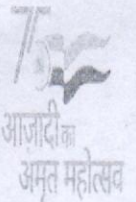
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Important Circular

No: EDP/AN/174/Cyber-Security/2022-23

Date: 30 /08/2022

To,

Officer-In-Charge
All Sections
(Under PCDA (CC) Lucknow Main Office)
All Sub-Offices
(Under PCDA (CC))

Sub: Cyber Security Alert: Whatsapp Squatting Campaign.

Ref: DAD HQrs letter no. Mech/IT&S/810/CyberSecurity dated 24/08/2022

It has been directed by the Headquarters Office vide its letter cited above that a Fake Messaging App "WHSAPP.APK" is embedded with malicious content.

2. HQrs office has received Inputs from MoD and credible Govt Agency that a new squatting Campaign is being used by threat to target users and convince them to hand over their login credentials. Further, the malicious actors have registered via the following domain names – agendawhatsapp.com, whatsappagenda.com and whatsappo.com.

3. The above mentioned domain names would mislead user into believing them to be associated with popular chat application whatsapp. The site can be utilized for phishing consumer credentials, hosting malicious payloads, disinformation etc.

4. In continuation to the above instructions mentioned in referenced circular dated 24/08/2022, All Officers-in-charge are requested to issue necessary directions to all sections & staff, so that all get sensitized with and remain vigilant regarding alert for new Whatsapp Squatting Campaign and follow following directions.

a. **Not to install malicious applications.**

b. **Verify genuineness of any website by verifying the address displayed only in address bar of the browser.**

c. **The correctness of domain name may be verified by a diligent search of the website on popular search engine like google, bing etc. and only the correct web address may be stored in shortcuts of browser for easy retrieval/reference.**

5. Further, ensure that domain name squatting vectors be blocked in the perimeter security devices like firewalls and UTM's installed at their offices over internet.

6. It is directed to ensure compliance of the guidelines given above. Action taken report may please be forwarded to this office.

Jt.CDA has seen.

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Accounts officer

Pranod Sharma
Account Officer (IT&S)