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NOTE

Recently an exercise of reviewing open VPN IDs was carried out by IT dept. It was observed that all VPN IDs of former GC/Contractors were open. There is no mechanism to ensure to close VPN connection of leaving GC/Contractors. Even many former (before 2023) Maha Metro employee's VPN id was open in system. Such open and unclaimed VPNs are a prime attack vector for cybercriminals because they can typically leverage access into your entire network through the VPN tunnel. Such VPNs also are vulnerable to a number of exploits, including data leaks, malware intrusions and cyber-attacks.

In order to streamline the VPN connection, its management and usages, following policy is approved by competent authority.

- All VPN connections which are not used since last three months will be deactivated by IT dept.
- All deactivated connection since last 3 months will be deleted by IT dept.
- HOD to ensure necessity and usage of VPN connection before approving it.
- HOD to ensure to discontinue VPN connection of leaving staff with help of IT Dept.
- GC should ensure timely closing of VPN connection of leaving contractor and its staff.
- GC to nominate Single point of contact for all such IT compliance to ensure cyber security.

All Maha Metro/GC official are requested to kindly inform to all concerned for strict compliance.

This will be effective from 24th Oct 2024.

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