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**The Office Bearers/ Central Committee Members/ State Committee Chiefs
A.I.B.R.F.**

Dear Sir

Re: Spurt in Cyber Crime against Senior Citizens in the country

Re: Awareness programs

We find that several instances of cyber crime duping senior citizens with huge amount of money are being reported in newspapers.

2. Soft target of such crimes are specially senior citizens who live alone and in isolation mood and suffer from technology illiteracy. Modus operandi used by the criminals is to send fake news about some heinous crime reported to have been committed by senior citizen to create high fear among him/ her and presenting video scene of police and threat of arrest through sky app. So much harassment and psychological pressure is created on the victim by showing fake senior police officials in the video who give threat for immediate arrest and prosecution. The senior citizen is virtually house arrested and is forced to share bank details which ultimately results into withdrawal of money from bank account and thereby duping the victim.

4. Today (9.08.2024) in Hindi daily newspaper, Danik Bhaskar, Indore newspaper instance has been reported where bank retired officer has been duped by Rs. 40 lakhs by giving fake threat to arrest him in money laundering case registered by ED against him. This retired officer is living alone. He was so much frightened after hearing this information from the criminals and he shared his bank details which resulted in to unauthorized withdrawal of Rs. 40 lakhs from his account.

5. Such instances are on increase in big cities and metros. Many are not even reported.
6. Policy authorities have established special cell to deal with such cybercrimes and create awareness among senior citizens.
7. **As organization of senior citizens, we request all our state committees to organize special programs at various centers with the help of local police to create awareness and precaution to be taken in such situation for the benefit of our members and other senior citizens of the center.**
8. We are requesting legal committee of AIBRF to examine the issue in detail and issue detailed guidelines for our members.

With Greetings.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'S. C. Jain', is written over a horizontal line.

(S. C. JAIN)
GENERAL SECRETARY