

**Cyber Security Workshop Conducted on September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024**

on  
**Cybersecurity Essentials: Protecting Public Systems Against Growing Cyber Threats**  
for  
**Department of Finance, Uttar Pradesh**  
by  
**NIC UP State Centre &  
Regional Centre of Excellence for Application Security  
Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh**

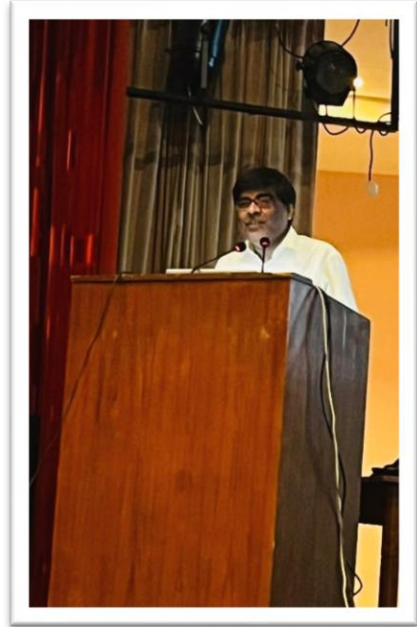
In an endeavor to create awareness and sensitize the officers and employees of the Department of Finance of Uttar Pradesh, NIC UP State Centre along with the Regional Centre of Excellence for Cyber Security was invited to deliver a cyber security workshop session. In response to the same, a session was conducted and delivered on “[Cybersecurity Essentials: Protecting Public Systems Against Growing Cyber Threats](#)” to over 150 officers and employees of Department of Finance, Uttar Pradesh, at the Institute of Financial Management, Training and Research, Indira Nagar, Lucknow on September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024. The session was delivered by Shri Shailesh Srivastava, HoD and Senior Director (IT), and Miss Aparna Khare, Joint Director (IT) & Member, Regional Centre of Excellence for Application Security – Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh.



The session highlighted the complexities of today’s sophisticated threat landscape and the associated risks. It emphasized the critical importance of raising cybersecurity awareness as a key defense against evolving digital threats. Empowering individuals and teams with knowledge is paramount in building resilience and safeguarding against potential breaches, making cybersecurity awareness a key component of any defense strategy.

The session started with an insightful introduction by Shri Shailesh Srivastava, highlighting the significance and impact of cyber security and the areas of the IT Ecosystem that require protection. In continuation of that, Miss Aparna

Khare then delivered the rest of the session, beginning with an in-depth understanding of the current threat landscape with real life examples and identifying key areas to protect within the IT



ecosystem. It also explored the hacker's perspective to shed light on potential vulnerabilities. Attendees were introduced to the latest trends and challenges in cybersecurity, with a particular focus on protecting government financial systems. Additionally, emerging trends in cybersecurity for government systems were discussed. The session was concluded by sharing actionable

departmental strategies and best practices for departments and how users can report incidents of cybercrime on the National Cyber Crime Reporting Portal (<https://cybercrime.gov.in/>).



Director of Finance, Government of Uttar Pradesh, praised the session as insightful and valuable in promoting awareness, and thanked NIC for the session.

The session was concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by the Additional Director of Finance, expressing appreciation for the valuable insights shared during the workshop.