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**Subject: Advisory on Phishing Email Incident and Security Measures.**

It has been observed that a phishing email originating from the IFA, Chandimandir account was circulated on 20/06/2025 to various officials. The email contains a malicious link, and all recipients are advised not to click on any links or download attachments from this suspicious communication.

This incident may or may not be linked to the recent global data breach affecting over 11 crore credentials, out of which nearly 90 lakh credentials are reported to belong to NIC domains.

In view of this, the following urgent security measures are advised:

1. Switch to the new NIC email domain – All users are requested to transition to @mail.gov.in immediately.
2. Mandatory password change – On first login to the new domain, users must change their passwords and ensure they are strong and not reused from other platforms.
3. Exercise caution – Do not click on suspicious links or respond to unexpected emails requesting sensitive information.

All officials are directed to treat this matter with utmost seriousness and ensure compliance with the above instructions.

This issues with the approval of the competent authority.