

Cyber Security Awareness Session at APS Jammu Cantt

On 11 November 2024, an awareness session on cybersecurity and PIO calls was held at Army Public School Jammu Cantt. Lt Nikhilendra Singh conducted the session for teachers, who in turn will educate parents and students about the growing threat of cybercrime.

Key Topics:

- **Understanding Cyber Threats:** The session delved into various types of cyber threats, including phishing, malware, ransomware, and social engineering. Teachers were educated on how these threats operate and the potential consequences of falling victim to them.
- **Password Management and Online Security:** The importance of strong, unique passwords was emphasized. Participants were advised to avoid using the same password for multiple accounts and to consider using password managers for secure storage.
- **Recognizing Phishing Attempts:** Techniques to identify fraudulent emails, messages, and websites were discussed. Participants were taught to be wary of suspicious sender addresses, urgent requests, and unrealistic offers.
- **Social Engineering and Manipulation Tactics:** The session highlighted the dangers of social engineering, where cybercriminals use psychological manipulation to trick individuals into revealing sensitive information. Participants were advised to be cautious of unsolicited calls, emails, and messages, especially those that seem urgent or suspicious.

PIO Calls Awareness:

A significant portion of the session was dedicated to raising awareness about the recent surge in "PIO calls". Teachers were advised to:

- **Verify Caller Identity:** Always verify the identity of the caller, especially if they claim to be from a government agency or military organization.
- **Avoid Sharing Sensitive Information:** Refrain from sharing any sensitive information, such as personal details, financial information, or classified data, over the phone, unless the identity of the caller is confirmed through official channels.
- **Be Cautious of Urgent Requests:** Be wary of urgent requests, especially if they seem suspicious or out of the ordinary.
- **Report Suspicious Calls:** Report any suspicious calls to the appropriate authorities immediately.

Lt Nikhilendra Singh's cybersecurity awareness session provided valuable insights into the evolving landscape of cyber threats. By equipping teachers with the necessary knowledge, they can effectively educate parents and students about the importance of online security and PIO calls. By following the guidelines and best practices one can significantly reduce the risk of falling victim to cyberattacks and protect personal information.

