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Advisory for Safeguarding Networking Equipments Installed Across Campus

A fundamental aspect of strengthening network infrastructure security is ensuring the proper care and protection of networking devices. Electronic equipment, particularly switches and routers, are highly susceptible to damage due to voltage fluctuations arising from lightning, thunderstorms, short circuits, and related factors.

With the onset of the spring season, the NKN Section anticipates potential disruptions to internet services due to adverse weather conditions. These inclement weather conditions often worsen the situation by causing prolonged power interruptions and severe voltage fluctuations across the campus, as has been observed over the years.

In light of the above, all concerned controlling officers are requested to ensure proper handling and management of networking equipment installed under their jurisdiction in departments, offices, sections, and hostels. The following preventive measures must be strictly adhered to in order to minimize potential damage:

1. Ensure that the power supply to switches/routers is disconnected by unplugging them from the main power socket after office hours.
2. In the event of thunderstorms, lightning, or noticeable voltage fluctuations during working hours, immediately disconnect the power supply to the devices until normal conditions are restored.
3. If power backup through generators is in use, it is advised to unplug the switches/routers, as gensets may produce unstable voltage outputs that can damage sensitive equipment.

It has been observed with concern that despite repeated advisories, networking equipment in certain locations remains unattended, leading to avoidable damage. All concerned are once again urged to comply with these instructions in letter and spirit to safeguard valuable university assets.

Your cooperation in this regard is highly appreciated.

Thanking you.

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