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Webinar on Cyber Security by IQAC, Central University of Odisha

A webinar on Cyber Security was organized by the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of the Central University of Odisha through virtual mode on 31.05.2021. The aim of the seminar was to create awareness on varieties of cyber crimes taking place and in its place to various cyber security features that will keep us safe from hackers, cybercriminals, and other agents of fraud in the digital world. Prof. P.S. Avadhani, Visiting Professor, Dept. of Computer Science, CUO (Formerly Director, IIIT, Agartala, Tripura) and Shri Pandit Rajesh Uttamrao, IPS, D.I.G. Police, South-Western Range, Koraput, Odisha delivered lectures as the key speakers on this occasion. Professor I. Ramabrahmam, Vice-Chancellor of the University, inaugurated the webinar and highlighted some of the major cyber threats we faced in our daily lives. He advised we should aware and takes necessary preventive measures against cyber attacks. Prof. Sharat Kumar Palita, Dean, SBCNR & Director, IQAC presided over the program and briefed about the importance of cyber security in the present digital world in his welcome address.

Prof. P.S. Avadhani defined different types of cyber threats like computer viruses, hackers, cyber fraud, cybercriminals, viruses, malwares, ransomwares and cyber agents. He said, "now a day's many people have been victimized by cybercrime and this happens due to lack of our digital knowledge and ignorance on cyber security. Protecting from such threats creates awareness amongst the people on cyber security from school to University level". He advised to keep RFID ATMs in aluminum foil, frequently change the password, give long password instead of short, don't disclose your password, don't give ID numbers to any unauthorized person, use authorized antivirus in computers/laptops, protect the file and computers by giving strong security code, log out all the application before switching off the computers, and not to use cyber café in any financial transaction.

Shri Pandit Rajesh Uttamrao, IPS explained how people are victimized by cyber frauds by giving live examples of cyber victims. He said, "in many cases, criminals are caught and many cases criminals escape. To control the cyber crimes people must be enough educated about cyber security". He advised people to follow the Golden Hour Rule" i.e. immediately lodge a complaint report before the Superintendent of Police or Cyber Police of your district with detailed evidence. Do not give any information to any unauthorized person over the phone rather ask him to write an email.

Dr. Jyotiska Datta, HoD I/c, Mathematics introduced Prof. Avdhani and Dr. Mahesh Kumar Panda, HoD I/c. Statistics introduced Shri Uttamrao. Dr. Ram Shankar, Controller of Examination extended the vote of thanks. A large number of students, faculty, Officers, and staff along with Prof. Asit Kumar Das, Registrar and Dr. Phagunath Bhoi were present on the occasion.

Dr. Phagunath Bhoi, Public Relations Officer