The Safer Internet Day 2026

Workshops conducted at all districts of Kerala

Awareness initiative was implemented effectively across multiple districts of Kerala through coordinated efforts of District Collectorates, NIC District Centres, Cyber Police units, Kendriya Vidyalayas, Government Colleges, and Akshaya Centres.

Workshops were conducted across districts Thiruvananthapuram, Kollam, Pathanamthitta (multiple institutions), Alappuzha, Kottayam, Idukki, Ernakulam, Thrissur, Palakkad, Malappuram, Kozhikode, Kannur, Kasaragod and Wayanad.

The programmes were hosted in:

- District Collectorates and Civil Stations

- Government Colleges

- Kendriya Vidyalayas

- Akshaya District Project Offices

This reflects strong inter-departmental coordination involving District Administration, NIC, Police Cyber Cells, and educational institutions. Participation ranged from institutional gatherings of 50–60 participants to large-scale events exceeding 100 participants, with some districts reporting participation above 150–180 attendees.

The target audience included Government officials, Faculty members, School and college students and General public representatives. This resulted in strong student engagement in school-based programmes (e.g., Pathanamthitta, Thrissur, Kasaragod, Wayanad), Significant participation of government officials in Collectorate-level sessions (e.g., Ernakulam, Kottayam, Thiruvananthapuram and Kollam) and Broad-based gender representation across districts.

Across all districts, there was thematic consistency aligned with Safer Internet Day objectives. Key topics included:

- Safe and Responsible Use of Internet

- Cyber Hygiene Practices

- AI-related Cyber Threats and Emerging Risks

- Social Media Safety

- Financial Frauds and Online Scams

- Deepfake and AI-generated Content Awareness

- Data Privacy and Personal Data Protection

- Cyber Crime Reporting Mechanism (1930 helpline, cybercrime portal)

Several districts (e.g., Idukki, Palakkad, Ernakulam) emphasized AI-enabled cyber threats, misinformation, and practical mitigation strategies, demonstrating contextual relevance to emerging digital risks.

Workshops were led by District Informatics Officers (NIC), Cyber Police officials, Assistant Collectors / IAS Officers (inaugural sessions in select districts) and Subject experts and social media professionals (e.g., Ernakulam)

This reflects high-level administrative ownership and technical domain expertise in delivery.

Most districts reported conducting of Quiz / Pledge / Assessment activities, Pledge-taking ceremonies (particularly in Pathanamthitta, Kasaragod, school assemblies), Uploading of workshop photographs and reports to the StaySafeOnline.in portal and Collection of attendance records

The Safer Internet Day 2026 initiative achieved:

- Statewide district-level penetration

- Multi-sector participation (administration, education, law enforcement)

- Focus on AI-era cyber risks

- Increased awareness on fraud prevention and responsible digital conduct

- Strengthening of institutional collaboration between NIC and District Administration

The programmes collectively demonstrate structured execution, thematic uniformity, and measurable outreach across Kerala districts. The emphasis on AI-enabled threats and digital hygiene indicates proactive adaptation to evolving cybersecurity challenges.