



## Police Commissionerate Kochi



### **Beware of Malicious Phishing E-mails | SMS | Messages on Social Media**

Govt has put out a strong advisory to citizens warning them of a potential cyber offensive from the Chinese Army. In the guise of a free Covid test, Chinese cyber warriors could be carrying out a massive phishing attack. Watch out for IDs like \* ncov2019@gov.in\*. More details:

Dear All,

Government warns against major upcoming phishing attack which promises free Covid-19 testing.

#### **Key Points**

1. Phishing campaign is expected to impersonate government agencies, departments and trade associations who have been tasked to oversee the disbursement of the government fiscal aid
2. Spoofed Email ID which could be used for the phishing email is expected to be ncov2019@gov.in
3. **Phishing E-mail Subject Line:** Free Covid-19 testing for all residents of Delhi, Mumbai, Hyderabad, Chennai and Ahmedabad.
4. The malicious group claims to have 2 million individual email addresses and the attack campaign is expected to start on June 21

#### **Preventive Measures**

1. Don't open or click on attachment in unsolicited E-mail, SMS or messages through Social Media
2. Exercise caution in opening attachments, even if the sender appears to be known
3. Beware of e-mail addresses, spelling errors in e-mails, websites and unfamiliar e-mail senders
4. Do not submit personal financial details on unfamiliar or unknown websites / links
5. Beware of e-mails, links providing special offers like Covid-19 testing, Aid, Winning prize, Rewards, Cashback offers

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