

GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY
DIRECTORATE OF HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Advisory for College Students on Fraudulent Video Calls

It has been brought to the notice that Whatsapp Video Calls from unknown numbers are being received by adolescent/college students.

When such video calls are being attended, the caller remains invisible but receiver's photograph is captured. The captured photograph is subsequently embedded in pornographic videos which are then used to threaten the receiver and extract money.

Hence, all College Students in particular and remaining public in general is hereby advised :

1. Don't attend any such whatsapp video calls from unknown numbers.
2. Don't accept the friends request based on profile picture or DP or profile information of any social media account.
3. Don't click any link even if the link is shared by the trusted resource.
4. Don't share private photo or private video even to known person or friend as it may be misused at anytime.
5. To make password credentials very complex (Text + Number + Symbols). Don't use Date of birth or name of person as password.
6. Don't use same email account for all the purpose, and frequently change the password, and enable two / three steps authentication.

Moreover, whenever such fraudulent video calls are received or cyber crime happens, the caller should be immediately blocked and details shall be shared at Puducherry Cyber Crime Police Station number @ 0413-2276144.

It is also possible to lodge complaint through anonymous mode @ cybercrime.gov.in.


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