


**Government of Jammu and Kashmir  
General Administration Department  
Civil Secretariat, J&K.**

**Subject: Cyber crime attacks- Security Advisory thereof.**

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Instances of cyber crimes like hacking, phishing, identity theft etc are being reported on a daily basis from every nook and corner of the country. The number of these crimes have proliferated due to the extensive and unrestricted availability of data and access to technical know-how available on the internet. Government Organizations/Authorities have especially been targets of these activities for a variety of reasons. Of late such instances have been reported from various officers/officials of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, wherein, identities of senior level UT functionaries are being used along with emails, telephone numbers on platforms like whatsapp and other messaging applications for conveying instructions/directions.

The seriousness of the matter has necessitated issuing circular instructions to all the Departments to ensure that the identities of government functionaries are not misused by the cyber criminals. Accordingly, it is enjoined upon all Administrative Secretaries/HoDs/Managing Directors of various Government Organizations/Corporations to authenticate any instructions/direction received from any government functionary before processing/acting upon them. The department shall also sensitize their officers/officials regarding these cyber attacks/frauds. Onus of any adverse result of acting upon these unverified instructions/directions shall lie with the concerned officer/official. No action should be taken with respect to such messages that are in violation of rules/instructions/guidelines under any pretext.

  
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