GOVERNMENT OF TRIPURA DIRECTORATE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

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MEMORANDUM

Subject: - Advisory on financial frauds by impersonating through fake Whatsapp numbers.

Multiple instances of financial frauds have been noticed, involving Amazon Gift Cards, Vouchers, Coupons etc., that are carried out by the fraudsters by creating fake Whatsapp profile using dubious phone number and actual photograph of senior officers / prominent personalities of Tripura available in the internet or different social media platforms.

The fraudsters are sending messages to various people on Whatsapp asking them to purchase Amazon gift cards, vouchers, coupons etc. It is one of the tricks adopted by fraudsters to drain off your hard earned money.

Citizens are hereby advised not to fall prey to such fraudsters and do not make such payments. Further, such incidents/messages/frauds may be reported through National Cybercrime Reporting Portal i.e. <u>https://cybercrime.gov.in</u>.

In addition to the above, all are requested to visit/follow the twitter handle @cyberdost, which at regular intervals provides updates and advisories to prevent cyber crimes/financial frauds etc.

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