Seminar on Cyber Security & Cyber Crime Awareness

Gujarat Technological University Organize Seminar on Cyber Security & Cyber Crime Awareness Under the aegis of Post Graduate Research Center for Cyber Security In association with Gandhinagar Institute of Technology on 13/04/2016 at Seminar Hall.

About Speaker:

The awareness workshops will be conducted by Shri Varun Kapoor who is an Additional Director General of Police of Madhya Pradesh Cadre and is of the 1991 batch. He has been SP in three Districts and Range DIG in three Ranges in Madhya Pradesh. He has represented the country in three International missions. He has served as Police Advisor in the United Nations Missions in Bosnia (1996-97) and UN Mission in Georgia (2005-06). He was also on a Scoping Mission sent by the Government of India to South Africa, Lesotho & Mozambique in the year 2010. He is presently posted as Additional Director General of Police - Narcotics at Indore. Earlier when he was Director at PRTS - under his leadership, the PRTS has evolved into the best cyber security training institute for security forces from all over the country under its "THE BLUE PALM" initiative. They train officers from 22 different police forces of the country; officers of Central Para Military Forces like the CRPF, BSF, ITBP, SSB, RPF, CISF etc and officers of the Indian Army too. In recognition of his work in this field Shri Kapoor has been awarded by the Data Security Council of India for "Best Capacity Building Work" for the year 2014 at Mumbai.

Shri Kapoor has also designed, developed and executed the highly successful and appreciated "BLACK RIBBON INITIATIVE". This is a cyber security awareness outreach program. Under this he has organized 144 workshops across the country and made over 30,000 school students, college youths, general citizens, government employees, organizational members and institutional executives aware regarding the dangers of unsafe cyber use and the methods and methodology for safe and secure cyber use. This drive is a one of a kind effort by any police officer anywhere in the country and he has received a host of awards and recognitions for this. These include the "Cyber Security Ambassador" Award given by the CMAI & AICTE at Kolkata; "Cyber Security Innovator" Award given by the TEMA & GTU at Ahmadabad; All India IT Association Award at Indore; ALMA National Award at Indore; the Jiyo Dil Se Award of MY FM at Ahmadabad and The National Telecom Award 2016 for "Outstanding Cyber Security Awareness Drive Across the Country" at Delhi.

Shri Kapoor has also devised, developed and launched the "RISING SUN INITIATIVE" for cyber security education and "BURNING FLAME INITIATIVE" for providing free cyber security services (like free website audit, free security Apps development etc) to the community. These have also been highly acclaimed and are doing tremendous work in their respective domains.For his outstanding contribution in all fields he was awarded the Presidents Police Medal for Meritorious Services in 2008. He was also nominated for the Presidents Police Medal for Gallantry in 2009. He is a recipient of a number of awards and recognitions in such diverse fields as Field Policing; International Policing; Cyber Security; Community Policing; Narcotic Drug Enforcement & Wildlife Conservation and Protection.

About Workshop:

Today every citizen is living in two worlds simultaneously. One is the "REAL" world and the other is the "VIRTUAL" world. While existing in the real world we take all security precautions possible to remain safe and secure. In addition we know all the rules, regulations and laws in existence in the field in which we operate. Despite all these actions and precautions taken by the citizens, mistakes occur and as a result incidents of crime (intentional & unintentional) take place. On the contrary while existing (or operating) in the virtual world the average citizens (which is almost all) has a feeling that this is an "imaginary" world and their behavior is thus modulated.

They feel as this world can't be seen, touched, felt, understood and perceived, so it does not exist in reality. As a result they take no self-security precautions while operating in this world and they even do not know the legal provisions (IT ACT) that govern the legitimate use of the cyber space and virtual world. This is extremely risky behavior. The citizens of all types in this country need to be sensitized about the dangers involved in unregulated and insecure use of the cyber space and also need to be made aware regarding the safe and secure ways of using technology, gadgets and internet. This will ensure that the use of cyber space and the virtual world is for the benefit of all and not in a manner which harms self and others.