

Impacting Lives...

through DSCI
CSR initiatives

38000+ Beneficiaries

16 states

35 Cities



Role of CSR in Cyber Security Awareness

India has over *a billion internet subscribers*¹, and irrespective of age or experience, individuals today navigate life through internet-enabled devices. The cyberspace is constantly becoming risk prone where citizens are falling prey to unforeseen cyber risks in the form of financial frauds, identity theft and social engineering. As India emerges as the *world's third largest digitalized economy*², securing this digital frontier is urgent.

Cyber security, therefore, is a matter of safety, trust, and everyday life. Recognizing this reality, building awareness and skills to enable citizens maintain a secure digital footprint and increasing talent in cyber workforce becomes essential. Addressing this critical need requires purposeful CSR initiatives which can contribute towards ***raising cyber awareness, creating skilled cyber workforce, building better cyber infrastructure, literacy in emerging tech and readiness for better public governance.***

The Data Security Council of India (DSCI), a premier not-for-profit think tank set up by Nasscom, plays a pivotal role in driving this transformative action at the intersection of security, education, and social impact. Committed to making India's cyberspace safe, secure, and trusted, DSCI is implementing high-impact Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives aligned with national digital priorities.

¹ <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressNoteDetails.aspx?NotelId=155262&ModuleId=3®=3&lang=2>

² https://icrier.org/pdf/State_of_India_Digital_Economy_Report_2025.pdf

DSCI Invites Industry Partners to Further This Vision Across Below Identified Spheres



Skilling Women
in Cyber



Cyber Awareness
for School Students



Infrastructure Support
for Cyber Skill Centres



Faculty Readiness in
Emerging Technologies



Competency
Enhancement for
Government Personnel



Industry Readiness
for College Students



Innovation Foundry for
Next Gen Technology



Skilling Women in Cyber

The focus is on skilling women to enhance their representation in the cyber security workforce. The courses offered are proposed as partner-funded training programs with in-demand cyber security skills that address key aspects of cyber security while providing placement assistance.

TARGET BENEFICIARIES

Women engineering graduates from tier-II and tier-III cities

PROGRAM MODE



Trainer led four months program with industry expert sessions.



Hands-on training over core cyber security domains.



Dedicated mentorship and placement support after course completion.



Soft skills development to improve overall selfhood.



Provide students with course completion certificate.

PAST PROGRAM

CYBER
shiksha

| 2018-2024 | Open to expansion

A DSCI-Microsoft India collaboration in support with ISEA Project of Ministry of Electronics & IT (MeitY) with multiple long-term training programs.

ASSOCIATED PROGRAM

^{cyber}
Vaahini | 2024 – Present

A DSCI- Kyndryl Foundation collaboration offering a four-month training program.

RECRUITMENT PARTNERS



900+

Placement offers

1750+

women students

61%+

cumulative placements



More Details on
CyberShiksha



More Details on
Cyber Vaahini



Cyber Awareness for School Students

CYBER FOR
YOUTHTH

Designed to equip young digital users with the knowledge for safe and secure engagement with the digital ecosystem.

Started in 2023, the program is dedicated to empowering school students and administration with critical cyber literacy skills and equips them with the knowledge to navigate the digital landscape safely and responsibly.

TARGET BENEFICIARIES

School students from grade 6th to 12th, teachers and school administration

PROGRAM MODE



Dedicated three-day trainer-facilitated classroom learning program.



Collaborative partnership with teachers and cyber security experts.



Knowledge improvement analysis for students through pre and post assessments.



Learning facilitators including comic style awareness brochure, fundamental guide, and real-world use cases enable practical learning.



Enriched engagement with poster-making, quiz, cyber security pledge and certification.

ASSOCIATED PROGRAM

Cyber Sainik | 2023 – Present

A pan India initiative undertaken in partnership with Kyndryl.



More Details on
Cyber for YOUTH



More Details on
Cyber Sainik



Infrastructure Support for Cyber Skill Centres

Promote cyber security awareness and education through advanced learning infrastructure and training to develop a future-ready workforce.

DSCI Advanced Cyber Skill Centre

The Centre provides a dedicated space across various initiatives and is a state-of-the-art training facility located at CII's Model Career Centre in Mumbai for aspiring cyber security professionals. It is equipped with sound technical infrastructure to support the learning.

Pioneer partner

Kyndryl Foundation

Other contributors

AZA Fashions, KSMT Foundation, Mastek Foundation, and Onward Technologies.

TARGET BENEFICIARIES

Engineering students (with a special emphasis on women)

CENTRE CAPABILITIES



Advanced training labs equipped with latest cyber security tools.



Virtual labs and simulators with real-world threat scenarios.



Courses ranging from basics to advanced SOC, threat hunting, incident response & more.



Exposure to cyber war game scenarios like red (offensive) and blue (defensive) team exercises.



Community-driven learning enabled with workshops, hackathons, and capture-the-flag (CTF) events.



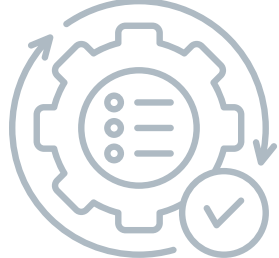
Expert-led training sessions from industry experts and practitioners.



Placement assistance provided to students with leading industry partners.



More Details on the DSCI
Advanced Cyber Skill Centre



Faculty Readiness in Emerging Technology



Enhance educator readiness to improve curriculum effectiveness and help bridge the curriculum-to-industry gap for students.

DSCI FRONTIER – Faculty Readiness for Out-Front Next-Gen Technology, Innovation, and Entrepreneurship Relevance is designed to empower educators with emerging and upcoming understanding of the evolving security landscape, extending beyond technical skills.

Positioned to address the growing skill debt crisis among Indian students and to break the cycle of reactive adoption, DSCI FRONTIER aims to strengthen academic readiness, ultimately shaping future ready cyber professionals through empowered educators.

TARGET BENEFICIARIES

University professors and lecturers, research scholars, curriculum designers, academic leaders and deans, and those engaged in tech enabled education

ACTUAL BENEFICIARIES

Students in the tech ecosystem

PROGRAM MODE



Three-day in-person learning session.



Mentorship support from industry experts in domains ranging from cyber security to policy.



Self-contained modules on frontier technologies.



Immersive group activities to build core engineering and mathematical architecture skills for cyber security systems.

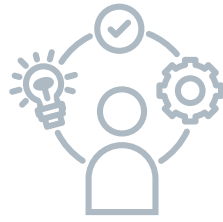


Structured, case-study-based approach to connect core cyber security concepts to real-world applications.



More Details on
DSCI FRONTIER

Competency Enhancement for Government Personnel



Support competency development in emerging technology domains, to enhance tech-enabled governance.

In partnership with Kyndryl India, DSCI has developed two flagship training courses available on the iGOT Karmayogi Bharat Platform. The courses are designed to build AI literacy and strategic judgment for responsible governance in a technology-driven ecosystem with the aim to improve public governance outcomes.

TARGET BENEFICIARIES

Government professionals

PROGRAMS

→ Artificial Intelligence for Public Governance | 2 hrs 42 mins (4 Modules)

Builds foundational AI literacy and enables responsible integration of AI into governance workflows, from attributes to use cases.

→ Governing with Artificial Intelligence | 3 hrs 48 mins (4 Modules)

Deeper understanding of AI governance ecosystem, with practical, policy-relevant insights supported by use-cases for informed decision-making in public service delivery.

PROGRAM MODE



Self-paced learning.



Virtual training with detailed modules.



Module-based Q&A to monitor learning progress.



Master quiz along with certificate post course completion.



More Details on
the programs



Industry Readiness for College Students

Designed to support hands-on learning in cyber security, with the aim of nurturing industry-ready skills.

Cyber Grad Bootcamp

Cyber Grad is proposed program in two structured formats: a two-day bootcamp and an extended four to six week capacity-building program, enabling the country's engineering talent to explore and evaluate cyber security as a potential career choice.

The program aims to attract talent in cyber security and help students develop industry-relevant skills to serve in this growing field.

TARGET BENEFICIARIES

Graduate and post-graduate students enrolled in engineering programs

PROGRAM MODE



In-person trainer-facilitated learning for students.



Learning supported with assessments.



Recognition through certification.



Learning enabled in cyber-focused domains.



Assistance in industry-readiness.



More Details on
Cyber Grad

Innovation Foundry for Next Gen Technologies



Proposed as a program to create infrastructure to build capacity and advanced skills in cyber security and critical technologies for the future workforce.

Cyber & Critical Tech Excellence (CCTx)*

An Initiative envisioned to build an equal opportunity, future-ready workforce in an era of compressed innovation cycles by focusing on advanced training and innovation facilitation across cyber security and critical technologies. The infrastructure is proposed to foster expertise through mentorship and hands on enterprise experience, and bridge critical skill gaps through capability development in critical technology domains. The initiative is strengthened through sustained collaboration with academia, industry, government, defense, and national security institutions.

TARGET BENEFICIARIES

B.Tech, M.Tech, PhD scholars

INFRASTRUCTURE CAPABILITIES



Learning supported through CTFs, hackathons, tech war games, development challenges, and replication exercises.



Hands-on practice with live-fire exercises, studio and weekend sprints, and adversary-in-the-loop drills.



Collaborative innovation in hub-spoke model with interoperability camps and entrepreneurship cohorts, supported with on-campus client residency programs for training.

Proposed areas under critical technologies for the program include AI/ML, Quantum and Hybrid Computing (neuromorphic, photonic), Robotics, AR/VR, and Drones and Anti-Drone systems.

***More info coming soon**

Value Delivered

7.2 million

enrollments by government professionals on the iGOT Karmayogi portal

38000+

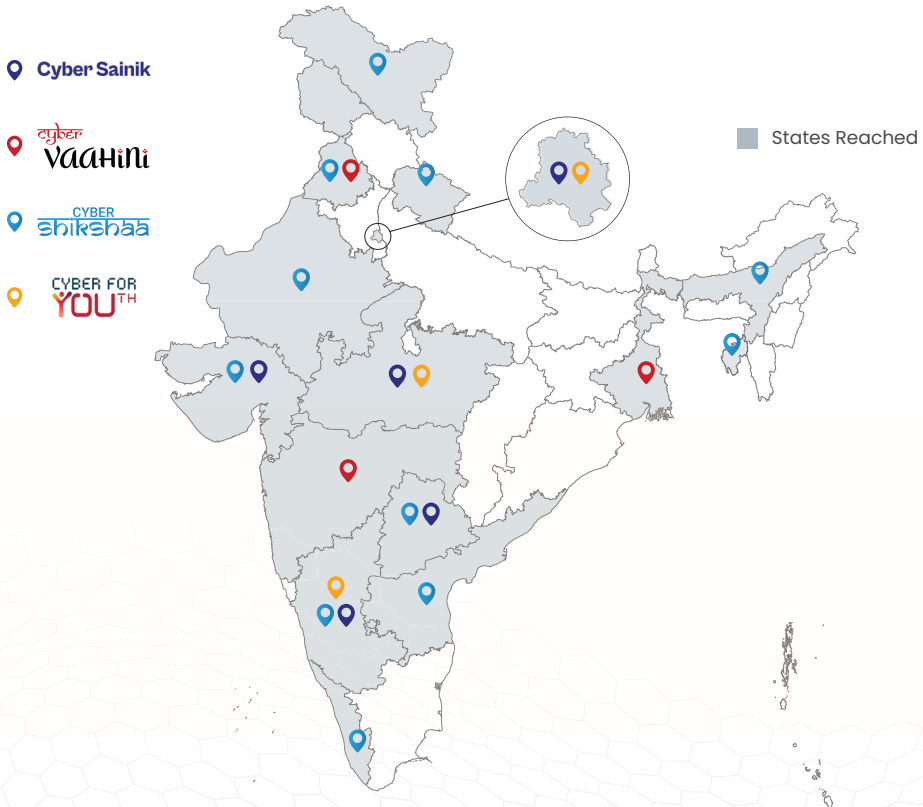
Beneficiaries including students and teachers across workshops, bootcamps and awareness programs

32000+ beneficiaries including school students, teachers and school administration
5000+ beneficiaries including women graduates

35 Cities

84 Schools

16 States



Map for representation purposes only*

Source: www.surveyofindia.gov.in/pages/outline-maps-of-india

CSR Ecosystem Partners



British
High Commission
New Delhi



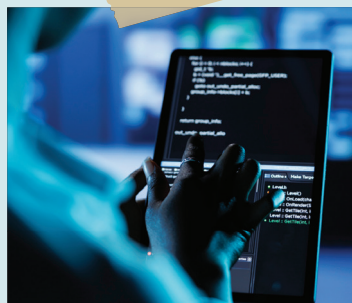
kyndryl foundation



Recognition and Highlights



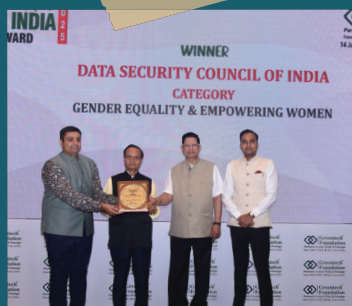
The Cyber for YOUTH program was recognized at the 11th Greentech Foundation Awards in the 'Promotion of Education' category in 2025.



CyberShikshaa received a global recognition for the Strategic Cyber Security Talent Framework as a case study in World Economic Forum.



Shri Piyush Goyal, Hon'ble Commerce & Industry Minister, Government of India inaugurated the DSCI Advanced Cyber Skill Centre in Mumbai.



The CyberShikshaa program was recognized at the 11th Greentech Foundation Awards in the 'Gender Equality and Empowering Women' category in 2025.

Contribute to the Cause

The Data Security Council of India (DSCI), setup by Nasscom is a not-for-profit Section 8 company eligible to accept CSR grants and donations. It is registered under Ministry of Corporate Affairs and possesses CSR 1 Certificate, FCRA Certificate and 80G & 12A Certificates. DSCI seeks partnerships from industry partners to undertake these programs in a phase-wise manner.

Extend your partnership support by

- Providing funding assistance to enable effective rollout and sustained delivery of the programs.
- Providing infrastructure setup to drive cutting-edge research, innovation, and capability building in critical technologies and cyber security.



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