

# **CYBER AWARENESS - DETECTIVE GURU**

## **Topic: QR Code Scams - Scan Carefully, Not Carelessly**

### **Why It Matters:**

Scammers are creating fake QR codes for payments, giveaways, or surveys. When scanned, these codes may lead you to phishing sites or trigger unauthorized money transfers from your UPI or bank apps.

### **Real-Life Example:**

A user was selling an item online and received a QR code from the buyer to 'receive payment'. Instead, scanning the code opened a payment page that debited Rs. 9,000 from the victim's account.

### **Tips to Stay Safe:**

#### **- Never Scan Unknown QR Codes**

Always verify who sent it and what it links to before scanning.

#### **- Don't Trust QR Codes for Receiving Money**

Receiving money doesn't require scanning QR codes. That's a scam trick.

#### **- Use a Secure Payment App**

Scan QR codes only using trusted apps like Google Pay, PhonePe, or Paytm from verified sources.

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**Cyber Helpline Number: 1930**

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