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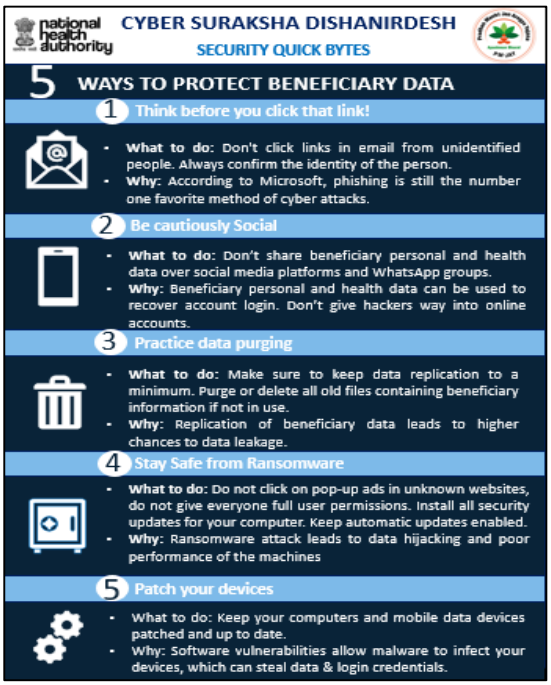
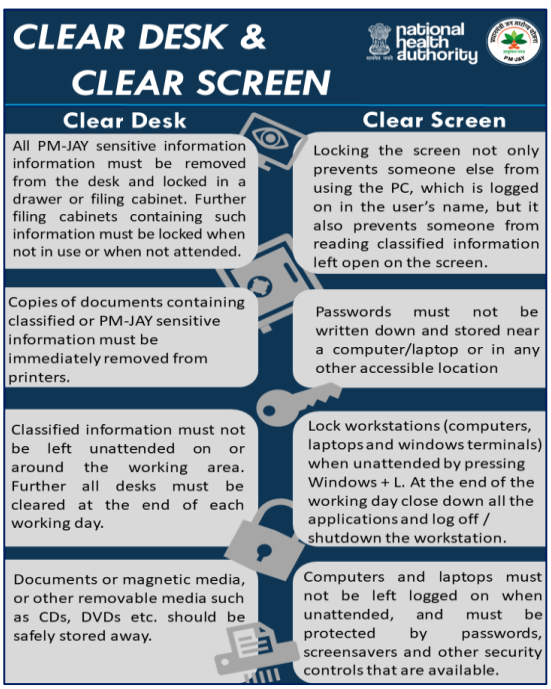
Cyber Security Awareness Month (CSAM)

October is globally marked as Cyber Security Awareness Month (CSAM) with a view to educate public and private sector to increase cyber resilience of the nation as recommended by National Security Council Secretariat (NSCS). NHA in its second year, as a continual effort to raise awareness about the importance of cyber security across PM-JAY ecosystem celebrated **Cyber Security Awareness Month (CSAM).** The theme for occasion was chosen as **"Own IT. Secure IT. Protect IT"**. The entire month of October was marked full of security advisories and quizzes imparting the importance of both information security and data privacy to all PM-JAY personnel.

Goal 1: Ways to protect beneficiary's data

Beneficiaries' information is a valuable asset that needs to be secured, while processing/handling information at rest and in transit, and protect it from unauthorized use, disclosure or modification. 5 ways to protect beneficiary's data was shared all across PM-JAY ecosystem via email.





Goal 2: Clear Desk & Clear Screen Awareness

To help reduce the risk of security breaches within the PM-JAY workplace, clear desk and clear screen awareness was shared all across PM-JAY ecosystem via email. It covered areas like locking of workstations (computers, laptops) when left unattended, removing all PM-JAY sensitive information and keep it locked in a drawer or filing cabinet at the end of work day, etc.

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Goal 3: Safe Internet surfing habits

Digital technologies provide us lot of possibilities at our fingertips, but at the same time we must be vary of security risks. It is vital to protect our online activities and be aware of the ways in which technology may compromise PM-JAY security. On '***International Internet Day***' celebrated on **29 October, 2020**, safe Internet surfing habits such as visit only trusted sites, never activate save password feature on browser, etc. was shared with all PM-JAY personnel.

Goal 4: Video cyber security message

Aiming to educate everyone and to collectively build cyber conscious culture across PM-JAY, a video message with anecdotes showcasing cyber security awareness guidelines was shared will all personnel. This was to encourage everyone in taking proactive steps to enhance cybersecurity and own their role in protecting a part of PM-JAY cyberspace.

Goal 5: Knowledge quiz for all

To mark the ending of Cyber Security Awareness Month at NHA, and to evaluate the learnings through the month, a cyber security awareness knowledge quiz was circulated among all PM-JAY personnel. There were 10 multiple choice questions carefully presented to PM-JAY personnel to choose one correct answer. There were 11 personnel who got all answers correct.