

# Quote

In view of the recent speech by PM Modi Sir highlighting the issue related to cyber security and financial frauds. Please find below the statement as dis-



cussed by Mr Akshat Khetan, Founder, AU Corporate Advisory & Legal Services "It is a timely reminder of the importance of cybersecurity awareness. These scams target individuals by using fear tactics, often posing as law enforcement or government officials to pressurize citizens into compliance. To protect against these deceptive practices, every citizen should know their fundamental legal rights: first, no legitimate authority will demand immediate payments or personal information under threat. Verifying the identity of any official and requesting proper documentation is a right, not a formality. Citi-

zens can further protect themselves by preserving records—texts, emails, calls—as digital evidence, which is critical for effective legal recourse. Moreover, reporting protocols are in place through cybercrime portals, police helplines, and banking hotlines. Ensuring quick reporting not only aids personal protection but also helps prevent future scams by alerting authorities. Stronger cyber laws are urgently needed to address and penalize these crimes adequately, yet public education remains our first line of defense. Awareness programs and media campaigns can play an instrumental role in equipping citizens to spot red flags, such as unsolicited calls asking for personal data, especially when the caller implies legal consequences. Citizens should remember that they are not obligated to provide sensitive details without verification and must always take time to confirm the legitimacy of any interaction. At AU Corporate Advisory, we advocate for a dual approach: policy reforms to tighten cyber protections and continuous public education. By empowering individuals with the right knowledge and instilling confidence to act, we can collectively strengthen a fraud-resistant digital environment where citizens feel secure."