

ADVISORY ON HOW TO AVOID ADDICTIVE ONLINE CASH BOARD GAMES

Online gaming has become an luring industry with booming growth, especially in India which is driven by broad internet coverage, affordable smartphones and tech-savvy population.

With online gaming occupying a top place in media and entertainment sector, it is seen that both youngsters and adults alike get easily attracted to mobile app based games. While some of these online mobile apps based games are simply for fun and entertainment, some of them can prove to be addictive and harmful; especially the online cash based board games can cause serious financial loss and distress to the family.



Citizens therefore should be very cautious, aware and alert about usage of any such online app based games involving cash and gambling.

DANGERS



Loss of money



Find yourself in debt



Diverted cash flows causing stress in family



Game Addiction



Not legally binding or covered under law



Possibility of frauds/cheating

MODUS OPERANDI



The user is lured into installing the app with free offers of free money / bonus points etc.,

Initially the user wins some amount and gets pulled into the game.

At later stages, loses lot of amount competing against system based algorithms/programs etc.,

****Sometimes they do not even receive the amount that is said to be won by them, also might end up losing money for purchasing added features or in debts by borrowing amounts for game or steal amount for playing games.****

SAFE ONLINE PRACTICES



Do not download third party apps from unverified sources.



Avoid clicking on unfamiliar links received through messages on any online platforms.



Install updated anti-virus on your digital devices for security and protection.



Immediately block the number and report against such fake offers.



Never share your personal details by filling up lucky draw coupons/forms, as this will be used to send you malicious links or information.



Never believe the free gifts/offers/-cash reward messages/posts received on instant messaging apps.



Use proper reasoning and judgment while downloading online gaming apps, and avoid download cash based online board games.



Never forward messages or links of these kind of cash based online games to others as prompted by senders.

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