Report on Secure Meters Campus Connect Program at MANIT Bhopal

Date: 14 August 2026
Time: 11 AM – 12:30 PM
Venue: Civil Auditorium
Organized by: Training & Placement Cell, MANIT Bhopal
Participants: B.Tech (4th Year)

Introduction

The Training and Placement Cell (TPC), MANIT Bhopal, organized an awareness session on "Cybersecurity and the Digital Personal Data Protection (DPDP) Act, 2023" for students of the institute.

The primary objective of the session was to create awareness among students regarding the growing importance of cybersecurity in the digital age and to familiarize them with responsible practices for protecting digital information and personal data. The session also introduced students to the key concepts and significance of the Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023, and its relevance in today's technology-driven environment.

The session emphasized the importance of developing responsible digital behaviour, understanding cyber threats, protecting sensitive information, and being aware of the rights and responsibilities associated with the handling of personal data.



Visiting Panelists

The session featured distinguished leaders from Secure Meters:

- **Ms. Sumedha Ganjoo –** Global Data Protection Officer
- **Mr. Bhanu Prakash Gehlot –** Lead IT Architect

Flow of the Event

The event was structured as an awareness and knowledge-sharing session. The schedule was as follows:

- **11:00 AM – 11:15 AM:** Introduction and Opening
- **11:15 AM – 12:10 PM:** Session on Cybersecurity Awareness & Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023
- **12:10 PM – 12:30 PM:** Interactive Discussion and Concluding Remarks

Session Conduct and Key Highlights

The session provided students with an opportunity to understand the growing cybersecurity challenges associated with the increasing use of digital platforms and services.

The key highlights of the session are as follows:

- **Cybersecurity Awareness**
  The cybersecurity segment focused on the importance of maintaining secure digital practices and protecting personal and institutional information from cyber threats. Students were made aware of the importance of secure passwords, cautious use of digital platforms, protection of sensitive information, and responsible online behaviour.

- **Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023**
  The session introduced students to the **Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023**, and its relevance in the digital ecosystem. The discussion highlighted the importance of protecting personal data and ensuring that digital information is handled responsibly. Students gained awareness about the significance of privacy and data protection and the need for organizations and individuals to adopt responsible practices while dealing with personal information.

- **Interactive Discussion**
  The session also encouraged students to actively participate through discussions and questions. The interaction helped students relate cybersecurity and data protection concepts to situations encountered in everyday digital activities.

Overall, the session successfully combined cybersecurity awareness with an introduction to data protection legislation, making it informative and relevant for students from different engineering disciplines.



Participation & Student Engagement

The session witnessed active participation from students of the Chemical Engineering and Electrical Engineering departments.

Students actively engaged throughout the event by:

- Attending the cybersecurity and DPDP Act 2023 awareness sessions.
- Learning about common cybersecurity risks and the importance of safe digital practices.
- Understanding the significance of protecting personal and sensitive information.
- Gaining awareness about the Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023.
- Participating in discussions and raising questions during the interactive session.
- Understanding the importance of responsible digital behaviour in academic and professional environments.

The compulsory nature of the session ensured broad student participation and helped create a common level of awareness regarding cybersecurity and data protection among the participating students.



Outcomes of the Session

The session successfully achieved its objectives and resulted in:

- Enhanced awareness of cybersecurity and common digital threats.
- Improved understanding of safe and responsible digital practices.
- Increased awareness regarding the importance of personal data protection.
- Basic understanding of the Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023.
- Greater awareness of privacy and responsible handling of digital personal information.
- Encouragement for students to adopt secure and responsible digital practices in their academic, personal, and professional lives.
- Increased understanding of the importance of cybersecurity awareness beyond purely technical domains.



Conclusion

The Cybersecurity and DPDP Act 2023 Awareness Session proved to be an informative and relevant initiative for the students of MANIT Bhopal. The session provided students with valuable awareness regarding cybersecurity, digital safety, personal data protection, and the importance of responsible digital practices.

Organized under the guidance of the Training & Placement Cell, MANIT Bhopal, the session successfully contributed towards strengthening students' awareness of emerging digital challenges and data protection requirements. It encouraged students to become more responsible digital users and better understand the importance of cybersecurity and privacy in the modern professional environment.

