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Subject: Advisory - Know the Risk - Raise Your Shield; Travel Awareness (Advisory No. 50)

The officers and staff of government organizations become target of Cyber Espionage / Surveillance during travel / visit abroad due to either adversarial or other countries agencies. Therefore, an advisory on "Raise Your Shield; Travel Awareness" (attached at Annexure A; covering Guidelines) is required to be shared for ensuring

2. Forwarded for information and dissemination to all concerned, please.

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1. The officers and staff of government organizations become target of Cyber Espionage / Surveillance during travelling / visit abroad by either adversaries / other countries agencies. Therefore, recommendations at Para 2 must be followed during travel / stray abroad.

2. Guidelines

- a. Never travel with too many electronic devices as these are susceptible to physical and data theft; only carry essentially required devices for maintaining personal contact.
- Use disposable electronic items (mobile phone etc) and separate email address during visits abroad.
- Never share your travel plan on social media. Always keep private information restricted by re-configuring privacy settings.
- d. Always be mindful of protecting confidential information and never share such information with other people who are not well known.
- e. Never leave your electronic items (laptop, mobile etc) un-attended.
- f. Always check your room for hidden cameras and microphones etc.
- g. Never use the internet / WiFi in hotels / rooms for official correspondence.
- The leisure time of visit must be utilized in outdoor and healthy activities (games, travelling etc).
- 3. Reporting of Suspicious Files / Emails. Any malicious activity may be reported to this organization on the following email addresses for analysis and suggesting mitigation measures: -

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