threats. Participants were introduced to major risks associated with unsafe online behaviour, suspicious links, account compromise and digital fraud.

2. Safer Digital Practices. The session reinforced the importance of strong authentication, credential protection, careful sharing of personal information and verification of online requests.

3. Exposure to Cybercrime Investigation. Participants received a perspective on the role of forensic analysis, incident response and responsible handling of digital evidence.

4. Industry and Professional Interaction. Interaction with CSI representatives and cyber security practitioners connected academic learning with professional practice and emerging challenges.

5. Motivation for Continuous Learning. The programme encouraged further exploration of cyber security skills, ethical conduct and informed digital citizenship.

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