Cybercrime Awareness Program Organized by Polytechnic in Agricultural Engineering at AAU, Muvaliya Farm, Dahod

In response to the alarming rise in cybercrimes, the Cyber Cell of the Polytechnic in Agricultural Engineering, AAU, Muvaliya Farm, Dahod, organized a Cybercrime Awareness Program on August 3, 2024, at the college seminar hall. The program aimed to educate students about the various facets of cybercrimes and equip them with the knowledge to protect themselves in the digital world.

The event commenced with a warm welcome from Prof. Sachin Chinchorkar, Cyber Cell Coordinator, who addressed the dignitaries, students, and faculty members present. Prof. Sachin Chinchorkar emphasized the critical importance of creating awareness about cybercrimes among the student population. He highlighted the need to improve knowledge regarding internet safety and the issues of illegal internet usage through presentations and videos. "We need to substantially improve our knowledge regarding internet safety and issues of illegal internet usage to prevent cybercrimes. Most crimes in recent days have been committed using computers as a tool," he stated. Prof. Chinchorkar further pointed out that while some cybercrimes have been exposed, many remain undetected, occurring not only locally but also at national and international levels. He expressed his concern that young people are often involved in such activities.

During the program, students were educated on various types of cybercrimes, including email bombing, hacking, salami attacks, phishing, identity fraud, ATM skimming, web banking fraud, cyber stalking, and online lottery fraud.

Principal Dr. B.K. Yaduvanshi, in his address, warned students about the dangers of cyber threats, particularly the risks associated with phone calls and messages being recorded and used for blackmail. He advised students to avoid sharing personal photographs and ideas with strangers on social networks, as these actions could lead to serious consequences. Dr. Yaduvanshi's insights highlighted the importance of vigilance and caution in digital interactions.

The program saw the participation of 50 students and staff members, who actively engaged in the discussions and presentations. The event concluded with a Vote of Thanks delivered by Prof. Sachin S. Chinchorkar, who expressed gratitude to the dignitaries, faculty, participants, and NSS volunteers for their presence and contributions to the successful completion of the awareness program.

The Cybercrime Awareness Program at AAU, Muvaliya Farm, Dahod, underscored the institution's commitment to educating its students about the dangers of cybercrimes and empowering them with the knowledge to stay safe online. The event was organized with the kind cooperation of Dr. F.G. Sayyad, SRC Chairman, Academic In-charge, Jasmine Bhimani, Mahadeo Khardiwar, and Dhaval Paradava.