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Blue Whale Challenge: Police issue advisory

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The Hi-Tech crime inquiry cell of the Kerala Police has issued an advisory against computer games such as the Blue Whale Challenge which have found several addicts among adolescents.

Terming the online game 'extremely dangerous', the police have said that several children and youths have been deeply influenced by the game. It involved around 50 stages in which the gamer would be made to undertake various tasks that are set as challenges by the administrator to proceed further in the game. The tasks, which included watching disturbing content, injuring oneself using sharp objects, piercing needles in the body, among others, often drove gamers to suicidal tendencies. Numerous youngsters, mostly belonging to the age group of 14–18, have fallen prey to the game worldwide and have taken the extreme step.

Of late, several youngsters in the country have begun to show an affinity towards the game. Under the circumstances, the parents have been advised to monitor the activities of their children and remove such games from their computers and smart phones, the advisory added.

State Police Chief Loknath Behera has said that the Hi-Tech cell will offer counselling among the the users of the game.

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