

**Phishing e-mails in circulation
intending to target computers -
Cyber Security Advisory.**

Government of Gujarat
Science & Technology Department
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Reports have been received that through a targeted attack the email accounts belonging to different organisations of Gujarat State have been compromised. The compromised email accounts are being used to send spear phishing emails.

2. This mails would severely impair the security of data being stored, processed and transacted by infected computer systems.

3. Gujarat Electronics and Software Industries Association (GESIA) is requested to advise to check the ICT infrastructure of their member companies for any compromise. If the ICT infrastructure has been compromised, then they may be asked to provide the following information

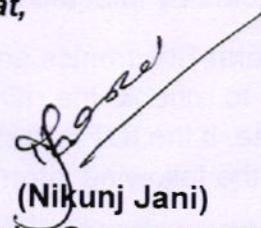
- i. Copies of any spear phishing email sent
- ii. Email logs indicating compromise
- iii. Network details including details of Internet connectivity (Name of service provider, Fixed IP address allotted and bandwidth hired).
- iv. Is two factor authentication being used
- v. The nature of organizations VPN usage.
- vi. Any other finding that explains the compromises of email accounts.

4. Also It is, therefore, advised to initiate the following step immediately for preventing and limiting any possible damage from such offensives:

- i. Officers/officials are also advised not to open any mail from unknown source/ any suspicious mail and not to download/save/open any attachment without scanning virus;
- ii. Not to open attachments having extension EXE, DLL, VBS, U64, SHS, PIF, ZIP (typical examples: .txt.exe, .doc.exe);
- iii. Not to click any URL mentioned in the body of the any e-mail text, unless one is assured of the identity and credentials of the sender;
- iv. Not to open any files attached to an e-mail if the subject matter appears questionable or unexpected, notwithstanding e-mail originating from known source/ e-mail ID;
- v. Not to leave an e-mail account unattended once logged on, unless password protected screen saver is enabled on the system;

- vi. Officers/officials are advised not to use private e-mail for official purpose, all official information is sent through official or GoG e-mail accounts only, not to use personal e-mail id for official communications;
 - vii. Do not forward chain/junk e-mails;
 - viii. To set MS Word application macros security to High;
 - ix. A highlighted text should also be part of external mail. Text may be "*This email has been sent from an external source. Treat hyperlinks and attachments in this email with Caution*".
5. All concerned are requested to go through and follow Annexure- advisory regarding to identify, recognize and protect from phishing attacks. In any case, mail compromised then user should lodge complaint at cybercrime.gov.in
6. All concerned in the private organisations and State Government, including the subordinate offices are therefore, requested to kindly ensure that their respective divisions/sections/organizations follow this advisory in letter & spirit.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Gujarat,



**(Nikunj Jani)
Under Secretary (IT)
Science & Technology Department**

To

1. Principal Secretary to Hon'ble Governorshri, Raj Bhavan, Gandhinagar.
2. Chief Principal Secretary to Hon'ble Chief Minister.
3. Principal Secretary to Hon'ble Chief Minister.
4. Secretary to Hon'ble Chief Minister.
5. Personal Secretary to Hon'ble Ministers, Government of Gujarat.
6. Personal Secretary to the Leader of Opposition Party in Gujarat Legislative Assembly, Gandhinagar.
7. Deputy Secretary to Chief Secretary, Government of Gujarat.
8. Registrar, Hon'ble Gujarat High Court, Ahmedabad.
9. Secretary, Gujarat Vigilance Commission, Gandhinagar.
10. Secretary, Gujarat Public Service Commission, Gandhinagar.
11. Secretary, Gujarat Legislature Secretariat, Gandhinagar.

12. Secretary, Gujarat Civil Service Tribunal, Gandhinagar.
13. All Administrative Departments
14. VC and MD, GIDC, Udyog Bhavan
15. Industries Commissioner, Government of Gujarat
16. All Heads of the Departments, Department of Science and Technology
17. All Collectors.
18. Managing Director, Gujarat Fibre Grid Network Limited, Gandhinagar
19. Managing Director, Gujarat Informatics Limited, Gandhinagar
20. Director, Information Technology, Gandhinagar
21. DDG and SIO, NIC, Gandhinagar, Gujarat
22. Account General (A&E) Gujarat, Post Box No. 2201, Rajkot.
23. Account General (A&E) Gujarat, Ahmedabad Branch, Ahmedabad.
24. Account General (Audit-1) Gujarat, MS Building, Ahmedabad.
25. Director, Account & Treasuries, Gujarat State, Gandhinagar
26. Pay & Account Offices, Ahmedabad/Gandhinagar
27. All District Treasury Offices
28. Resident Audit Officer, Ahmedabad/Gandhinagar.
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