Report on Cyber Crime and Cyber Safety Awareness Lecture Organized under *CAWACH Kendra* Activities

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The program commenced with a melodious prayer sung by the student-teachers of the college. The prayer created a serene atmosphere and set a positive tone for the day's program. It was followed by a moment of silence, symbolizing respect for knowledge, discipline, and the noble cause of spreading awareness about cyber safety, The Principal of the college warmly welcomed the

dignitaries, faculty members, B.Ed. trainees, and the students from nearby schools of Petlad town. In her welcome address, she highlighted the importance of organizing such awareness programs in the era of digitization where every individual, from children to adults, is highly engaged with smart phones, social media, and online transactions.

Dr. Kamendu Thakar, senior faculty member of the college, formally introduced the guest speaker of the session, **ASI Shri Muktakim Malek**, Cyber Crime Police Station, Anand. While introducing him, Dr. Thakar appreciated his significant role in investigating cyber offenses and spreading awareness among the

public. He mentioned that Shri Malek has been instrumental in guiding several schools and colleges about safe online practices and his presence in this program would enrich the students with real-life insights.

The core of the program was the **two-hour expert lecture** delivered by **ASI Shri Muktakim Malek**. In his address, he covered the following aspects in depth:

- **Understanding Cyber Crimes:** Types of cyber crimes such as phishing, identity theft, cyber bullying, hacking, financial frauds, and misuse of social media.

- **Preventive Measures:** Practical tips for safe usage of the internet, like setting strong passwords, enabling two-factor authentication, and avoiding suspicious links or emails.

- **Role of Social Media:** How youth must use social platforms responsibly and avoid oversharing personal information.

- **Legal Provisions:** Basic awareness about laws related to cyber crime in India, how victims can file complaints, and the supportive role of police in such cases.

- **Digital Hygiene:** Daily practices like updating software, using antivirus, avoiding public Wi-Fi for financial transactions, and being cautious with online friendships.

The lecture was interactive, with Shri Malek presenting real-life cases of cyber fraud that had occurred in Gujarat. These examples gave the students a clear understanding of how cyber threats can affect anyone.

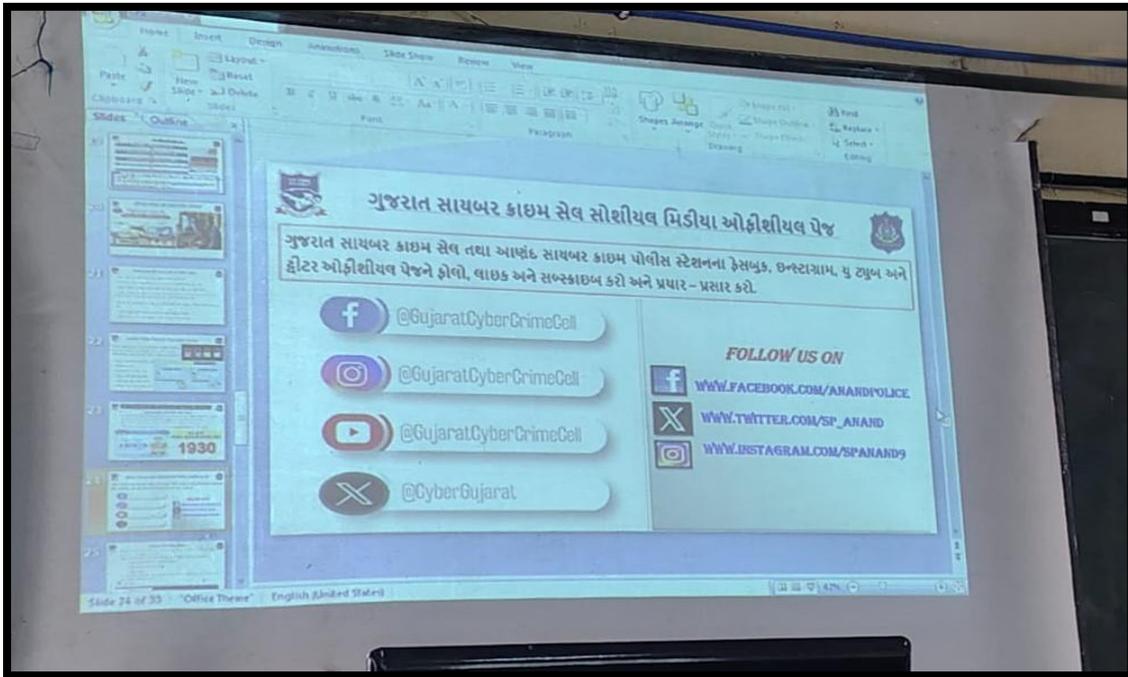More than **70 B.Ed. student-teachers** and **50 students from nearby schools** attended the session with enthusiasm. They raised relevant questions regarding safe use of social media, protecting personal information, and reporting online harassment. The speaker answered their queries with patience, providing them with practical solutions. The students expressed that the session was eye-opening and highly beneficial for their personal and professional lives.

At the conclusion of the session, **Dr. Roshni Desai**, Program Coordinator, proposed a warm vote of thanks. She expressed her heartfelt gratitude to:

- The expert speaker **ASI Shri Muktakim Malek** for his informative and inspiring talk.

- The Principal for her constant support and motivation in organizing such meaningful events.

- Dr. Kamendu Thakar for his precise introduction of the guest.

- The faculty members and non teaching staff for their cooperation in smooth conduct of the program.

- The students, who participated actively and made the event vibrant with their queries and attentiveness,. She also mentioned that the program was not only a learning experience but also a community outreach initiative, as it benefitted both B.Ed. trainees and school students.

The event was a grand success as it achieved the objective of creating **cyber safety awareness among the young generation**. From prayer to thanksgiving, every part of the program reflected coordination, discipline, and commitment to the cause of education.

The lecture enlightened students about safe digital practices and motivated them to become responsible digital citizens. The program truly resonated with the vision of the Government of Gujarat and the mission of the college — *to prepare competent, socially responsible, and morally upright teachers and citizens*.