

Report on Cyber Security Workshop

In a concerted effort to instill awareness about cyber security among young learners, The Air Force School, Subroto Park, organized a comprehensive workshop on February 6, 2025, for students of Classes VI-VIII. The session was led by **Ms. Lakshmi Mini**, a certified **Cyber Crime Intervention Officer** and the **Head of Intervention at CopConnect, ISAC**. The workshop aimed at educating students about the increasing prevalence of cyber threats, responsible digital behavior, and the importance of safeguarding personal information online. Ms. Mini provided valuable insights into various cyber threats such as **cyberbullying, hacking, identity theft, online frauds, and phishing attacks**, elaborating on each concept through real-life case studies and examples. She discussed how cyber criminals employ deceptive methods to steal sensitive information, manipulate individuals, and cause financial losses. Through engaging storytelling and interactive discussions, students were introduced to various cyber threats and encouraged to be vigilant while browsing the internet. The session placed a significant emphasis on **cyber bullying**, highlighting its different forms, such as harassment, impersonation, and exclusion, and its potential psychological effects on victims.

Ms. Mini stressed the importance of **reporting cyberbullying incidents** to responsible adults, school authorities, or the **Cybercrime Helpline Number 1930**. She also explained the role of the **Cybercrime Reporting Platform (cybercrime.gov.in)** and how students can use it to report online threats and cybercrimes. She shared incidents where users unknowingly compromised their data by clicking on fraudulent links or engaging with malicious websites. Students were also warned about **phishing scams**, wherein cyber criminals impersonate legitimate organizations to steal confidential information. Through thought-provoking discussions, Ms. Mini educated students on **safe internet practices**, including using **strong passwords**, enabling **two-factor authentication**, avoiding **sharing personal information online**, and being cautious of **suspicious emails and messages**. The workshop also delved into **financial frauds**, cautioning students and teachers against online scams that could lead to identity theft and unauthorized transactions.

A significant highlight of the workshop was the introduction of the **Cyber Awareness Netizen Pledge**, which was taken by both students and teachers. This pledge reaffirmed their commitment to being responsible digital citizens, protecting personal information, standing against cyber bullying, and promoting a safer online environment. The session concluded with a dynamic **Q&A segment**, where students eagerly sought answers to their cyber security concerns. Ms. Mini patiently addressed each query, reinforcing the importance of vigilance in the digital world. The workshop proved to be a **highly informative and engaging session**, equipping students with practical knowledge and strategies to stay secure online. The initiative successfully instilled a sense of **cyber awareness and digital responsibility**, preparing students to navigate the internet safely and report suspicious activities when necessary.



