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आदरणीय महोदया /महोदय,

In today's digital era, cyber security has emerged as a matter of paramount importance for safeguarding individuals and institutions alike. With the increasing reliance on technology in the teaching-learning ecosystem, it is essential to inculcate awareness and good practices relating to digital safety, data privacy, and responsible online conduct among the academic community.

In this context, the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Home Affairs, in its 254th Report on "Cyber Crime – Ramifications, Protection and Prevention", has recommended the introduction of cyber education across non-technical courses in Higher Education Institutions (HEIs), focusing on cyber awareness, digital safety, responsible online conduct, and basics of data privacy.

In alignment with these recommendations, the **Handbook on Basics of Cyber Hygiene for Higher Education Institutions released by UGC on 6th Nov, 2024** provides practical guidance and best practices on cyber awareness, digital safety, responsible online conduct, and data privacy, which are highly relevant for students, faculty, and non-teaching staff.

You are, therefore, requested to:

- Upload the Handbook on your University/College website.
- Share the soft copy with all students, faculty, and non-teaching staff.
- Promote the Handbook through your institution's official social media handles.
- Include a **compulsory Cyber Security session during Deeksharambh** (Student Induction Programme), based on the contents of the Handbook, to sensitise incoming students about safe online practices.

Further, you are also requested to submit the details regarding the conduct of the Cyber Security session during Deeksharambh on the **UAMP Portal** using the below mentioned link: -

<https://forms.gle/aCwaNXuqZsJiWdV6>

Your cooperation in disseminating and popularising this important resource will contribute significantly towards developing a cyber-secure academic ecosystem across the country.

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To,

1. Vice-Chancellors of all Universities
2. Principals of all Colleges