

## WITSA GLOBAL ICT EXCELLENCE AWARDS-2021

### CATEGORY—DIGITAL OPPORTUNITY /INCLUSION AWARD (PUBLIC SECTOR)

**Name of the Organization-** Office of the Controller of Certifying Authorities, Information and Communication Technology Division.

#### TEAM MEMBERS:

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#### DETAILS ABOUT THE PROPOSAL

**NAME OF THE PROPOSAL--** *KonnaKotha -The Voice of Daughter's*

(Website: <https://konnakothacca.com/>)

**INTRODUCTION-** Controller of Certifying Authority is working to promote technology in an innovative way to deal with cyber crime. From 2017 this office is conducting a school programme about cyber awareness for girls to make them aware about cyber crime and also to teach them not to be victim by any sort of cyber crime. Since 2017 total 71,347 girls students have been trained here among them 27,380 school girls got their awareness training through webinar during the covid -19 pandemic time where 50 administrative districts and 482 schools were connected.

*KonnaKotha -The Voice of Daughter's* is an innovative measure and a part of cyber awareness program where a dedicated, interactive web portal for the girls have been developed to raise their voice against cyber crime, to share their opinion and experience ,to learn them about different types of cyber crime. and the way to protect themselves and where to get legal support if incase victimized. Actually this platform will work as a digital communication tools for girls to raise their voice against all sort of cyber crime and help them to be aware of cyber crime before getting victim. Photos, videos, cyber crime related acts and laws, e-book , FAQ will uploaded here regularly . Girls from different school works here as an ambassador to make a coordination between the girls of her district and KonnaKotha platform.

## **Main objective of *Konnakotha***

**Awareness** -To make Girls Aware about cybercrime and Security Through training.

**Leadership** -To develop leadership qualities among Girls by selecting them to work as an ambassador.

**Creation of National & International platform:** To develop national and international platform for Girls to raise their voice against cybercrime.

## **Mission**

Making Girls aware of Cybercrime through training

## **Vision**

Secure Cyber Crime free Bangladesh for all Girls The specialized web portal has been launched to create awareness among girls about cybercrime.

## **Background of this initiative:**

The Office of the Controller of Certifying Authorities (CCA) of the Department of Information and Communication Technology selected it as an innovation idea. Miss Hasina Begum, Deputy Controller (Cyber Crime & Security) of CCA, came up with the idea of creating a web portal named "*KannaKotha*" as her innovation proposal which is later initiated by the innovation team of CCA. These activities were being conducted from 2017 by the Office of the Controller of Certifying Authorities (CCA) with the aim of creating awareness among girls about cyber crime. Due to the Covid-19 situation, this activity was stopped in 2020. On the other hand the number of school girls in covid situation were being victimized more due to spending more time on the internet including participating online education activities. In these circumstances, the Office of the Controller of Certifying Authorities (CCA) decided to make the students aware of cyber crime by using online Zoom platform instead of live training conducted with the presence of students. As a result, from October 2020 to June 2021, online training on cybercrime provided about 27,380 female students and their parents of 482 schools in 50 districts. But after the completion of the training, it was needed to stay involved with the teenage girls of the concerned district. For this reason, "*Konnakotha*" innovation proposal was decided as a platform for queries, opinions and advices to teenage girls about their cyber related issues.

"*Konnakotha*" is a digital platform for all the teenage girls across Bangladesh where they can safely enter the cyber world, comment there and have their queries about cyber related issues. Not only that, two students from each district were nominated as district ambassadors who will connect the girls of his own district with this platform. In a word, '*Konna kotha*' is an open platform for teenage girls in Bangladesh where they can openly discuss about cyber

issues among themselves, think about the problems and possibilities of this issues and build themselves as a cyber fighter which will help them to become aware before they become victim of cybercrime.

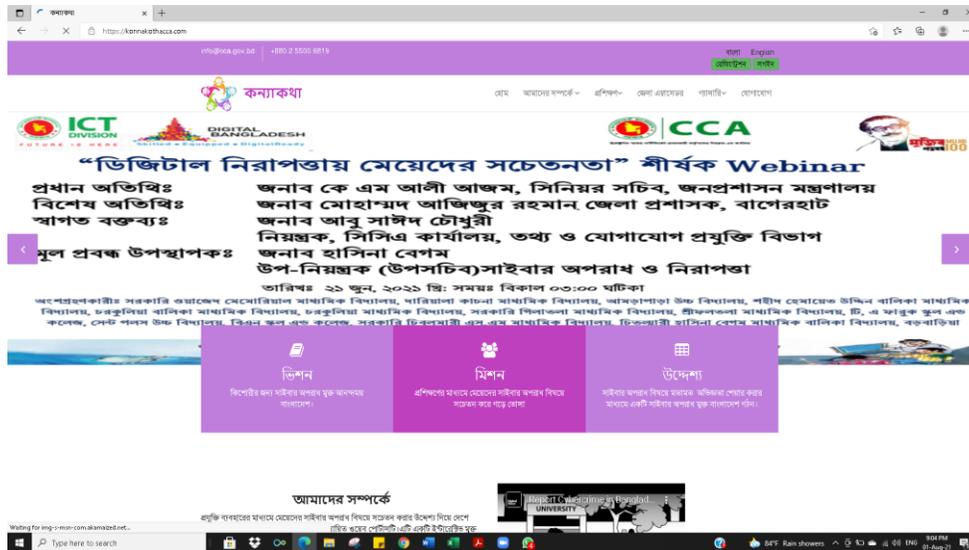
The Konnakotha web platform will be made more up-to-date. Identifying the type of cybercrime and its remedial issues will be updated regularly. The website Performance, Recoverability, and ease of management would be taken to scalable. The portal will be more interactive and informative with advanced technology.

### **REASONS FOR NOMINATION:**

- The specialized web portal has been launched to create awareness among girls about cybercrime. In short from this portal the girl will learn the use of safe internet in a better way combating the cyber-crime. As a long-term effect of this initiative, the girls would be able to proof them as a cyber warrior rather than a victim of cyber-crime.
- By ensuring a safe environment for the girls for their cyber journey in future, they will play a remarkable role to make a digital Bangladesh and ensure the women empowerment. This web portal will educate the girls about cyber security and safe and secure use of internet. It will enhance women's representation in ICT related industries, and allow them equal participation in the digital economy. This will bring benefits not only to individual girls and their families but also to society and the economy as a whole, while also contributing to the achievement of the UN Sustainable Development Goals.
- Addressing women's lower digital literacy, Konnakotha platform contains recorded videos of different cybersecurity training programs conducted throughout the country. Female students can watch this training program from anywhere which will help them to improve their knowledge of digital literacy and reduce the gender gap in access to ICTs.
- We know that digital media penetration reaches almost everywhere in Bangladesh and the digital divide with reference to gender is becoming less and less attenuated, and even turns around. So, it is necessary to make our girls skilled on ICTs. This platform helps to provide knowledge on cybersecurity to the girls which will help them to improve their skills on ICTs and ensure the effective use of ICT.
- The main objective of the platform is educating the girls about cyber-crime. In this context, 'Konnakotha' platform is playing an important role in raising social awareness about cyber-crime.
- By using the platform, female students over the country will be able to learn various laws of cybercrime and their interpretations by asking Frequently Answer Questions (FAQs). This will strengthen the rule of law in the country. As a result, justice will be ensured.

- This platform, will help to gather knowledge in cybersecurity. As a result, students will be able to know about the fraudulent activities in online transactions and e-commerce. It will help them to realize the importance of safe and secure electronic transactions. Ensure sustainable growth in our economy, promote safe and secure online business, and e-commerce.

**Konnakotha screenshot:**





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