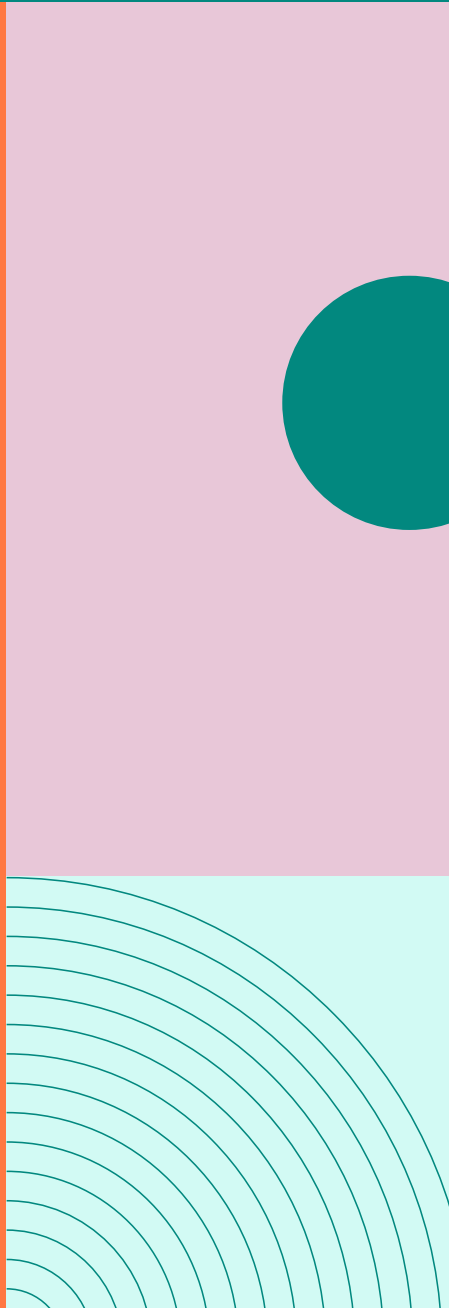
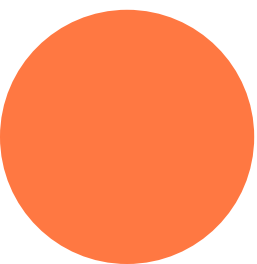
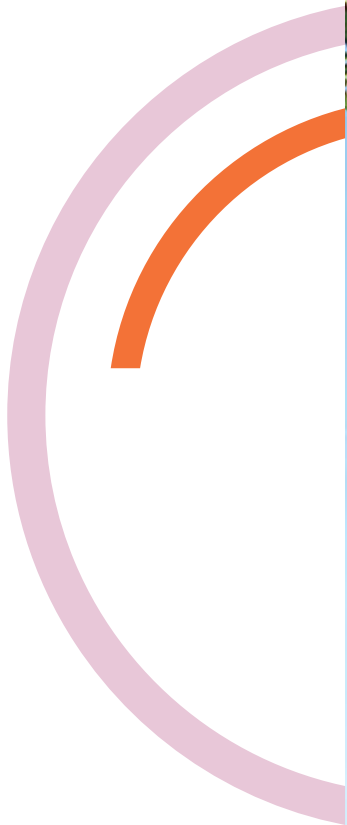


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# About DSCI

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Data Security Council of India (DSCI) is a not-for-profit, industry body and think tank on data protection, cyber security and critical technologies in India.

DSCI, setup by Nasscom, is committed towards making the cyberspace safe, secure and privacy assured while contributing to critical technologies vital for national security through policy advocacy, thought leadership, capacity-building, and outreach initiatives.

DSCI engages with the government, regulators, defense, law enforcement, embassies, industry members and academia to position India as a leader in the global digital ecosystem.



For more information, visit: [www.dsci.in](http://www.dsci.in)







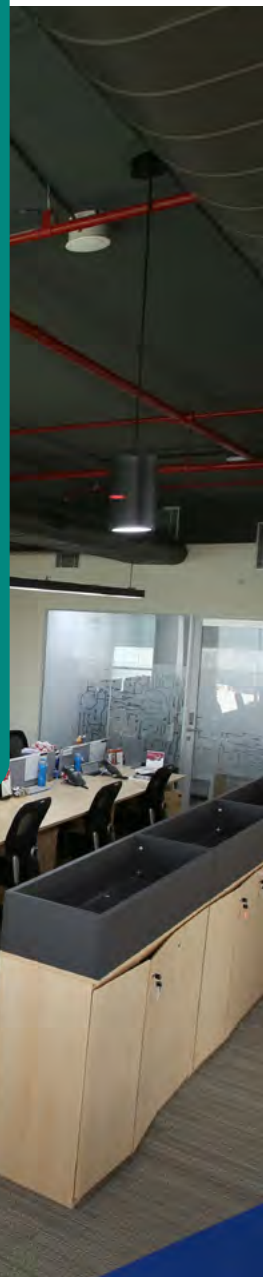
# Vision

Make the cyberspace safe, secure and privacy assured while contributing to critical technologies vital for India's national security.



# Mission

To make India a global leader in cyber security, privacy and critical technologies by harnessing opportunities of a thriving digital economy and to enhance India's preparedness and capabilities for a safer, secure and trusted cyberspace.





# Objectives



Be a trusted advisor to the government in cyber security, privacy strategy, critical technologies and tech policymaking in the country.



Develop the cyber security community through initiatives around skill development (i.e., focusing on re-skilling and up-skilling) and awareness.



Be a global reference model for industry, national security and LEA partnership in scaling forensics and cybercrime investigation capabilities.



Scale outreach initiatives and events to the global level and widen collaboration, partnership, and information exchange in the country.



Help assess and promote the maturity of the organization and digital products through a robust assurance ecosystem.



Build global credential programs in security, privacy, forensics and emerging technologies.



Promote adoption of frontier technologies to advance the Indian cyber ecosystem and contribute to the safety of critical infrastructure important for national security.



Promote innovation & entrepreneurship to grow cyber security products and services industry globally and in the domestic market.

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# Message from Chairperson

It is an honour to take on the role of DSCI Chairperson at a time when cybersecurity has become integral to India's digital growth. Today, cybersecurity is no longer just about managing risk, it is an enabler that builds trust and drives business continuity. This makes DSCI's role more important than ever, and I look forward to contributing to its sustained growth and impact.

As India's digital landscape continues to evolve, DSCI remains at the forefront of bringing together the government, industry, academia, startups, and the wider ecosystem to strengthening cybersecurity, ensuring privacy implementation, promoting frontier technologies, and shaping policies that support a secure digital future.

I believe that every advancement in technology brings new possibilities for innovation, collaboration, and growth, while also reinforcing the need for stronger cybersecurity and digital trust. Over the years, DSCI has evolved alongside this journey, continuously expanding its role to meet the changing needs of the ecosystem. DSCI's strength comes not just from work but also from the trust it has built over the years as a think tank, policy advocate, skills developer, and an ecosystem builder.

By serving as a trusted bridge between the industry, government and academia, DSCI is helping shape an ecosystem that is not only responsive to today's challenges but also capable of setting global benchmarks, making India a leader and hub for cybersecurity and emerging technologies.

As I look ahead, acceleration in three areas will be the key priorities. First, deepening DSCI's role as a trusted advisor to the industry and government as we navigate the AI and Quantum transition. Second, enhancing India's privacy posture, which is now at a critical implementation juncture with the DPDPA rules being notified, supporting industry preparedness. And third, working at the forefront of critical technologies and infrastructure which will strengthen national security and accelerate India's offering to the world. DSCI is well positioned to lead on these priorities by focusing on building upon the industry's strengths while preserving the values that India has earned to gain the trust and credibility of being a long-term contributor to the global technology landscape.

As I take the baton ahead, I am deeply grateful to Mr. Pramod Bhasin for his exceptional contribution to DSCI over the past three years. His leadership has given direction to an institution that is stronger, more relevant, and globally connected than before.

Being part of DSCI, I am excited to take on this new responsibility. I look forward to working closely with the board, leadership and the entire team to accelerate DSCI's growth charter. DSCI would meaningfully contribute to the Indian ecosystem by addressing challenges posed by geopolitical uncertainties and technological headwinds. As a team, we will explore and capitalise on upcoming possibilities maximising India's potential in emerging and critical technologies.



**Ms. Neelam Dhawan**  
Chairperson, DSCI

# Message from CEO

The year 2025-26 marked a year dominated by geopolitical headwinds and colossal advancements in Artificial Intelligence compute both of which further cemented the role of cyber security as a strategic business enabler.

At DSCI, we extended our contribution to India's cyber security, privacy and critical technology ecosystem. With AI, quantum computing, operational technology, and next-generation communications reshaping the digital world, cyber security has reached an inflection point. Throughout the year, we continued to understand and evangelize technological innovation and security readiness among our stakeholders through thought leadership, capacity building, policy engagement, and collaboration within the ecosystem.

Across pillars of cyber security, privacy and emerging technology, DSCI strengthened its role as a trusted knowledge partner and ecosystem builder. We contributed toward regulatory and industry decisions, built capabilities and supported our growing membership that spans across BFSI, IT, GCC, Manufacturing, Oil & Energy, Healthcare, and more. Each sector highlights the rising recognition of cyber security and its role in building trust.

Thought leadership remained a defining pillar of our work with the release of flagship reports, including the *Indian Cybersecurity Product Landscape Report 3.0* and the *State of AI Adoption for Cyber Security in India*. We further expanded our focus on frontier technologies through the five-volume Compendium on Emerging Tech Pathways and contributed to India's AI Governance discourse by publishing industry-oriented summaries of key policy documents.

For DSCI, enhancing India's readiness for the next generation of technologies is crucial. DSCI led the sub-group under India's National Quantum Mission of DST for Post-Quantum Cryptography (PQC) migration, quantum resiliency and crypto-agility, reinforcing our role in shaping the country's quantum security strategy. Techsagar, our main platform for emerging technology intelligence, expanded to include three Technology Radars on Supercomputing, Next-Generation Electric Vehicles, and 6G. We also launched the Advanced Threat Intelligence Portal, helping member organizations access real-time cyber threat intelligence and actionable insights to enhance their security measures.

The notification of the Digital Personal Data Protection Rules in 2025 marked a significant step in India's privacy journey, shifting the focus toward implementation and compliance readiness. DSCI swiftly facilitated practical guidance to stakeholders, upskill professionals through courses such as DCDPO, DCPLA and DCPD, and cross-sector engagement to support the adoption of the new regulatory framework.

In 2025-26, DSCI expanded its global footprint across continents through targeted bilateral conclaves, trade delegations, and key multilateral forums. Building skills within the cyber security ecosystem remained a priority during the year. We broadened our range of professional certifications with new programs in AI Governance - DCAGP and Quantum Technology Security - DCQTSP, enhancing India's talent pool for emerging technologies. Through our CSR initiatives, we also promoted capacity building by launching the Advanced Cyber Skill Centre in Mumbai. Alongside the launch of two OT Cyber Security Labs that will help to innovate and improve security offerings in the critical infrastructure sector.

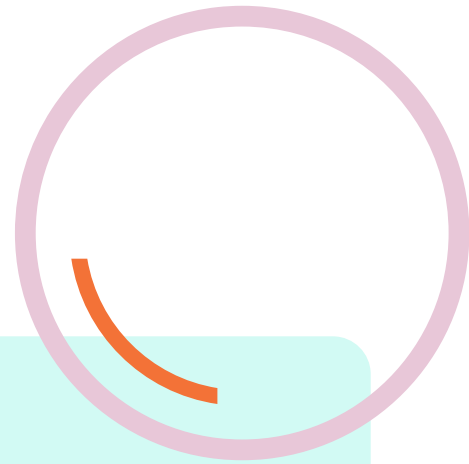
DSCI's Centres of Excellence - CCITR, the National CoE, and the Telangana CCoE continued to strengthen the cyber security ecosystem through startup incubation, innovation, and capacity building for Law Enforcement Agencies (LEAs). Our law enforcement programs continued to enhance capabilities in cybercrime investigation, digital evidence handling, and digital forensics.

As AI and emerging technologies continue to change the digital landscape, a trimodal strategic approach should be adopted for security, with focus on immediate measures, developments expected in the next 6-12 months, and structural capabilities required for AI advancement over the next 2-3 yrs. As we move ahead, strengthening domestic capacity while integrating with global ecosystems is one of the most critical policy objectives. Amid all, cyber security will remain vital for building trust, resilience, and innovation.

I extend my sincere gratitude to our members, partners, government, board and every stakeholder for their continued support. Together, we remain committed to building a secure, resilient, and future-ready digital ecosystem.

**Mr. Vinayak Godse**  
CEO, DSCI





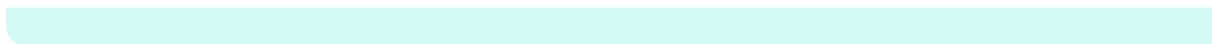
# Board of Directors

The DSCI board comprises of nine Directors, of which four are Nominee Directors, five are Independent Directors, comprising of the Chairperson.

Ms. Neelam Dhawan was appointed as Chairperson of the Board of Directors from 2026-27, succeeding Mr. Pramod Bhasin who served as DSCI Chairman for three years from April 2023 to March 2026.

Ms. Daisy Devassy Chittilapilly joined the DSCI board as Nominee Director (Nasscom), and Mr. Ashish Kumar Chauhan and Mr. Ashish Tandon joined as Independent Directors in 2025–26.

Ms. Vidya Srinivasan, Ms. Debjani Ghosh, Dr. Kailash Katkar, and Mr. Baljinder Singh completed their tenures on the board.





## THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AS ON 1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL 2026



**Ms. Neelam Dhawan**

(Chairperson, DSCI)

Board of Directors at Tech Mahindra Ltd., Hindustan Unilever Ltd., Fractal Analytics Ltd. and Capita PLC and Chairperson, Board of Ather Energy Ltd. and Capillary Technologies.



**Mr. Rajesh Nambiar**

(Nominee Director,  
Nasscom)  
President, Nasscom



**Mr. Krishnan Ramanujam**

(Nominee Director, Nasscom)  
President, Consumer Business Group,  
Tata Consultancy Services



**Ms. Daisy Devassy Chittilapilly**

(Nominee Director, Nasscom)  
President, Cisco India & SAARC



**Ms. Savita Utreja**

(Nominee Director, MeitY)  
Group Coordinator (Cyber  
Security) and Scientist 'G',  
MeitY



**Mr. Ajay Prakash  
Sawhney**

(Independent Director)  
Former Secretary, MeitY



**Mr. Ashish Kumar Chauhan**

(Independent Director)  
Managing Director & CEO,  
National Stock Exchange of  
India



**Mr. Sameer Ratolikar**

(Independent Director)  
Senior Executive Vice President &  
CISO, HDFC Group



**Mr. Ashish Tandon**

(Independent Director)  
Managing Director & CEO,  
Indusface







# OUR STAKEHOLDERS

- Sectoral View of Members
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# Our Stakeholders

At DSCI, stakeholders remain at the heart of our engagements and strategic direction. Our programs and initiatives are prioritized in alignment with the evolving needs and expectations of member organizations and the broader industry ecosystem. DSCI's objectives and initiatives are shaped by the active involvement of stakeholders, who benefit from and contribute to its work. This collaborative framework enables DSCI to remain responsive to stakeholder goals while advancing the cyber security, privacy, and critical technology priorities of the industry at large.

## ➤ SECTORAL VIEW OF MEMBERS

| Sector                      | DSCI Members | Nasscom-DSCI Members |
|-----------------------------|--------------|----------------------|
| Aviation                    | 02           | -                    |
| BFSI                        | 71           | 16                   |
| Digital                     | 07           | -                    |
| eCommerce                   | 02           | 02                   |
| GCC                         | 33           | -                    |
| Healthcare                  | 03           | 02                   |
| HRSS                        | 01           | -                    |
| Institutional               | 12           | -                    |
| IT/ITeS                     | 15           | 16                   |
| Legal                       | 04           | 01                   |
| Manufacturing               | 17           | -                    |
| Oil Energy Power            | 20           | -                    |
| Pharmaceutical              | 05           | 01                   |
| Retail                      | 06           | 05                   |
| Security Product & Services | 134          | 18                   |
| Telecom                     | 04           | 05                   |
| IT BPM                      | -            | 17                   |
| IT Services                 | 45           | 105                  |
| Others                      | -            | 20                   |
| <b>Grand Total</b>          | <b>381</b>   | <b>208</b>           |



## NEW MEMBERS 2025-26

Introducing new members who joined in FY 2025-26, as part of DSCI's growing fraternity.

### Member Name

|                                                |
|------------------------------------------------|
| A2Y Consultants (Rubrik India Ltd.)            |
| Adidas India Marketing Pvt. Ltd.               |
| Aditya Infotech Ltd.                           |
| Advaya Networks Pvt. Ltd.                      |
| Agratas Energy Storage Solutions Pvt. Ltd.     |
| Airbus India Pvt. Ltd.                         |
| Alanring Technologies Pvt. Ltd.                |
| Alexisoft Technologies Pvt. Ltd.               |
| Allied Boston Consultants India Pvt. Ltd.      |
| Ankura Consulting India Pvt. Ltd.              |
| Aquilai Solutions Pvt. Ltd.                    |
| Arete-IR LLP                                   |
| Array Networks India Pvt. Ltd.                 |
| Atyasecure Software Pvt. Ltd.                  |
| Audix Techno Consulting Solutions Pvt. Ltd.    |
| AuthenticOne Cybersecurity Pvt. Ltd.           |
| BA Continuum India Pvt. Ltd.                   |
| Batoi Systems Pvt. Ltd.                        |
| BayaProLabs LLP                                |
| BD Software Distribution Pvt. Ltd.             |
| Bharat Electronics Ltd.                        |
| Biocon Biologics Ltd.                          |
| Blue Santos Technologies Pvt. Ltd.             |
| BSES Rajdhani Power Ltd.                       |
| Centre For Development Of Telematics           |
| ClearTrail Technologies Pvt. Ltd.              |
| Cloudflare Capability Center (India) Pvt. Ltd. |
| Corporate Solutions Redefined India Pvt. Ltd.  |
| CoTrust Technologies Pvt. Ltd.                 |
| CrowdStrike India Pvt. Ltd.                    |
| Cummins India Ltd.                             |
| CyberArk Software (India) Pvt. Ltd.            |
| CyberCube Services Pvt. Ltd.                   |
| CyberMindr India Pvt. Ltd.                     |

### Member Name

|                                                       |
|-------------------------------------------------------|
| Cybernet Security Solutions LLP                       |
| CyberQuotient Pvt. Ltd.                               |
| Cysavvi Solutions Pvt. Ltd.                           |
| Cysigil Network Pvt. Ltd.                             |
| DATAWALL Networks Pvt. Ltd.                           |
| DestroSolutions Pvt. Ltd.                             |
| Digidata Infosystems Pvt. Ltd.                        |
| Digisecuritas Pvt. Ltd.                               |
| Digital Convergence Technologies (DCT Inc)            |
| Digital India Corporation                             |
| DriveIT Technologies Pvt. Ltd.                        |
| Duragen Energy Pvt. Ltd.                              |
| Faceoff Technologies Pvt. Ltd.                        |
| FC Global Services India LLP                          |
| Fluidech IT Services Pvt. Ltd.                        |
| Forcepoint Software Consulting India Pvt. Ltd.        |
| Franklin Templeton Asset Management (India) Pvt. Ltd. |
| Globals ITeS Pvt. Ltd.                                |
| Godrej Industries Ltd.                                |
| Gramax Cybertech Ltd.                                 |
| Grant Thornton Bharat LLP                             |
| Greenko Energies Pvt. Ltd.                            |
| Grey Quantum Pvt. Ltd.                                |
| Grey Swift Pvt. Ltd.                                  |
| Guidewire Software Solutions India Pvt. Ltd.          |
| Hanumanta Dynamics Pvt. Ltd.                          |
| Hero Motocorp Ltd.                                    |
| Honest Data Technologies Pvt. Ltd.                    |
| IBN Technologies Ltd.                                 |
| IKOT Consultancy Services (OPC) Pvt. Ltd.             |
| IMprexive Marketing Solutions Pvt. Ltd. (ServiceNow)  |
| InCorp Advisory Services Pvt. Ltd.                    |
| Indian Overseas Bank                                  |

## Member Name

|                                                    |
|----------------------------------------------------|
| Inflow Technologies Pvt. Ltd.                      |
| Infosec Ventures Pvt. Ltd.                         |
| Innovative Retail Concepts Pvt. Ltd.               |
| Innvikta Cybersecurity Solutions Pvt. Ltd.         |
| JK Lakshmi Cement Ltd.                             |
| JTN Technologies Pvt. Ltd.                         |
| Jupito Technologies                                |
| K7 Enterprise Security Pvt. Ltd.                   |
| Karur Vysya Bank Ltd.                              |
| Kas Cyber Ventures LLP                             |
| Kathreftis AI Pvt. Ltd.                            |
| Kestone Global                                     |
| Klassify Technology Pvt. Ltd.                      |
| Kreesalis Tech Lab Pvt. Ltd.                       |
| Lab Systems India Pvt. Ltd.                        |
| Levo.ai India Pvt. Ltd.                            |
| Lex & Tech Consulting Services                     |
| LIC Housing Finance Ltd.                           |
| M&G Global Services Pvt. Ltd.                      |
| Maruti Suzuki India Ltd.                           |
| Mastercard India Services Pvt. Ltd.                |
| MetLife Global Operations Support Center Pvt. Ltd. |
| MUFG Pension & Market Services India Pvt. Ltd.     |
| Nangia & Co LLP                                    |
| Neokred Technologies Pvt. Ltd.                     |
| Neomavericks AI Pvt. Ltd.                          |
| Netrika Consulting India Pvt. Ltd.                 |
| Nucleus Software Exports Ltd.                      |
| Nykaa e-Retail Ltd.                                |
| Odyssey Technologies Ltd.                          |
| Ojasve IT and Cyber Security Consultants           |
| Optimas AI Technologies Pvt. Ltd.                  |
| Optiv Security India Pvt. Ltd.                     |
| Panaashe Experts Pvt. Ltd.                         |
| Paytm Money Ltd.                                   |
| Perfetti Van Melle India Pvt. Ltd.                 |
| Philips India Ltd.                                 |
| Posidex Technologies Pvt. Ltd.                     |

## Member Name

|                                                 |
|-------------------------------------------------|
| Pragnaware Solutions Pvt. Ltd.                  |
| Pramatra Space Technology Pvt. Ltd.             |
| Prime Infoserv Pvt. Ltd.                        |
| PRISACS Management Consulting LLP               |
| ProMobi Technologies Pvt. Ltd.                  |
| ProTechmanize Solutions Pvt. Ltd.               |
| PSY9 Security Consulting Pvt. Ltd.              |
| Rex Cyber Solutions Pvt. Ltd.                   |
| RKM Consultants                                 |
| Samagra Law                                     |
| Sampaati Cybersecurity Consultancy Services LLP |
| Saviynt India Pvt. Ltd.                         |
| SBI General Insurance Company Ltd.              |
| ScudoCyber Solutions Pvt. Ltd.                  |
| Seccure Operations & AI Pvt. Ltd.               |
| Seceon Networks India Pvt. Ltd.                 |
| Seclore Technology Pvt. Ltd.                    |
| SecurityHQ India Pvt. Ltd.                      |
| Shieldworkz OT Systems Pvt. Ltd.                |
| Skildpot Technology Pvt. Ltd.                   |
| SOAISEC Labs Pvt. Ltd.                          |
| Soulverse India Pvt. Ltd.                       |
| SSM Networks & Software                         |
| SSM SecAI Technology and R&D Services Pvt. Ltd. |
| Tangled Threads Technologies Pvt. Ltd.          |
| Tata Digital Pvt. Ltd.                          |
| TechBridge Consultancy Services Pvt. Ltd.       |
| Techera Cyber Sec Pvt. Ltd.                     |
| TechOwl Infosec Pvt. Ltd.                       |
| Texas Instruments (India) Pvt. Ltd.             |
| The Jammu And Kashmir Bank Ltd.                 |
| Triam Security (India) Pvt. Ltd.                |
| Tribastion Technologies Pvt. Ltd.               |
| Tuebora Software Pvt. Ltd.                      |
| TVS Credit Services Ltd.                        |
| Underscore Cybersecurity Pvt. Ltd.              |
| Unitasys Technologies Pvt. Ltd.                 |



## Member Name

UpGuard India Pvt. Ltd.

Vanguardtec

Veeam Software Pvt. Ltd.

VergeCloud Pvt. Ltd.

VertexTech Labs Pvt. Ltd.

Whitehats Technologies Pvt. Ltd.

Wipro GE Healthcare Pvt. Ltd.

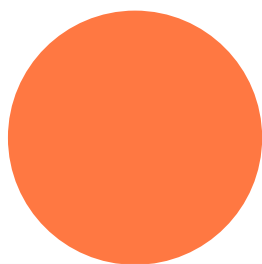
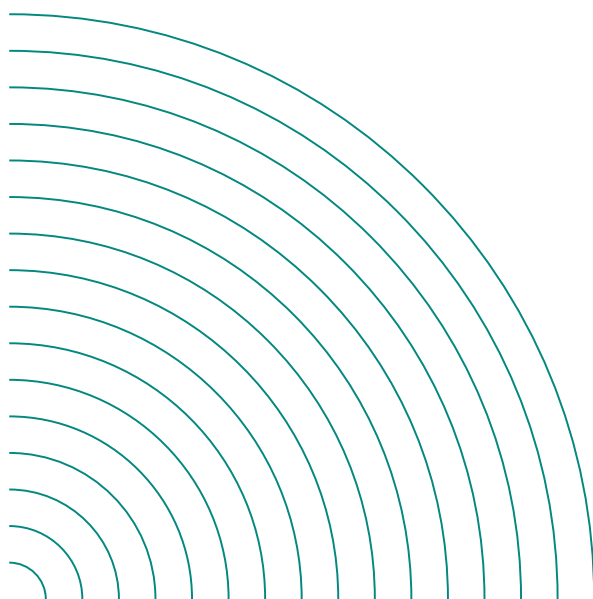
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ZNet Technologies Pvt. Ltd.

Zoho Corporation Pvt. Ltd.

Zscaler Softech India Pvt. Ltd.



# Chapter Community

An integral part of DSCI's extended fraternity, operating in different cities, nationally and internationally, are chapters that bring together over 8000+ security and privacy professionals from diverse industry sectors. Through frequent interactions, webinars, knowledge sharing, and collaborations, our chapter members unlock new opportunities together. Each year, we welcome new members into our community, further expanding our reach and strengthening our commitment to building a robust, connected, and future-ready cyber security and privacy community.

**Ahmedabad**  
448



**Bengaluru**  
2,052



**Bhubaneswar**  
86



**Chandigarh**  
131



**Chennai**  
728



**Coimbatore**  
135



**Delhi**  
1513



**Hyderabad**  
904



**Jaipur**  
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**Kolkata**  
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**Mumbai**  
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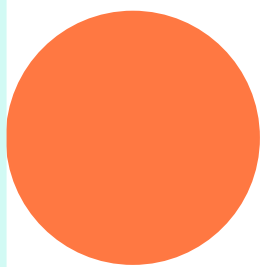
**Pune**  
707



**Singapore**  
64



**TOTAL 8,171**







# CYBER SECURITY

- Publications
- Engagements
- Certifications
- Hackathon & Challenges
- Awareness Campaigns

## THREAT INTELLIGENCE & RESEARCH

- DSCI Advanced Threat Intelligence Portal
- Monthly Threat Intelligence Reports

## OPERATIONAL TECHNOLOGY (OT) SECURITY

- DSCI-Siemens OT Cyber Security Lab
- DSCI-Rockwell OT Cyber Security Lab
- Publications
- OT Security Hackathon
- OT Security Sub-summit

# Cyber Security

Cyber security sits at the core of everything DSCI does. As the threat landscape grows more sophisticated, driven by AI-enabled attacks, supply chain vulnerabilities, and IT-OT convergence, the need for a strong, coordinated cyber security ecosystem has never been greater. In 2025–26, DSCI published research reports, established dedicated OT Cyber Security Labs, expanded bilateral cyber engagements across six continents, and trained thousands of professionals across law enforcement, industry, and academia, remaining committed to keeping our stakeholders better informed, better prepared, and more resilient.

## ➤ PUBLICATIONS

### ● Indian Cybersecurity Product Landscape Report 3.0

The report captures the remarkable rise of India's cyber security product ecosystem, driven by rapid digitisation, escalating cyber threats, and growing enterprise investment in security. The report findings underscore that India has emerged as a significant and competitive force in the global cyber security product market.

Some of the notable key findings from the report are:

- India's cyber security product industry grew from USD 1.05 billion (2020) to USD 4.46 billion (2025) at a CAGR of 34%, with a standout 63% YoY growth recorded in 2022.
- Over 400 cyber security product companies now operate in India, with Karnataka, Delhi-NCR, and Maharashtra as the primary innovation hubs.
- 55% of Indian firms serve global markets; North America, the Middle East, and Southeast Asia are the top international destinations.
- Domestic demand accounts for over 45% of revenues, led by BFSI, IT-ITeS, and Government sectors.
- The talent pool stands at 60,000 professionals, growing at 25% annually, though demand continues to outpace supply.
- 39% of companies have secured external funding, with most receiving capital within two years of incorporation.
- 115 patents filed in 2024–25 with 40 grants, reflecting a maturing, innovation-driven ecosystem.

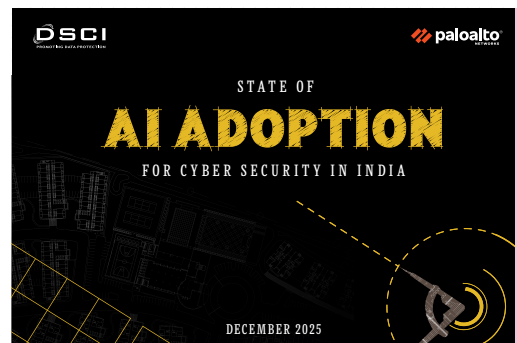


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## State of AI Adoption for Cyber Security in India

The report presents a comprehensive view of India's evolving AI- Cyber security landscape, examining investment trends, threat patterns, operational challenges, and maturity of AI adoption across sectors, while offering strategic guidance on capability building and governance readiness. The report was developed in collaboration with Palo Alto Networks.



Some of the notable key findings from the report are:

- 79% of organizations plan to integrate AI/ML into existing security tools, with 40% currently at the pilot or PoC stage.
- AI adoption is primarily motivated by the need to accelerate threat detection, improve predictive analytics, and enable proactive risk scoring.
- 31% of attacks involve AI-driven supply chain compromises and multi-vector operations; 29% stem from autonomous malware and AI-powered zero-day exploitation.
- Finance and HR teams record the highest AI-attack success rates, driven by limited AI-attack training and high exposure to social-engineering threats.
- 42% of CXO leaders believe more than 10% of the cyber security budget should be directed toward AI-related security.
- 23% of CXOs cite sensitive data exposure to AI models as their top concern, followed by inconsistent or inaccurate AI outputs (21%)
- AI Security Architects and Model Validators are identified as the most critical emerging roles by 18% of organizations.
- 25% of organizations prefer on-premises deployment for AI models, driven by data control requirements and air-gapped workload needs.

[www.dsci.in/resource/content/state-of-AI-adoption-cyber-security-india](http://www.dsci.in/resource/content/state-of-AI-adoption-cyber-security-india)

## Safeguarding India's Digital Health – A Framework for Cybersecure Healthcare Infrastructure (with HIMSS)



The report examines the growing cyber security risks India's rapidly digitizing healthcare sector facing from ransomware and data breaches to supply chain vulnerabilities. It introduces a structured readiness framework to help healthcare organizations strengthen their defenses. DSCI jointly developed this report with the Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS).

## Key highlights:

- Fragmented IT infrastructure, weak authentication practices, and inadequate data protection remain the most persistent vulnerabilities in the healthcare sector.
- While the DPDP Act and CERT-In Directions (2022) provide a strong regulatory foundation, implementation and awareness across institutions require significant strengthening.
- AI-driven cyberattacks and IoMT vulnerabilities are emerging as critical threat vectors.
- The report introduces a Healthcare Cyber Security Readiness Framework assessing organizations across three dimensions: access, capability, and trust, enabling providers to benchmark maturity and identify improvement pathways.
- Cyber security readiness is seen through three interlinked lenses: people, providers, and health systems, revealing uneven maturity levels across the sector.

[www.dsci.in/resource/content/safeguarding-indias-digital-health-framework-cybersecure-healthcare-infrastructure](https://www.dsci.in/resource/content/safeguarding-indias-digital-health-framework-cybersecure-healthcare-infrastructure)

## Cyber Security Outlook 2025



DSCI's Cyber Security Outlook 2025 outlines a year-in-review analysis of an evolving threat landscape, tracking the progression from conventional malware to polymorphic variants and autonomous bot-driven attacks. The report examines AI's dual role: accelerating detection, automation, and incident response on one hand, while enabling more targeted, evasive, and scalable adversarial attacks on the other. It highlights the urgency of securing non-human identities, synthetic data, and application metadata, alongside strengthening defenses in emerging risk zones such as Greenfield Manufacturing, Supply Chains, and SMEs. The report concludes with a geopolitical lens, mapping global and regional security policies shaping India's cyber resilience trajectory.

[www.dsci.in/resource/content/cyber-security-outlook-2025](https://www.dsci.in/resource/content/cyber-security-outlook-2025)

## Special Advisory: Cyber Risks Arising from the Middle East Conflict

A dedicated special advisory was issued in response to the evolving threat landscape stemming from the Middle East conflict. This advisory provides a detailed analysis of the elevated cyber risk Indian industry facing and delivers actionable recommendations for security leaders to strengthen their defensive posture.



Advisory key highlights:

- Raise awareness of heightened cyber risks to Indian industry arising from geopolitical developments.
- Provide actionable, prioritized recommendations for security leaders to mitigate emerging threats.
- Enable proactive defense measures across sectors most likely to be targeted.
- Keep stakeholders continually informed of developments with direct cyber security implications.

[www.dsci.in/files/content/advisory/2026/cyber\\_threat\\_advisory-middle\\_east\\_conflict.pdf](http://www.dsci.in/files/content/advisory/2026/cyber_threat_advisory-middle_east_conflict.pdf)

## ➤ ENGAGEMENTS

### Series of Engagements on SEBI's Cybersecurity and Cyber Resilience Framework (CSCRF)

The regulatory landscape for cyber security in India saw significant development this year, with SEBI's Cybersecurity and Cyber Resilience Framework (CSCRF) emerging as one of the most consequential mandates for the financial sector. CSCRF establishes a comprehensive set of cyber security standards for SEBI-regulated entities covering risk governance, asset classification, SOC operations, incident response, data security, and cloud adoption. DSCI responded with both knowledge products and direct industry engagement to support compliance readiness across the sector.

#### **Explanatory Note on Released FAQs for CSCRF and Cloud Adoption Framework for Regulated Entities by SEBI**

Following SEBI's release of FAQs in June 2025, DSCI published an Explanatory Note to help regulated entities navigate the framework more effectively. Covering 17 thematic areas including governance, patch management, SOC operations, data security, and incident response the note serves as a practical first-read companion for compliance and security teams aligning with SEBI's cyber security expectations, while also identifying areas warranting further regulatory clarity.



[www.dsci.in/resource/content/explanatory-note-released-faqs-cscrf-and-cloud-adoption-framework-regulated-entities-sebi](http://www.dsci.in/resource/content/explanatory-note-released-faqs-cscrf-and-cloud-adoption-framework-regulated-entities-sebi)

#### **Series of Engagements on SEBI's CSCRF**

Beyond the publication, DSCI conducted a series of focused engagements on CSCRF, drawing 650+ professionals from financial, capital markets, and cyber security domains. This was complemented by a dedicated two-hour reading session with 350+ participants, offering an in-depth walkthrough of the framework's structure, key mandates, and compliance requirements helping organizations move from awareness to implementation readiness.

## Membership Engagement

DSCI's corporate membership creates opportunities for meaningful advisory and peer engagement throughout the year, complementing regular stakeholder interactions. In 2025–26, DSCI convened targeted leadership briefing sessions with senior decision-makers across 30+ organizations, spanning across critical subject matters like risk, compliance, legal, IT, and finance functions, covering cyber security themes critical to their sectors. These engagements brought together organizations across Banking, Oil Energy & Power, GCC, Healthcare, IT/ITeS, Defense, and Security Services, including HDFC Bank, LIC, ONGC, Power Grid, and UIDAI.

### **DSCI Member Symposium**

DSCI organized three regional Member Symposium during the year in Kolkata, Chennai, and Mumbai bringing together CISOs, startups, and senior industry professionals for focused discussions on DPDP Act implementation, cyber resilience, ransomware readiness, and AI governance. Each edition featured panel discussions and startup showcases, creating a platform for peer learning and community building across regions.

### **2nd ER&D Cybersecurity Cohort**

Hosted by Tata Elxsi, the 2nd DSCI Engineering R&D Cybersecurity Cohort brought together key players from the ER&D ecosystem including Palo Alto Networks, Mercedes-Benz, ABB, Bosch, and Intel for focused discussions on quantum computing and national security, AI model benchmarking, connected vehicle platforms, and post-quantum cryptography. The session also featured the launch of DSCI's AI Security, Privacy & Governance Policy Template.

### **Tabletop Exercises on Ransomware Preparedness**

DSCI conducted exclusive tabletop exercises on ransomware preparedness for member organizations simulating coordinated incident response across key functions and testing communication protocols and recovery procedures. Organizations including GAIL, ONGC, HDFC Ergo, LIC Housing, UIDAI, PNB, and SBI Card participated in these sessions.





## CERTIFICATIONS

### DSCI Certified Strategist Program

The DSCI Certified Strategist Program successfully completed its third and fourth batch through intensive three-day executive training to strengthen leadership in cyber security and privacy governance. The program batches witnessed participants from BFSI, FinTech payment solutions, security product & services, and other sectors from leading organizations.



The training covered various dimensions of security, privacy and governance implications, policies, and ESG considerations for organizations. The program also featured case studies and group activities to foster strategic thinking, instilling a security-first mindset, and expand leadership capabilities essential for navigating today's evolving business and threat landscape.

This industry standard certification is ideal for professionals entering or working in the field of cyber security and privacy. It is especially relevant for board members, executive leadership including CEOs, digital business leaders, data enterprise founders, and senior roles such as CDOs, CAIOs, CIOs, CTOs, CSOs, and CROs. It also benefits senior IT and security leaders, as well as seasoned technology and security professionals looking to join or advise corporate boards.



**16**

Industry Leaders Participated in FY 25-26

*(Total trained since inception: 33)*



**02**

Batches

Conducted



**Know more about the program:** [www.dsci.in/content/dsci-certified-strategist-program-dcsp](http://www.dsci.in/content/dsci-certified-strategist-program-dcsp)



## DSCI Certified Ransomware Rapid Responder (DCRRR)

DSCI, in partnership with CERT-In and FlexibleIR, entered the fourth year of the Ransomware Rapid Responder (DCRRR) bootcamp, an advanced, hands-on program aimed at enhancing organizational preparedness against ransomware threats. In FY 2025–26, six training batches were successfully conducted, enabling participants to gain a deeper understanding of the ransomware threat landscape using the MITRE ATT&CK framework. The sessions also focused on building practical capabilities for developing incident response playbooks and standard operating procedures (SOPs) to effectively respond to ransomware incidents. The program also provides practical exposure to incident response through immersive technical training, live drills, and scenario-based tabletop exercises.



152  
Participants Trained In FY 25-26  
*(Total participants trained since inception: 340+)*

06  
Batches Conducted

**Know more about the program:** [www.dsci.in/content/ransomware-rapid-responder-bootcamp](http://www.dsci.in/content/ransomware-rapid-responder-bootcamp)

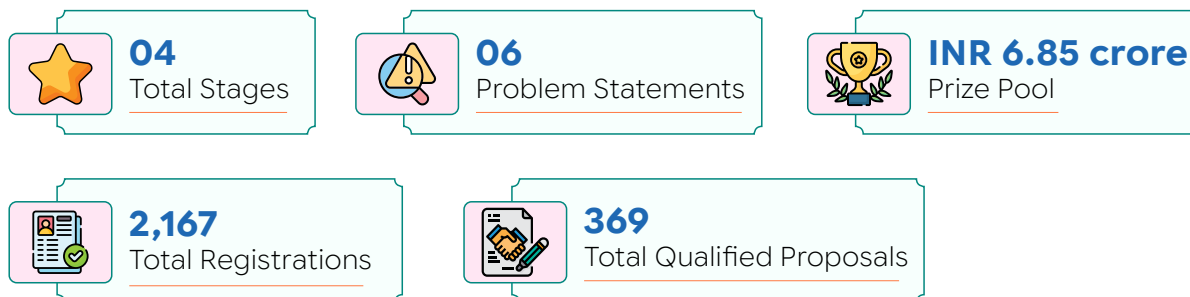
## ➤ HACKATHON & CHALLENGES

### Cyber Security Grand Challenge 2.0

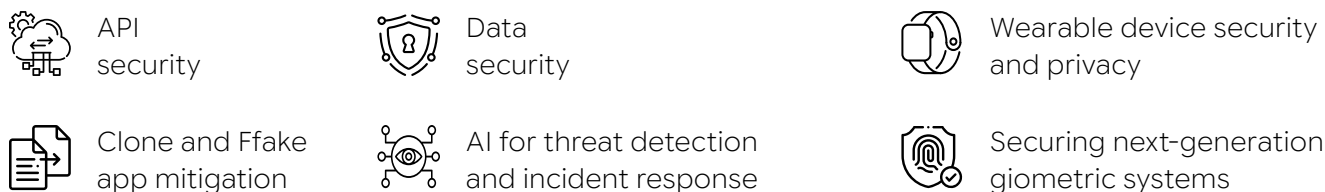
The Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY) and the DSCI collaborated for the second edition of Cyber Security Grand Challenge (CSGC2.0). Following the inaugural edition of CSGC, that laid foundation for driving product innovation in the cyber ecosystem, this edition was successfully conducted to recognize startups that provide cutting-edge solutions across critical areas of cyber security across the country.



The second edition featured a significantly larger prize pool of INR 6.85 crore, compared to INR 3.2 crore in the first edition, along with additional go-to-market support and ownership of product IPs.



### The challenge was undertaken across six problem statements:



### The shortlisted startups progressed through four stages:

- Idea Stage**  
A total of 36 startups were shortlisted and qualified for the next stage, with six selected for each problem statement, and individual teams were provided support of INR 5 lakh as handholding funds for the development of minimum viable products.
- Minimum Viable Product Stage**  
A total of 18 startups was shortlisted and qualified for the next stage, three for each problem statement, and individual teams were provided support of INR 10 lakh as handholding funds for the development of final products.
- Final Product Stage**  
A total of 5 startups emerged as winners for each problem statement and the individual teams received INR 25 lakh to support the development of the Go-to-Market (GTM) Strategy for their products.

### Problem statement wise winners (25 lakh each)

|  |                                                                   |                                                                                                                          |                                                 |
|--|-------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
|  | <b>Ziriz.AI</b><br>API Security                                   | <b>SkillsDA SafeQuanta</b><br>Data Security                                                                              | <b>Crypsis</b><br>Clone and Fake App Mitigation |
|  | <b>Enfold AI</b><br>AI for Threat Detection and Incident Response | <b>Cambrian SkillsDA Technologies and Consultancy Services LLP (CSTCS)</b><br>Securing Next Generation Biometric Systems |                                                 |

\*With no winner selected for 'Wearable Device Security and Privacy' problem statement.





## Go-to-Market Stage

Startups presented their GTM strategy, out of which the top three grand winners emerged.



### Winner

Awarded INR 1 crore

**Cambrian SkillsDA Technologies and Consultancy Services LLP (CSTCS) - Securing Next Generation Biometric Systems**



### 1st Runner Up

Awarded INR 50 lakh

**Crypsis - Clone & Fake App Mitigation**



### 2nd Runner Up

Awarded INR 25 lakh

**Ziriz.ai - API Security**



## Cyber Security Innovation Challenge

The Cyber Security Innovation Challenge is a first-of-its-kind challenge designed for the academic ecosystem under the Information Security Education and Awareness (ISEA) Project of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), Government of India with support from DSCI and C-DAC Hyderabad and a network of 50 premier academic and autonomous institutions.

### CYBER SECURITY INNOVATION CHALLENGE 1.0

*Under the aegis of ISEA Project, MeitY*



**INR 40 lakh  
Total Prize Pool**



**10 Domain-specific  
Problem Statements**

The challenge progressed in a five-stage journey across 10 domain-specific problem statements including Computer & Network Security, Mobile Device Security, Systems & Software Security, Hardware Security, Security in Futuristic Technologies, Cryptography, Security in distributed wireless networks, Cyber Forensics, Governance, Operations & Services and Fintech Security.



Computer &  
network security



Mobile device  
security



Systems &  
software security



Hardware  
security



Security in futuristic  
technologies



Cryptography



Cyber  
forensics



Security in distributed  
wireless networks



Governance,  
operations & services



Fintech  
security

## The student-led teams advanced through the following stages in the challenge:

- ### Ideation and Proposal Submission

3715 students all over India submitted their ideas and participated in teams of three's and five's driving the total registrations to 993 from 226 institutes.

- ### Preliminary Evaluation and Shortlisting of Top Ideas

A total of 63 teams were shortlisted for the next stage, and 45 of these teams proceeded to the development phase.

- ### Prototype Development and Evaluation

Top 20 teams were shortlisted and awarded an interim support of INR 50,000 and progressed for prototype enhancement stage.

- ### Mentorship, Capacity Building and Prototype Enhancement

The 20 finalist teams were mentored and assisted with workshops to create the Minimum Viable Product (MVP) and prepared for the final evaluation.

- ### Final Evaluation of Minimum Viable Product (MVP) and Winner Announcement

Final evaluation of the top finalists was undertaken in a day-long ceremony supplemented with presentations and MVP demonstrations.

In addition to identifying the top three winners, the challenge also identified unique contribution from the teams across the categories of Most Innovative Idea Award, Women-in-Tech / Diversity Award and Jury's Choice Award.



### Winner

Awarded INR 10 lakh

#### Team Eigen

Cryptography – Privacy Preserving KYC Verification System



### 1st Runner Up Awarded INR 7 lakh

#### Team Kaali Topi

Computer & Network Security – Cloud Misconfiguration





## 2nd Runner Up Awarded INR 5 lakh

### Team Cryptara

Security in Futuristic Technologies – Lightweight Post Quantum



## Most Innovative Idea Award Awarded INR 3 lakh

### Team Nebula

Hardware Security – HSM Tampering Detection System



## Women-in-Tech/Diversity Award Awarded INR 3 lakh

### Team Encrypt

Governance, Operations & Services – Consent Management System



## Jury's Choice Award Awarded INR 2 lakh

### Team Gentleman

Cyber Forensics – AI-based Log Investigation Framework



## Cyber Security Hackathon (CTF)

DSCI in collaboration with EY, hosted a high-impact cyber security hackathon on the side lines of the Annual Information Security Summit (AISS) 2025. This marked the 9th edition in DSCI's Capture the Flag (CTF) competition series, aimed at recognizing and rewarding top talent in the cyber security domain across India.



The hackathon drew participation from students, researchers, developers, testers, SOC/CDC teams, red and blue teams, corporate and product security teams, and cyber security enthusiasts from across the country. Participants competed in a range of technical challenges across key areas such as GenAI, Digital Forensics, Network & Cloud Security, Application Exploitation, System Exploitation, Blockchain, Reverse Engineering, Cryptography & Programming.



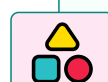
**330**  
Participants



**173**  
Teams



**109**  
Challenges



**16**  
Diverse Categories



**Winner**  
Team Forenseek  
Jakkaraju Varshith  
Ajay Pandey



**1st Runner Up**  
Team Abu1  
Abdur Rahman



**2nd Runner Up**  
Team Echhiban  
Srikrishna Pandey,  
Praneeth Sarode



## ➤ AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS

### ● Cyber Security Awareness Month (CSAM)

Every October, DSCI marks Cyber Security Awareness Month, aligning with global efforts to promote cyber security best practices and responsible online behaviour. In 2025, the campaign drew inspiration from the vibrant tradition of Indian Truck Art and the set the campaign theme as **‘Cyber Suraksha Drive’**, an expressive medium known for conveying impactful social messages while bridging rural and urban India.



Leveraging this familiar and culturally resonant aesthetic, the campaign delivered cyber awareness in a colorful, accessible, and relatable format through thematic posters, wallpapers, infographics, videos, and booklets, simplifying cyber security for everyday users across six key areas:



Social media  
safety



Digital payment  
safety



App &  
account security



Email  
security



Cybercrime  
redressal



AI-Generated  
scams

The campaign was formally launched at the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) with the iconic Ring the Bell ceremony, flagged off by Shri Ashish Shelar, Minister for Information Technology, Government of Maharashtra, alongside dignitaries from the Maharashtra Cybercrime Department, SEBI, SBI, and BSE.





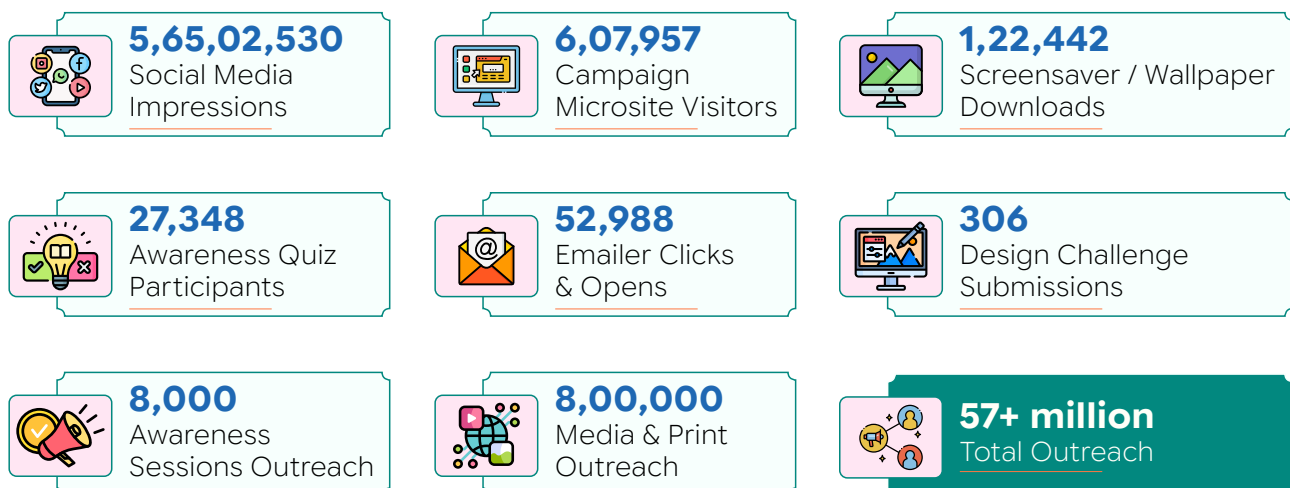
An interactive campaign microsite was built and launched as a one-stop destination hosting all campaign artefacts, resources, awareness materials, and activities, enabling citizens and organizations to access, download, and engage with the full suite of CSAM 2025 content.



Visit the microsite : <https://www.dsci.in/cyber-security-awareness-month-2025/>

The campaign was supported by the **India Cybercrime Coordination Centre (I4C)**, MHA, MeitY, and CERT-In, and backed by industry partners CRED, HDFC Bank, IIFL Finance, Bangalore International Airport Ltd., Protectt.ai, Providence, Punjab National Bank, QRC Assurance and Solutions, SQ1 Security, Target, and ZS Associates.

## Campaign Outreach



## Awareness Posters



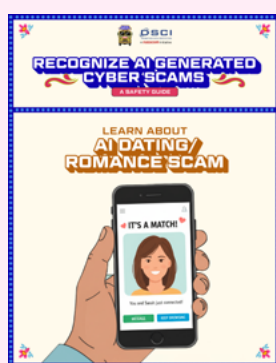
## Thematic Screensaver in English & Hindi



### Cyber Scams Safety Guide



### Cyber Awareness Infographics



### Awareness Quiz in Collab with MyGov



## Cyber Awareness Design Challenge

The Cyber Awareness Design Challenge was conceptualized as part of the awareness campaign, a creative initiative that aimed to leverage the creative potential of design students from leading institutions, graphic designers and content creators across India to develop innovative, impactful, and culturally resonant cyber awareness content.

The challenge provided young designers and content creators/influencers a national platform to showcase their creativity and ideas, while simultaneously spreading cyber awareness among their social network for larger online safety of citizens.

The national Cyber Awareness Design Challenge invited students, freelancers, graphic designers, and professionals from across design, arts, media, engineering, and technology to reimagine cyber security awareness through creative expression. **The challenge received 306 submissions from across India, with entries from premier institutions including NIFT Delhi, IIT Allahabad, Government College of Art & Craft Agartala, RMK College of Engineering & Technology Chennai, and the University of Jammu, across four categories:**



Most insightful poster



Most creative comic strip



Most engaging reel



Most appealing short video

DSCI recognized **4 Winners, 4 First Runners-Up, and 5 Second Runners-Up** across categories.

DSCI's outreach extended beyond digital channels this year, a dedicated feature in the Economic Times reached 8 lakh readers across eight major cities, while 40+ member-specific awareness sessions engaged more than 8,000 beneficiaries across organizations nationwide.



## Cyber Jagrookta Diwas

Cyber Jagrookta Diwas is a national cyber security awareness initiative by the Ministry of Home Affairs under I4C, observed on the first Wednesday of every month across PSUs, banks, educational institutions, and government organizations. As India's leading industry body on cyber security and data protection, DSCI actively participates extending its reach into member organizations and contributing to the national awareness agenda.

Cyber Jagrookta Diwas brought together 2,622 participants across sessions covering some of the most pressing cyber security topics of the moment:

- Operationalizing DPDPA compliance
- Understanding AI and safeguarding your digital presence
- Decoding consent under the DPDP framework
- Beyond the screen: safe social media
- Behaviour & secure app usage
- AI-Powered cyber defense
- Mobile and device forensics
- Understanding phishing: real cases & emerging cyber threats
- Emerging cyber threats
- Secure coding practices
- Decoding cyber threats: awareness, action, and prevention
- Cyber crimes in the age of AI
- Digital fortresses in the AI era: building
- Cyber resilience across ecosystems for the global stage
- AI powered advanced threat hunting and mitigation plan



# Threat Intelligence & Research

In an era of rapidly evolving cyber threats, timely and actionable intelligence is critical to organizational resilience. DSCI's Threat Intelligence and Research function equips member organizations with real-time threat insights, monthly intelligence reports, and special advisories on emerging risks to help them anticipate, identify and respond to threats before they escalate.

## ➤ DSCI ADVANCED THREAT INTELLIGENCE PORTAL

DSCI has successfully transitioned to the Advanced Threat Intelligence Portal in collaboration with Seqrite. The portal provides select DSCI members with centralized, actionable, and real-time intelligence enabling teams to better anticipate, identify, and respond to emerging threats. With phased onboarding actively underway, the platform has already welcomed over 200 members, with 150+ participating in dedicated walkthrough sessions.

The portal delivers comprehensive visibility into the evolving threat landscape, offering in-depth insights into adversaries including Threat Actors, Advanced Persistent Threats (APTs), Hactivist Groups, and specific campaign identifiers. By mapping attacker Tactics, Techniques, and Procedures (TTPs), teams are better equipped to understand threat behavior and proactively strengthen their defensive posture.

A standout capability of the platform is its sector-specific intelligence, which curates and delivers intelligence tailored to each industry's unique risk profile ensuring members receive information that is contextually relevant rather than generic. Complementing this is a continuous feed of updated Indicators of Compromise (IOCs), enabling faster, more informed detection and response across the security ecosystem.



### The portal delivers comprehensive intelligence across three key pillars:



#### Adversary Intelligence

Coverage of Threat Actors, APTs, Hactivist Groups, Activist Organizations, and Campaign Identifiers.



#### Contextualized Threat Intelligence

Insights on targeted countries, industries, organizations, and detailed attack TTPs (Tactics, Techniques, and Procedures).



#### Sector-Specific Intelligence

Tailored intelligence aligned to the organization's unique industry risk profile.



## Key platform capabilities include:



Extensive and regularly updated coverage of threat actors, vulnerabilities, malware families, and ransomware groups, including IOC (Indicator of Compromise) feeds.



Direct integration with EDR and existing security tools; data export supported in CSV and STIX/TAXII v2.1 formats.



## MONTHLY THREAT INTELLIGENCE REPORTS

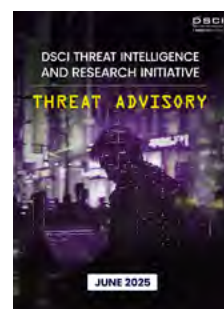
The DSCI Threat Intelligence and Research initiative has published monthly threat advisories providing members with concise, research-driven analysis of the most significant emerging threats, threat actor activity, and critical vulnerabilities.



LummaStealer (MaaS info-stealer malware, Russian-linked threat actors targeting credentials, cookies, and crypto wallets); CNSS data breach.



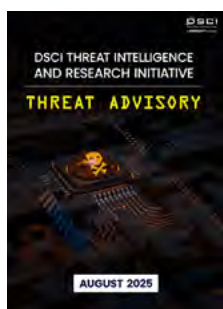
SideCopy APT (Pakistani-linked group targeting Indian government and defense sectors); 60 malicious npm packages discovered.



RedGolf / APT41 and their KeyPlug malware; BPFDoor rootkit-like malware.



DoNot APT (APT-C-35); Konfety Android malware.



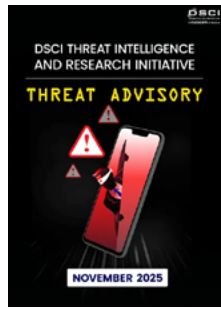
SoupDealer phishing campaign targeting Turkish entities; Secret Blizzard (Russian-based threat actor targeting foreign embassies); Fortinet phMonitor Vulnerability (CVE-2025-25256).



Arachna leak ransomware; EDR Freeze tool (disables EDRs and Antivirus); Asahi Group cyberattack highlighting rising OT security risks.



APT36 phishing campaign;  
EY SQL database file  
exposure.



FantasyHub Android RAT;  
Everest threat group attack  
on Collins Aerospace; first  
AI orchestrated cyber  
-espionage campaign.



CVE-2025-55182 affecting  
React.js and Next.  
js; DroidLock Android  
malware; Nissan Group  
data exposure via third-  
party security breach.



Threat Intelligence: Clawdbot  
(exposed API keys, OAuth  
tokens, conversation  
histories); Dark Web:  
Emerging adversaries (OAPT,  
sinobi); Vulnerability:  
CVE-2026-24858 (Fortinet).



Threat Intelligence:  
Starkiller (commercial-  
grade phishing framework);  
Dark Web: Vect 2.0  
Ransomware Activity and  
Dark Web Analysis.



LOTS and DDOD: The New  
Emerging Techniques,  
Ransomware Fragmentation  
, CVE-2026-33017 and  
Threat Intelligence Sharing  
Initiative.

**View reports:** <https://www.dsci.in/advisory/threat-intel>

# Operational Technology (OT) Security

As India's critical infrastructure sectors undergo rapid digital transformation, the convergence of IT and OT systems is creating new and complex security challenges. DSCI's OT Security work addresses this gap through dedicated research, industry led lab infrastructure, and capacity building initiatives, providing organizations with the frameworks, tools, and expertise needed to secure industrial environments and build resilience across critical sectors.

## ➤ DSCI-SIEMENS OT CYBER SECURITY LAB

The OT Cyber Security Lab developed in cooperation with Siemens, was inaugurated at Nasscom Campus, Noida to strengthen India's cyber security posture for critical infrastructure and OT environments. Designed as an innovation platform, the Lab provides startups with access to the technology, equipment, and expertise needed to develop and test cyber security solutions in real-world OT scenarios.

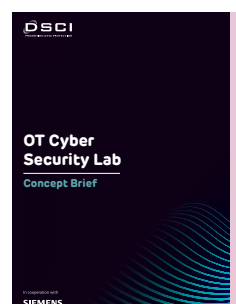
It serves as a hub for hands-on training, awareness, and skill development for professionals, while fostering research and collaboration across government, academia, and industry. Its dedicated testbed enables research on OT security vulnerabilities, threat detection methodologies, and risk management strategies making it a critical national resource for industry and startups to validate and test their solutions in a safe, controlled environment.



## ● OT Cyber Security Lab Concept Brief

The concept brief outlines efforts to boost India's industrial cyber resilience with establishment of the OT Cyber Security Lab designed for simulation of industrial threat scenarios, validation of security controls, and improvement of resilience across various sectors.

[www.dsci.in/resource/content/ot-cyber-security-lab-concept-brief](http://www.dsci.in/resource/content/ot-cyber-security-lab-concept-brief)





## DSCI-ROCKWELL OT CYBER SECURITY LAB

The DSCI-Rockwell Operational Technology (OT) Cyber Security Lab at the DSCI premises, Nasscom Campus, Noida was inaugurated in collaboration with Rockwell Automation. The second lab has been developed to augment and support India's cyber security posture for critical infrastructure, smart manufacturing, supply chain security and industrial environments amid the rapid digitalization of operational systems.

The lab is designed to address the cyber security risks arising from the increasing convergence of digital technologies and operational systems in industrial and infrastructure environments. The lab has also been successfully commissioned and tested, combining DSCI's ecosystem-building approach with global



## PUBLICATIONS

### Operational Technology – Security Operation Centre

As OT systems converge with IT and cloud environments, the need for dedicated security operations has never been more critical. This paper examines the strategic role of OT SOC's across separate, hybrid, and converged deployment models covering continuous monitoring, incident response, and regulatory compliance. It highlights that while technology investment is growing, stronger governance, OT-aware processes, and skilled personnel remain equally essential to building resilient industrial security operations.

[www.dsci.in/resource/content/operational-technology-security-operation-centre](http://www.dsci.in/resource/content/operational-technology-security-operation-centre)



### The State of OT Security in India

This joint study by DSCI and Deloitte India assesses OT security preparedness across Indian industries, finding that while threat awareness is rising, preparedness remains fragmented with legacy infrastructure, IT-OT silos, and skill shortages creating systemic vulnerabilities. The report maps a clear roadmap to OT resilience, from foundational fixes in visibility and access control to future-ready priorities including Zero Trust, legacy modernization, and workforce capability building.

[www.deloitte.com/in/en/services/consulting/services/cyber/the-state-of-ot-security-in-india.html](http://www.deloitte.com/in/en/services/consulting/services/cyber/the-state-of-ot-security-in-india.html)





## ➤ OT SECURITY HACKATHON

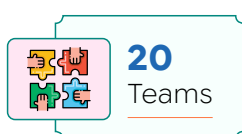
DSCI in cooperation with Siemens, hosted the first edition of OT Security Hackathon on the side lines of the Annual Information Security Summit (AISS) 2025 in Delhi. The hackathon served as a platform for a specialized cyber security competition for students and professionals with a focus on Industrial Control Systems (ICS) and Operational Technology (OT) environments to bridge the gap between IT security principles and OT constraints. The hackathon featured challenges ranging from Steganography, PCAP, Log Analysis, Memory Forensics, Malware Reverse Engineering, Firmware Analysis, LLM Prompt injection, and Network Scanning.



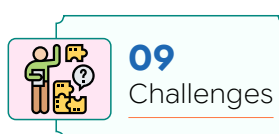
The event featured two progressive phases, an online Jeopardy-style qualifier followed by an on-site final round providing direct access to the Operational Technology testbed.



**60**  
Participants



**20**  
Teams



**09**  
Challenges



**Winner**  
**Team Turtleneck**  
**Awarded INR 1,00,000**



**1st Runners Up**  
**Team Logan**  
**Awarded INR 75,000**



**2nd Runners Up**  
**Team FLAGship\_**  
**FelLows**  
**Awarded INR 50,000**

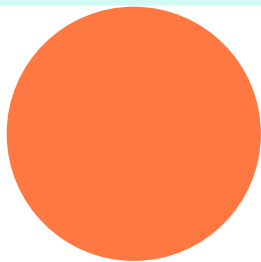
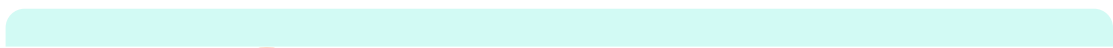


## ➤ OT SECURITY SUB-SUMMIT

The sub summit convened national security leaders, industry experts, CISOs, and technology strategists to address India's rapidly evolving operational technology (OT) threat landscape. The opening keynote, "Charting India's Cyber-Defense and Tech Future," featured senior defense leaders and industry executives, underscoring that India's digital and physical infrastructures are now inseparable from national security. Central themes included strengthening security across telecom, smart cities, smart grids, energy, and aviation, with leaders from sectors like telecommunications, energy management & automation, power transmission and airport operations highlighting the urgent need for visibility and resilience. A deep dive into Industry 4.0 security examined zero trust in OT environments and patching challenges in industrial control systems.











# DATA PRIVACY

- Publications
- Engagements
- Capacity Building
- Awareness Campaigns

# Data Privacy

Privacy governance sits at the center of India's evolving data protection landscape, and DSCI has been at the forefront of helping organizations navigate it. The notification of the Digital Personal Data Protection Rules in 2025 marked a turning point for organizations, shifting the needle from preparedness to implementation. In 2025–26, DSCI responded with a comprehensive DPDP knowledge suite, relaunched the Privacy Leadership Forum as PLF 2.0, conducted industry roundtables across sectors, and scaled its privacy certification programs, continuing to serve as India's trusted partner in building a privacy-conscious, data-responsible ecosystem.

## ➤ PUBLICATIONS

### ● Digital Personal Data Protection Rules, 2025 Summary & Brief

On November 13, 2025, the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) notified the Digital Personal Data Protection Rules, 2025, a landmark development in India's data governance journey. Framed under the Digital Personal Data Protection (DPDP) Act, 2023, the Rules mark the formal operationalization of India's first comprehensive data protection legislation, being implemented in a phased manner across sectors.

#### ○ Summary of the DPDP Rules, 2025

DSCI published a structured summary of the notified Digital Personal Data Protection Rules, 2025 under the DPDP Act, 2023, that elucidates operationalizing India's first comprehensive data governance framework. It further entails detailed guidance on consent, notice, security measures, data retention, and cross-border data processing as provided by the rules.

#### ○ Thematic FAQs on the DPDP Act, 2023 & DPDP Rules, 2025

DSCI compiled a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) series under India's data protection framework, covering the DPDP Act, 2023 and the DPDP Rules, 2025. These FAQs are organized thematically to support understanding and practical compliance. The Thematic FAQ Series covers:



Data fiduciary and significant data fiduciary obligations



Processing of personal data of children and persons with disabilities



Consent management



Data retention and data erasure



Cross-Border transfer of personal data



Reasonable security safeguards



Notice management



Data protection board of India

More details: [www.dsci.in/content/data-protection-framework-india](https://www.dsci.in/content/data-protection-framework-india)

## AI Innovation, Effective Anonymization & the DPDP Act

DSCI served as an advisory partner to Meta's Open Loop India Program, collaborating with The Quantum Hub, Tsaaro Consulting, and The Dialogue to convene a multi-stakeholder initiative on responsible AI innovation. The program brought together Indian startups, academia, civil society, and industry experts to examine the role of data anonymization and privacy-enhancing technologies within India's evolving data protection regime. DSCI's contributions helped shape discussions on how effective anonymization practices can enable AI innovation while ensuring compliance with the DPDP Act.

The initiative culminated in the report "AI Innovation, Effective Anonymization & the DPDP Act," outlining policy and implementation pathways that balance innovation with robust privacy safeguards. Read: <https://openloop.org/programs/policy-anonymization-india/>



## Data Protection and Privacy for Developers of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in India

DSCI collaborated with Ikigai Law, GIZ, and Nasscom to support the development and launch of the Handbook on Data Protection and Privacy for Developers of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in India. Developed under GIZ's FAIR Forward: AI for All initiative, the Handbook translates India's evolving data protection and responsible AI framework into actionable guidance for developers, startups, and product teams. DSCI helped align the legal, technical, and governance dimensions of the Handbook to reflect the regulatory requirements of the DPDP Act, 2023 and the DPDP Rules, 2025, while addressing practical challenges for AI developers. Read: <https://www.dsci.in/files/content/knowledge-centre/2023/AI-Handbook.pdf>



## ➤ ENGAGEMENTS

### Privacy Leadership Forum 2.0

As regulatory frameworks continue to evolve in step with technological advancement, the need for a unified, expert-led voice on privacy has never been more pressing. DSCI's Privacy Leadership Forum (PLF) was established in 2024 as a dedicated platform for privacy professionals, convening leaders across sectors to collectively strengthen India's industry readiness for emerging privacy challenges.



**Building on the momentum of its successful inaugural edition, DSCI relaunched the initiative as PLF 2.0, where it was met with strong enthusiasm from the privacy community.**

The 2025–26 edition marks a renewed and more structured commitment to advancing privacy leadership at scale. PLF 2.0 brings together a carefully selected cohort of privacy professionals from diverse sectors and experience levels across the country for an engagement spanning six to eight months. Participation is honorary and voluntary, underscoring the community-driven ethos of the forum. The cohort will collaborate on a range of thought leadership and engagement activities. PLF 2.0 is anchored around five strategic objectives:



Champion proactive measures and forward-looking policies that promote privacy preparedness and effective implementation.



Enhance privacy awareness and practical readiness among individuals and organizations navigating an increasingly complex data landscape.



Promote privacy as a key organizational differentiator and drive the development of industry codes of practice.



Foster meaningful collaboration between privacy professionals across sectors on shared challenges and opportunities.



Bring together privacy leaders from technology, government, academia, and civil society to deliberate on the latest policy, regulatory, and technological developments globally.

**To ensure focused and outcomes-driven engagement, PLF 2.0 members are organized into Sub-Committees and Special Interest Groups (SIGs)**



Core privacy, data governance & compliance



AI, ML & emerging technologies



Privacy engineering, PETs & cyber security



Sectoral privacy & regulatory engagement

[www.dsci.in/content/dsci-privacy-leadership-forum](http://www.dsci.in/content/dsci-privacy-leadership-forum)

## ● Operationalising Privacy through Privacy Enhancing Technologies

As part of AISS 2025, DSCI hosted an exclusive session Privacy Leadership Forum members on operationalizing privacy through Privacy Enhancing Technologies (PETs). The session bridged conceptual foundations with practical applications, examining PET use cases for regulatory compliance, strategies for integrating PETs into enterprise privacy governance, and the case for adopting PETs as scalable, privacy-first solutions to embed privacy-by-design across organizations.



## DPDPA Engagements

Following the notification of the DPDP Rules in November 2025, DSCI led an extensive series of reading sessions and consultations to support stakeholder preparedness across sectors:



**Indian Music Industry:** DSCI conducted a structured walkthrough of the DPDP Act, 2023 and the DPDP Rules, 2025, tailored to music labels and rights holders. The session addressed key issues around data processing practices, consent frameworks, and rights management within the music ecosystem, while clarifying compliance obligations under the evolving regulatory regime.



**Corporate Reading Sessions (JK Lakshmi Cement, Paytm, and Tata Advanced Systems):** DSCI engaged with stakeholders from these organizations to discuss practical compliance challenges, including how data is handled, how consent should be structured and obtained, and how rights are managed when processing digital personal data, translating statutory requirements into actionable organizational guidance.



**Virtual Session on iGot Karmayogi Portal (organised by NLIU Bhopal in collaboration with the National e-Governance Division, MeitY):** DSCI conducted a capacity-building session for government officials under the iGot Karmayogi Program, focused on the DPDP Act, 2023 and DPDP Rules, 2025. The session incorporated case studies, templates, and real-life scenarios developed by DSCI's policy team to enable applied learning across central ministries, state departments, public sector undertakings, and law enforcement agencies.



**State-Level Faculty Development Program:** DSCI participated as a knowledge resource at a one-day FDP organised by Sadhu Vaswani Institute of Management Studies for Girls (SVIMS). The session focused on building awareness among academic professionals around digital safety, cyber hygiene, legal protections under cyber laws and the DPDP Act, 2023, institutional responsibilities, and grievance redressal mechanisms, supported by case studies and real-life applications.



## CAPACITY BUILDING

### DSCI Certified Data Protection Officer (DCDPO)

DCDPO is a flagship certification programme designed for privacy professionals seeking to navigate the complex landscape of data protection in India. Built to address the growing demand for qualified data protection expertise, the programme equips participants with the knowledge and skills to lead privacy governance, ensure regulatory compliance, and drive data protection strategies within their organisations.



As part of the learning, the program covers key themes for privacy professionals such as privacy legislation and global regulations, risk quantification and impact assessment, data subject rights under the DPDP Act, privacy by design and default, breach management, vendor risk, and foundational privacy concepts and data protection regimes. Delivered through interactive, real-world, case-based learning, the training is designed to build practical capabilities and a strong understanding of data privacy policy and implementation.



**305**  
Professionals Trained  
*Total Privacy Professionals  
Trained Since Inception: 650+*



**15**  
Batches Concluded



**Know more about the program:** [www.dsci.in/content/dsci-certified-data-protection-officer-dcdpo](http://www.dsci.in/content/dsci-certified-data-protection-officer-dcdpo)

## ● DSCI Certified Privacy Lead Assessor (DCPLA)

DCPLA is India's premier certification for privacy assessment professionals, rooted in the Digital Personal Data Protection (DPDP) Act and DSCI's proprietary frameworks. The program equips professionals with the expertise to lead privacy assessments, interpret regulatory requirements, and drive compliance within organizations. Since its inception, the programme has trained 1,178+ privacy assessment professionals.




**138**  
Privacy assessment professionals  
certified in FY 25-26



**07**  
Batches Concluded

**Know more about the program:** [www.dsci.in/content/dsci-certified-privacy-lead-assessor-dcpla](http://www.dsci.in/content/dsci-certified-privacy-lead-assessor-dcpla)

## ● DSCI Certified Privacy Professional (DCPP)

DCPP serves as the foundational certification for professionals entering the privacy discipline, offering a multi-dimensional perspective across the technological, legal, policy, and governance dimensions of data protection. Aligned with India's evolving privacy landscape, this self-learning program enables professionals to build credibility, join India's growing privacy community, and stay current through regular updates to its body of knowledge. To date, the programme has certified 2,142+




**254**  
Learners Certified  
In FY 25-26

**Know more about the program:** [www.dsci.in/content/dsci-certified-privacy-professional-dcpp](http://www.dsci.in/content/dsci-certified-privacy-professional-dcpp)



## AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS

### Data Privacy Day (DPD)

Data Privacy Day, observed annually on 28 January, is a global initiative reinforcing the shared responsibility of safeguarding personal data and exercising privacy rights in an increasingly digital society. The 2026 edition was anchored around the theme **“Be a Privacy Ambassador”** encouraging both citizens and organizations to actively champion privacy through informed decisions and responsible everyday actions. Aligned with India’s Digital Personal Data Protection Act (DPDPA), the campaign moved beyond awareness to emphasise responsible adoption and practical implementation reflecting India’s transition from policy formulation to on-the-ground practice.



The campaign was supported by the **India Cybercrime Coordination Centre (I4C), MHA, MeitY, and CERT-In,, alongside industry partners CRED, IIFL Finance, Kempegowda International Airport Bengaluru, Privasapien, Protectt.ai, Providence, Punjab National Bank, QRC Assurance and Solutions, SQ1 Security, Target, and ZS Associates.**

A dedicated campaign microsite was built around a ‘Road to Implementation’ concept taking citizens and organizations through an interactive journey on data privacy with multiple stops, key messages, signboards, and downloadable resources along the way. Key features included separate journey tracks for citizens and organizations, gamified navigation, downloadable assets at each stop, and road sign-inspired messaging to reinforce core privacy concepts.



Visit the microsite: <https://www.dsci.in/data-privacy-day-2026/>

DSCI launched the campaign pan-India, with activities and panel discussions held simultaneously across **Delhi, Mumbai, Hyderabad, Bengaluru, Chennai, and Ahmedabad.**

Across all cities, discussions brought together leaders from enterprise, policy, legal, and technology backgrounds to explore what DPDP Act implementation looks like in practice, covering citizens’ rights and duties, consent frameworks, and privacy responsibilities for organizations across sectors. The conversations reflected a clear shift: privacy in India is moving from policy on paper to practice on the ground. The response across cities was encouraging, reinforcing that awareness around data privacy is steadily growing among citizens and organizations alike.



## Awareness Posters



## Thematic Screensaver for Citizens



## Thematic Screensaver for Organizations



## A Practical Guide for Citizens on DPDP Act





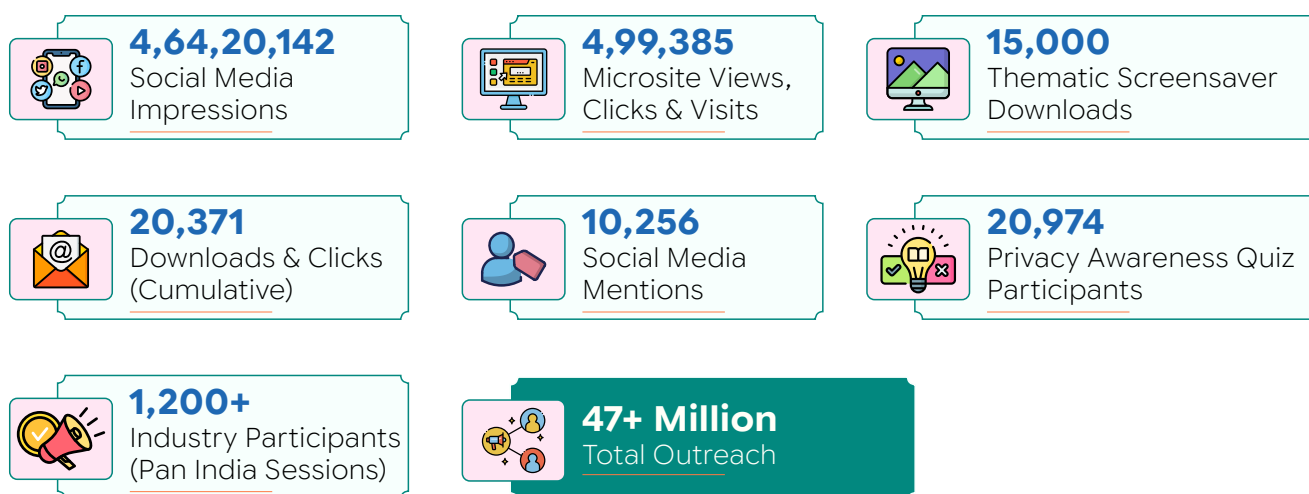
## Infographics



## Awareness Quiz in Collab with MyGov



## Campaign Outreach



## Data Protection Summit (DDPS)

Building on the momentum of its inaugural edition which focused on understanding the DPDP Act, the second edition of the DSCI Data Protection Summit shifted the focus decisively to implementation. With the DPDP Rules now in place and organizations preparing for the May 2027 compliance deadline, DDPS 2026 served as the definitive platform for translating regulatory requirements into actionable practice. The summit brought together the privacy and cyber security community, policymakers, regulators, and industry leaders delivering practical guidance on implementing the DPDP framework while aligning with evolving global privacy standards.



## Key Highlights



Event participants left with a sharper understanding of what DPDP Act implementation demands in practice moving beyond awareness of the law to building the internal structures, processes, and technical capabilities needed to operationalize compliance. The sessions were designed to bridge the gap between regulatory intent and organizational readiness, enabling participants to align their governance frameworks with the evolving data protection landscape.

 **Key Focus Areas**



Data fiduciary obligations  
& accountability frameworks



Grievance redressal &  
breach notification protocols



Consent management  
architecture



Data Protection Impact  
Assessments (DPIAs)



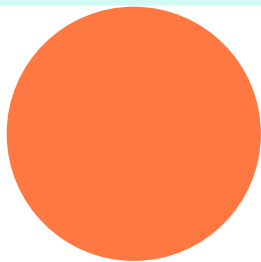
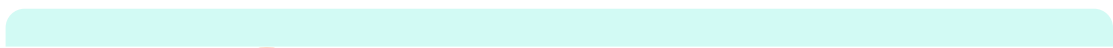
Cross-border data  
transfer mechanisms



Technical & organizational  
measures











# CRITICAL & EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES

- Quantum Security
- Compendium on Emerging Tech Pathways
- AI Governance
- Techsagar
- Geopolitics for Leaders

# Critical & Emerging Technologies

Critical and emerging technologies, from artificial intelligence and quantum computing to operational technology and next-generation communications, are reshaping the boundaries of cyber security and creating challenges that existing security frameworks were not built to address. In 2025-26, DSCI chaired the sub-group on Post-Quantum Cryptography Migration under India's National Quantum Mission, published a five-volume Compendium on Emerging Tech Pathways, enhanced Techsagar with enhancements and launched program in AI governance and quantum security, ensuring that India is not just prepared for the technologies of tomorrow but is actively shaping how they are governed and secured.

## ➤ QUANTUM SECURITY

### ● Chairmanship of the NQM Sub-Group on Quantum Resiliency, Crypto Agility & PQC Migration

DSCI chaired the sub-group on Quantum Resiliency, Crypto Agility, and Post-Quantum Cryptography (PQC) Migration under India's National Quantum Mission (NQM). The sub-group was mandated to develop a strategic roadmap for Quantum-Safe Migration, a coherent framework offering policy guidance, technical alignment, and coordinated national action.

The group's work culminated in the strategic roadmap for Quantum-Safe Migration, developed under the aegis of the Department of Science and Technology. With its official release, India has pivoted from preparation to mandatory, time-bound action, joining the United States, European Union, United Kingdom, and Australia in mandating a national transition to post-quantum cryptography.

#### Key highlights of the strategy roadmap:

- Critical Information Infrastructure (defense, power, and telecom) must achieve full quantum resiliency by 2029, with preparatory action commencing in 2026, placing India's CII timeline among the most aggressive globally, second only to Australia.
- All other government and private enterprises are required to follow a phased migration timeline spanning 2028 to 2033.
- A National PQC Testing and Certification Program has been established with a three-tier laboratory structure, with tier-1 and tier-2 labs to be operational by December 2026.

The roadmap is structured around three phased milestones:

- **Milestone 1 Build the Foundation:** Leadership alignment, cryptographic inventory, quantum risk assessment, prioritization, and pilot migrations of high-priority systems.
- **Milestone 2 Strengthen Resilience:** Completion of quantum resiliency for high-priority systems, institutionalization of crypto-agility, and mandatory Cryptographic Bills of Materials from vendors.
- **Milestone 3 Enterprise-Wide Assurance:** Achieving full enterprise-wide quantum resiliency with continuous assurance, sustained crypto-agility, and a whole-of-enterprise approach.

The full report is accessible at: <https://dst.gov.in/quantum-safe-ecosystem-in-india>

## Strategic Roadmap for Quantum-Safe Migration (under the National Quantum Mission, DST)

The Quantum-Safe Ecosystem in India report, published under the National Quantum Mission by the Department of Science and Technology, provides India's national strategy for this transition. Developed by a DST Task Force, with DSCI leading the sub-group on quantum resiliency and PQC migration, the report sets clear, time-bound targets for quantum resiliency across Critical Information Infrastructure by 2029, and enterprise-wide post-quantum cryptography adoption by 2033.

The report covers PQC migration pathways, a national testing and certification program, hybrid deployment frameworks, crypto-agile PKI systems, and national testbeds for composite PQC-QKD solutions representing a coordinated commitment across government, industry, and R&D to build a quantum-secure digital backbone suited to India's scale and strategic ambitions.

[www.dst.gov.in/quantum-safe-ecosystem-in-india](https://dst.gov.in/quantum-safe-ecosystem-in-india)

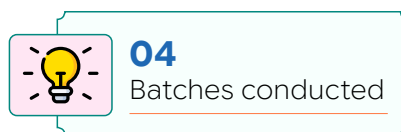
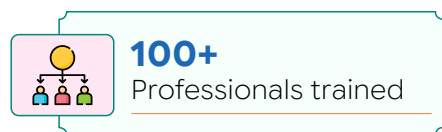


## DSCI Certified Quantum Technology & Security Professional (DCQTSP)

The program equips professionals with strategic and practical understanding of quantum technologies and their implications for cybersecurity and enterprise systems. Focusing on key concepts such as quantum mechanics, quantum processors, cryptography, and software ecosystems, the program explores real-world applications across sectors including healthcare, finance, and national security. Through a combination of theoretical learning and practical exposure, participants gain a comprehensive understanding of quantum technologies and their cybersecurity implications.



The batches brought together professionals from academia, energy, finance, aerospace, semiconductors, automotive, startups, manufacturing, and banking sectors, enriching the program with diverse perspectives.



Know more about the program: <https://www.dsci.in/content/dsci-certified-quantum-technology-security-professional-dcqt>



## COMPENDIUM ON EMERGING TECH PATHWAYS

As part of DSCI's engagement with India's frontier technology agenda, a series of research compendiums was developed spanning five critical domains: **Next-Generation Electric Vehicles, Photonic Computing, AI in the Physical World, Neuromorphic Computing, and Quantum Computing.** Together, the compendiums map India's strategic positioning across these emerging fields examining technology breakthroughs, market dynamics, key players, and adoption trends serving as a foundational reference for policymakers, researchers, and industry stakeholders shaping India's deep-tech future.

01

### Next-Gen Electric Vehicles: Technology Breakthroughs Driving Electric Revolution

This report maps the technological breakthroughs reshaping the future of electric mobility from advances in solid-state, sodium-ion, and aluminium-ion battery chemistries and SiC/GaN power electronics, to ultra-fast charging infrastructure and AI-driven control systems. The report traces India's accelerating EV momentum, mapping its growing battery manufacturing ecosystem, industry-academia collaborations with IITs, CSIR labs, and OEMs, and emerging patent-led innovations. It also highlights new business models such as Battery-as-a-Service (BaaS) that are redefining affordability and lifecycle value. With India's production capacity projected to surge from 20 GWh in 2024–25 to 400 GWh by 2030, the report positions the nation as a pivotal force in the global transition toward clean, intelligent, and carbon-neutral mobility, firmly aligned with its Net Zero 2070 vision.



[www.dsci.in/resource/content/next-gen-electric-vehicles-technology-breakthroughs-driving-electric-revolution](https://www.dsci.in/resource/content/next-gen-electric-vehicles-technology-breakthroughs-driving-electric-revolution)



02

## Photonic Computing: Technology, Market, and Adoption Trends

This report examines photonic computing's potential to overcome the speed, energy, and scalability limitations of traditional electronics tracing its technological evolution, the role of photonic transistors, and advances in photonic neural networks. It analyzes the global market landscape, covering leading players, investment trends, and industry applications, while offering a focused view of India's growing ecosystem, domestic contributions, and government-funded initiatives. Together, these insights present a forward-looking perspective on how photonic computing is poised to reshape the future of computing and drive the next wave of industry innovation.

[www.dsci.in/resource/content/photonic-computing-technology-market-and-adoption-trends](http://www.dsci.in/resource/content/photonic-computing-technology-market-and-adoption-trends)

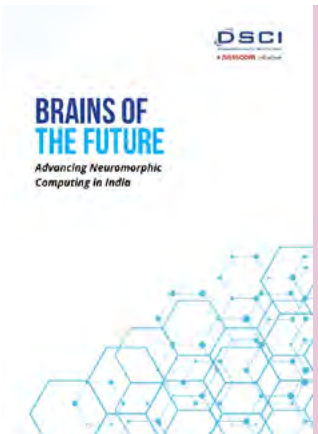


03

## Brains of the Future: Advancing Neuromorphic Computing in India

This report offers a comprehensive examination of neuromorphic computing, tracing its technological fundamentals, global market evolution, and India's emerging role in this next-generation computing paradigm. It maps the global technology ecosystem, highlighting leading players, academic-industry collaborations, and key product developments, while offering an in-depth focus on India's domestic landscape, covering patent activity, government funding, strategic partnerships, and research centres driving innovation. The report concludes with a forward-looking perspective on how India can strengthen its position in neuromorphic computing, making it an essential reference for industry leaders, policymakers, researchers, and investors shaping the future of intelligent computing.

[www.dsci.in/resource/content/brains-future-advancing-neuromorphic-computing-india](http://www.dsci.in/resource/content/brains-future-advancing-neuromorphic-computing-india)



04

## AI in the Physical World

As AI moves beyond screens and servers into the physical world, this report examines the technologies enabling machines to sense, interpret, and act in real-world environments. Structured across two parts, Part I: Advances in Perception Computing and Part II: Compute for AI in the Physical World, with strategic insights on global capabilities, next-generation accelerators, and emerging deployment models, the report offers organizations a clear roadmap to build scalable, efficient, and sustainable AI infrastructure for the physical world.

[www.dsci.in/resource/content/ai-physical-world](http://www.dsci.in/resource/content/ai-physical-world)





05

## Decoding Quantum Computing: Trends, Players & Opportunities

This report offers a comprehensive analysis of the rapidly evolving quantum computing landscape mapping the full hardware and software stack, global and India-specific supply chains, and key market players. It tracks major advancements in qubit technologies and materials, examines patent activity and government funding trends, and benchmarks India's position within the global ecosystem. The report concludes with a forward-looking perspective on emerging opportunities, anticipated challenges, and the trajectory of quantum innovation over the coming decade offering strategic clarity for policymakers, researchers, and industry stakeholders navigating this high-potential frontier.

[www.dsci.in/resource/content/decoding-quantum-computing-trends-players-opportunities](http://www.dsci.in/resource/content/decoding-quantum-computing-trends-players-opportunities)



The compendium was presented to Prof. Ajay Kumar Sood, the Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India, and Dr. Parvinder Maini, the Scientific Secretary, reflecting DSCI's growing role in informing national technology strategy.

## ➤ AI GOVERNANCE

### ● AI Security, Privacy and Governance Policy Template

Developed as part of DSCI's Member and Strategic Advisory, this policy template offers organizations, particularly technology users, a practical, adaptable framework for adopting AI and Generative AI in a secure, privacy-assured, and governed manner. It establishes ethical standards anchored in fairness, transparency, and accountability, defines governance structures across the AI lifecycle, and provides illustrative implementation guidance that organizations can tailor to their specific context.

[www.dsci.in/resource/content/ai-security-privacy-and-governance-policy-template](http://www.dsci.in/resource/content/ai-security-privacy-and-governance-policy-template)



## AI Cybersecurity Conceptual Terminology Booklet

As AI becomes integral to threat detection, incident response, architecture design, and operational defense, the need for shared, precise vocabulary has never been greater. DSCI's *AI Cyber security Terminology Booklet* is a structured reference guide capturing the rapidly evolving convergence of AI and cyber security. Organized across ten thematic sections, it goes beyond a glossary functioning as a conceptual framework to guide strategic thinking, implementation, and collaboration in an AI-powered security ecosystem.

<https://www.dsci.in/resource/content/ai-cybersecurity-conceptual-terminology-booklet>



## Summary of India AI Governance Guidelines

In November 2025, MeitY released India's AI Governance Guidelines, a landmark framework balancing technological advancement with societal responsibility. DSCI's summary distils its key elements, offering member organizations and stakeholders a clear and accessible entry point into India's evolving AI governance landscape.

[www.dsci.in/resource/content/summary-india-ai-governance-guidelines](http://www.dsci.in/resource/content/summary-india-ai-governance-guidelines)



## DSCI Certified AI Governance Training Program (DCAGP)

The DCAGP is a two-day, in-person program designed to equip professionals with the strategic and practical skills needed to navigate the evolving AI landscape. Covering the technological, ethical, legal, and governance dimensions of AI, the program prepares participants to lead responsible AI development and deployment within their organizations.

Through case studies, demonstrations, and exercises, participants gain a deep understanding of modern AI infrastructure, practical AI governance implementation, and the ethical and legal frameworks essential for responsible adoption. The program is designed for professionals engaged in AI strategy, development, and governance, including CIOs, CTOs, CDOs, CISOs, product managers, architects, data protection officers, GRC leads, techno-legal experts, data governance use leaders and privacy and security professionals.

**DCAGP**  
DSCI Certified AI Governance Professional



**04**  
Batches Conducted

**61**  
Total Trained In FY 25-26  
(Total Trained: 118)

**Know more about the program:** [www.dsci.in/content/dsci-certified-ai-governance-professional-dcagp](http://www.dsci.in/content/dsci-certified-ai-governance-professional-dcagp)

## National Policy Challenge

The National Policy Challenge under the theme ‘Generative AI: Crafting Policy for the Future’ organized by DSCI in collaboration with Kautilya School of Public Policy (KSPP) conducted its first edition and offered a unique platform for students across undergraduate, post graduate and PhD programs, along with researchers and young & early career professionals (below five years of experience) from academic and policy institutions to reimagine public policy in the age of generative AI.



With support from industry partners including Awards & Insights Partner: Data & Co - Law & Policy Advisors; Associate Sponsor: Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co; Knowledge Partners: AMLEGALS - A Specialised Law Firm, Ikigai Law, SCC Online, PolicyIndex.ai, the challenge offered prize money worth INR 1 lakh.

Participants competed in teams over two rounds of the challenge. Featuring a virtual qualifier round with 40+ teams that culminated in an in-person semi-final and finale with 9 teams competing in tech-policy innovation.

It also addressed key AI governance issues and promoted practical solutions aligned with global frameworks and India’s AI Mission.



### Winner

**Siddharth Aiyar & Pratiksha Rao,**  
National Law University (NLU), Odisha



### Runner Up

**Abhijeet Raut & Anoushka Sharan,**  
Kautilya School of Public Policy (KSPP)



## India AI Impact Summit 2026

DSCI leveraged the India AI Impact Summit 2026 as a platform for a series of focused bilateral and multilateral engagements spanning AI governance, security, and gender inclusion, conducting both pre-Summit and at-Summit engagements throughout the event.

- DSCI hosted two exclusive invite-only roundtables, the Philosopher’s Meet on AI and The Mind-Machine Interface: Neuroscience, AI, and the Future of Human Cognition. Together, these sessions brought together thinkers, practitioners, and policymakers to examine AI not just as a technology challenge but as a philosophical, cognitive, and governance one, exploring questions of ethics, decision-making, human-machine interaction, and the alignment of AI systems with real-world intent and values.





- Convened the DSCI–Cisco Strategic Dialogue on “Securing Adoption of AI in Defense” which focused on secured adoption of AI in defense and government event. Held as a pre-summit event, this discussion aimed to foster secure AI integration within national security frameworks and government modernization efforts.
- In collaboration with The Dialogue, DSCI organized a focused roundtable on ‘Advancing Responsible AI in India: Where Innovation Meets Cybersecurity and Governance,’ during AISS 2025, held as a pre-summit event for the India AI Impact Summit 2026. Bringing together policymakers, industry leaders, and cyber security experts, the session examined responsible AI through two lenses, governance-by-design across the AI lifecycle, and cyber security assurance in AI ecosystems, setting the context for deeper deliberations at the Summit.
- At the India AI Impact Summit 2026, DSCI hosted a panel on ‘Artificial General Intelligence: A New Paradigm of Safety, Security, Privacy, Ethics and Governance’, moderated by Vinayak Godse, CEO, DSCI, and featuring senior leaders from Israel’s National Digital Agency, SINTEF, INFOBALT, and Wipro.



The discussion examined the trajectory of AGI development, underscoring that as AI capabilities evolve, safety, security, privacy, and governance must remain central. Panelists noted that while AI is transforming industries, accuracy and responsible use-case definition remains work in progress, and that the emergence of AGI will demand heightened vigilance as AI-enabled cyber threats grow sophisticated.



- On the sidelines of the Summit, DSCI in collaboration with the Embassy of Lithuania in New Delhi co-organized a session on 'Women's Leadership in AI, the Digital Economy and Cybersecurity', bringing together policymakers, industry leaders, and practitioners. The session examined structural barriers limiting women's participation in AI-driven economies from access to skills and networks to leadership opportunities and safe digital environments and explored pathways through targeted skilling, mentorship, and policy interventions to advance inclusive, gender-responsive digital futures.



- DSCI published an in-depth analysis of the India AI Impact Summit organized by the IndiaAI Mission under MeitY and the first AI summit of this scale convened by a Global South nation drawing out its key implications for India's AI governance trajectory. Read More: [www.dsci.in/resource/content/delhi-vering-ai-india-ai-impact-summit-and-its-key-takeaways](http://www.dsci.in/resource/content/delhi-vering-ai-india-ai-impact-summit-and-its-key-takeaways)

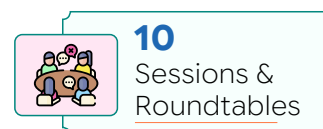
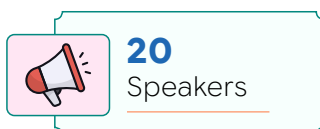
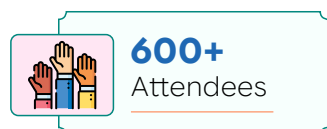
## AI Governance Symposium

The AI Governance Symposium is dedicated to advancing the discourse on responsible AI adoption, governance, security, and privacy in India. It brings together CISOs, DPOs, Chief AI officers, CTOs, GRC leaders, legal professionals, and AI practitioners from ER&D, GCCs, BFSI, semiconductor, and technology sectors for focused dialogue at the intersection of AI innovation and governance.



The symposium examined critical dimensions of enterprise AI adoption and emerging regulatory frameworks spanning across critical areas like the Modern AI Paradigm, Agentic AI, Multi-Modal Cognitive Processing, Chain-of-Thought Reasoning, and Quantum AI. Participating organizations included Microsoft, Infosys, Bosch, JP Morgan, Airbus, Axis Bank, GE Healthcare, Texas Instruments, and Volkswagen reflecting broad, cross-industry engagement on responsible AI governance and compliance.

### Key Highlights



### Key themes delivered



AI governance frameworks for enterprises and GCCs



On-prem vs cloud AI strategy decisions



Secure and responsible generative AI adoption



AI-driven cyber security and defense mechanisms





Architecting secure multi-agent/  
agentic AI systems



Privacy engineering in  
Gen AI systems



Embedded AI security in intelligent  
products



Regulatory evolution and  
policy pathways



Emerging paradigms: Agentic AI,  
MCP, CoT reasoning, Quantum AI



## AI Governance Capacity Building for Government - iGOT Karmayogi Bharat Platform

In order to promote AI literacy & governance capabilities within public administration, DSCI, **with the support of Kyndryl India**, developed two AI governance courses for government officials - Artificial Intelligence for Public Governance and Governing with Artificial Intelligence launched on the Government of India's iGOT Karmayogi Bharat platform.



Designed for public sector decision-makers across central and state governments, ministries, and public institutions, the courses cover responsible AI adoption, policy considerations, risk management, and governance frameworks, equipping officials with the knowledge to integrate AI into administrative processes with transparency, accountability, and human oversight. The initiative has also demonstrated international applicability, with Artificial Intelligence for Public Governance selected as one of the first courses offered on the iGOT Karmayogi for Mauritius platform.

## A roundtable on 'Assessing DPI Ecosystem: Convergence, Governance, and AI for Inclusive Growth

DSCI convened a roundtable on 'Assessing Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) Ecosystem: Convergence, Governance, and AI for Inclusive Growth', bringing together senior government representatives and key DPI platforms including UIDAI, NSDL, DIKSHA, NeGD, DigiYatra, and DigiLocker. Deliberations surfaced critical gaps in interoperability, user-centric design, and institutional coordination, with a strong consensus emerging around the need to move from siloed, provider-centric systems toward integrated platforms anchored in unified standards, consent frameworks, and privacy-by-design principles. Participants envisioned privacy-enhancing technologies as shared digital public goods and explored a multi-stakeholder consortium model to guide DPI's evolution — reinforcing India's ambition to lead globally in secure, interoperable, and citizen-centric digital public infrastructure.



## TECHSAGAR – INDIA'S EMERGING TECH REPOSITORY

Techsagar is India's consolidated repository of the emerging technology ecosystem, designed to deliver actionable intelligence through targeted search, granular navigation, and drill-down exploration. The platform brings together capabilities across industry, academia, and research spanning domains such as AI/ML, IoT, blockchain, cloud computing, robotic, AR/VR, and next-generation communications.



**Know more:** [www.Techsagar.in/](http://www.Techsagar.in/)



**4454**  
Companies



**376**  
Academia



**74**  
R&D Centers



**4254**  
Researchers



**9499**  
Products



**22404**  
Services



**5368**  
Solutions



**6090**  
Capabilities

### **Techsagar underwent significant upgrades this year to deliver more accurate intelligence across India's deep-tech landscape.**

- Shifted to a hybrid retrieval architecture combining Vector, Graph, and MySQL databases for improved contextual relevance and semantic understanding across structured and unstructured queries.
- Over 2,500 new companies added, with a comprehensive revalidation exercise conducted across organizations, academic institutions, and R&D entities to ensure accuracy and relevance.
- A data-driven ranking system introduced across technology areas, evaluating organizations on capabilities, maturity, and relevance enabling comparative analysis and informed decision-making.
- Three new radars deployed covering Supercomputing, Next-Gen EVs, and 6G, offering structured insights into technology trends, maturity levels, and adoption trajectories.



## GEOPOLITICS FOR LEADERS

Geopolitics for Leaders is conceptualized to enable today's leaders in navigating the strategy, security and growth through a geopolitical lens in the era of shifting power dynamics and rapid technological disruption. The one-day, in-person program blends real-world case studies, expert perspectives, and best-practice frameworks covering global chokepoints, critical technologies, energy transitions, regulatory uncertainty, cross-border data flows, and national security, all set within the Indian and global context.

## Program Key Objectives

- Strengthen strategic comprehension of geopolitical trends and their implications for business and technology.
- Equip leaders to address evolving cyber threats and vulnerabilities in an interconnected economy.
- Build resilient leadership capable of anticipating risks and turning geopolitical turbulence into strategic advantage.
- Translate insights across public policy, cyber security, privacy, and global norms into actionable decisions.

 **55**  
Leaders Participated  
In FY 25-26

 **02**  
Workshops Conducted



**Know more about the program:** [www.dsci.in/content/geopolitics-for-leaders](http://www.dsci.in/content/geopolitics-for-leaders)





# POLICY ADVOCACY

- Policy Submissions
- Policy Briefs

# Policy Advocacy

Policy advocacy is central to DSCI's role as a bridge between industry and government, ensuring that regulatory frameworks are built for the industry growth and members are well informed around policy developments. In 2025-26, DSCI made targeted policy submissions to SEBI, DoT, and MeitY on issues like AI governance in securities markets, telecom cyber security rules, and intermediary liability frameworks. Complementing these submissions, DSCI published a series of regulatory briefs and analyses with the objective to translate complex regulatory developments into actionable intelligence for industry.

## ➤ POLICY SUBMISSIONS

### **Response submission to SEBI's consultation paper on the responsible usage of AI/ML in Indian securities markets**



DSCI welcomed SEBI's initiative as a meaningful step toward transparency and investor trust. Building on this, its submission called for regulatory clarity, proportionality, and alignment with global standards. Key recommendations included:

- Establish precise and unambiguous definitions for AI/ML models and AI/ML systems to ensure consistent interpretation and compliance.
- Apply audit and governance requirements based on the risk level of the AI use case, with greater scrutiny for high-risk applications.
- Adopt clear and technically accurate terms, such as "simulate" instead of "reconstruct," to avoid ambiguity in system validation requirements.
- Align data retention obligations with the risk profile of AI systems to reduce compliance burdens, particularly for smaller entities.
- Emphasize the reduction and management of bias rather than its complete elimination, consistent with global best practices.
- Define clear reporting thresholds to ensure that only significant incidents and systemic risks are subject to mandatory reporting.



## **Response submission to the Draft Telecom Cyber Security Rules, 2025, released by the Department of Telecommunications (Ministry of Communications)**



While broadly supporting the intent of the draft, DSCI's submission underscored the importance of ensuring the framework remains proportionate, practical, and innovation-enabling. DSCI's overarching recommendation is to adopt a risk-based and consultative approach that limits obligations to telecom service providers, harmonises with existing laws, embeds privacy and proportionality as core principles, and ensures compliance mechanisms are feasible and cost-effective. Some of the key recommendations included:

- The draft extends obligations beyond telecom licensees to entities such as fintech platforms, e-commerce players, and OTT providers, a potential overreach beyond the mandate of the Telecommunications Act, 2023.
- Overlaps with the IT Act, 2000, the DPDP Act, 2023, and sectoral regulations from RBI, SEBI, IRDAI, and TRAI. A clear demarcation between DoT and MeitY in this case is essential to avoid increased compliance costs.
- The Mobile Number Validation (MNV) framework requires stronger safeguards around data proportionality, privacy implications, purpose limitation, and long-term accountability mechanisms.
- Access to telecom identifier data must be governed by clearly defined scope, necessity, proportionality, and procedural checks to maintain citizen trust.

## **Feedback submission on MeitY's draft amendment to the IT (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021**



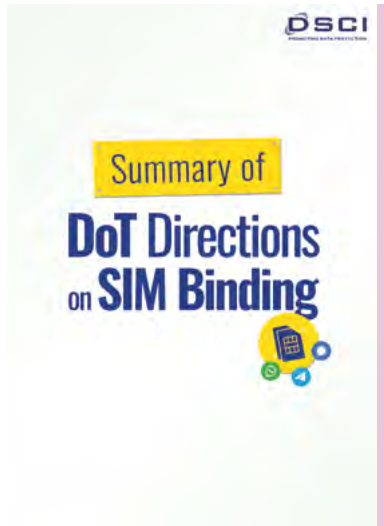
While appreciating the effort to address the malicious use of Synthetically Generated Information (SGI), DSCI offered targeted recommendations to prevent unintended consequences and ensure effective implementation. Key recommendations included:

- DSCI advocated for a risk-based SGI framework, with stronger safeguards for high-risk content such as deepfakes, impersonation, CSAM, NCII, and election-related manipulation, while applying proportionate measures such as labels and notice-based actions for lower-risk content.
- Reconsideration of over-broad clauses, with clearer scope defined through illustrations or cross-references to maintain legislative coherence.
- A phased, risk-sensitive, and format-appropriate labelling framework, encouraging voluntary adoption of evolving industry standards, promoting machine-readable metadata, and complementing technical requirements with digital literacy initiatives.
- A more measured approach to platform responsibilities, retaining the existing notice-and-action framework, avoiding quasi-judicial determinations by platforms, and facilitating structured consultation with SSIs on technically feasible standards.



## POLICY BRIEFS

DSCI published a series of briefs, summaries, and analyses covering key regulatory developments across different emerging areas like telecom cybersecurity, counter-terrorism strategy, intermediary liability, and synthetic media governance, equipping industry stakeholders with the clarity needed to navigate an increasingly complex policy landscape.



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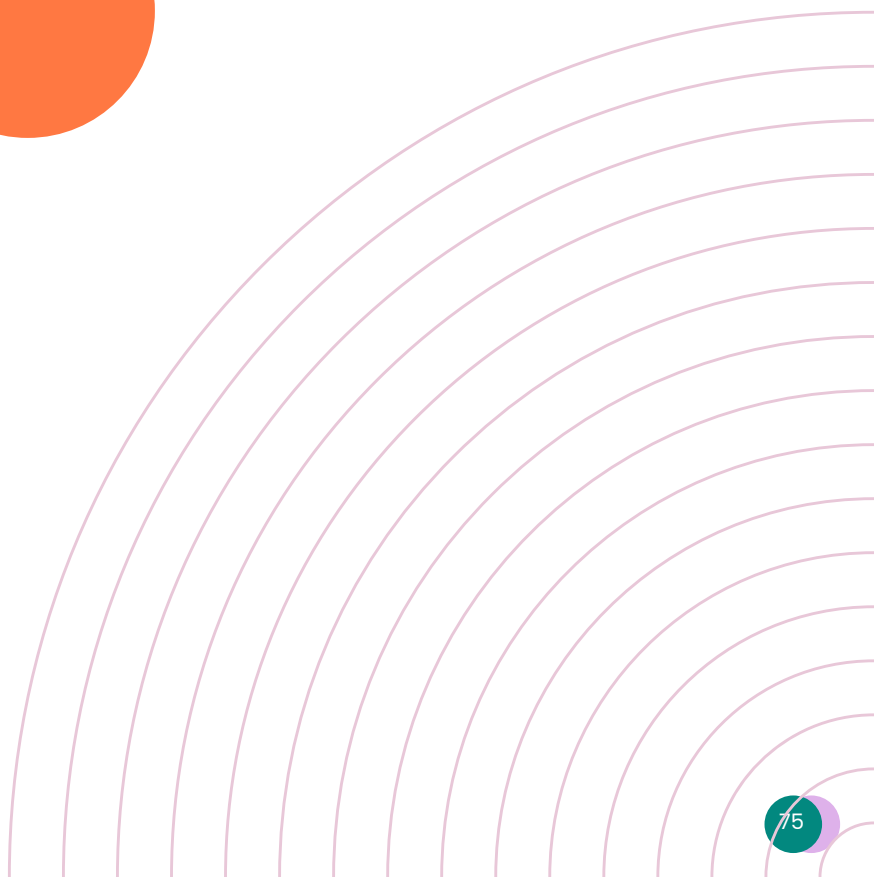
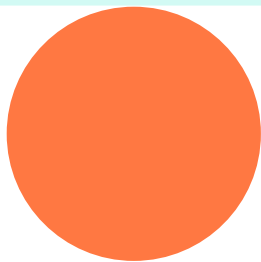
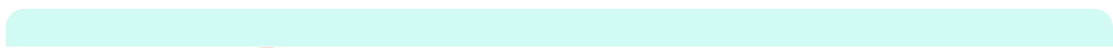
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# GLOBAL TRADE DEVELOPMENT

- International Delegations & Conclaves
- Hosted Delegations & High-Level Visits
- Publications

# Global Trade Development

Global Trade Development reflects DSCI's commitment to positioning India as a leading force in the global cyber security landscape. In 2025-26, DSCI significantly strengthened India's international engagement, convening high-impact bilateral cyber conclaves across the US, Singapore, the UAE, Bahrain, and Australia, leading Indian industry delegations to key global platforms, and fostering structured collaboration with foreign governments, embassies, industry bodies, and academia across cyber security policy, innovation and capacity building.

## ➤ INTERNATIONAL DELEGATIONS & CONCLAVES

### ● Cyber Security Delegation to the United States 2025

Building on the momentum of its previous engagement and continued efforts to strengthen collaboration with the U.S. cyber security ecosystem, DSCI led a **delegation of seven Indian cyber security companies** to participate in a series of high-impact engagements alongside RSA Conference 2025.

DSCI, in collaboration with Suraksha Catalyst, hosted the **2nd Edition of Indo-USA Cyber Security Conclave**, convening government officials, industry leaders, startups, investors, founders, academicians, researchers, and the Indian diaspora. The day-long engagement examined multiple dimensions of India-US cyber security cooperation and identified actionable pathways to strengthen the bilateral cyber corridor.

During the conclave, DSCI convened two focused cohorts, each designed to deepen engagement between Indian and U.S. cyber security stakeholders.

The inaugural **Cyber Shark Sighting**, hosted in collaboration with Sutherland, brought together promising Indian cyber security startups with leading U.S. industry leaders and venture capital investors. Through high-stakes pitches and structured dialogue, the session created meaningful opportunities for cross-border investment, strategic partnerships, and accelerated global market access for emerging solutions.

The **Indo-US CISO Gathering**, organized with PwC, convened Indian-origin founders, CISOs, government officials, and members of the Indian diaspora for a candid exchange on strategic priorities. H.E. Mr. Sripal Chittireddy, Consul (Tech), Consulate General of India, San Francisco, set the tone by underscoring cyber security as a cornerstone of the India-U.S. partnership. Discussions spanned AI's transformative impact on the threat landscape, leadership imperatives in an era of rapid change, and strategies for building resilient digital ecosystems. The gathering also spotlighted the Indian diaspora's pivotal role in connecting innovation, capital, and expertise reinforcing a shared commitment to long-term cyber resilience.



The week concluded with a visit to Stanford University, where the delegation engaged with the Information and Cyber Security office, exploring cutting-edge research across cyber security, AI, and robotics. The visit facilitated knowledge exchange, exposure to advanced infrastructure, and insights into Stanford's operational security practices. It concluded at the Stanford Robotics Center, with firsthand exposure to pioneering research in autonomous systems and intelligent robotics.



## ● Inaugural Edition of Indo-Singapore Cyber Security Conclave

DSCI led a **delegation of three Indian cyber security startups** to Singapore and hosted the inaugural **Indo-Singapore Cyber Security Conclave**, establishing a dedicated bilateral platform for cyber dialogue.

The conclave featured a keynote address by H.E. Dr. Shilpak Ambule, High Commissioner of India to Singapore, who delivered the opening remarks. He emphasized that strengthening India-Singapore cooperation in cyber security is essential to building a future anchored in trust, resilience, and secure digital infrastructure.

The conclave featured a special address by Mr. Sopnendu Mohanty, CEO of the Global Finance & Technology Network (GFTN), established by the Monetary Authority of Singapore. Alongside Mr. Ajay Kumar, Singapore Chapter Anchor, DSCI, he underscored the strategic importance of deepening India-Singapore cooperation in shaping the future of secure digital finance. Alongside, Mr. Vinayak Godse, CEO, DSCI, called for robust AI governance and stronger international cyber security cooperation, stressing coordinated global action to address evolving risks. Mr. Atul Kumar, Director, DSCI, highlighted India's rapidly advancing digital landscape and the need for adaptive security frameworks to address its emerging cyber security challenges.



## DSCI Delegation to the United Arab Emirates

DSCI led fourteen Indian cyber security companies to Dubai, establishing the India Pavilion at GISEC 2025 to showcase India's growing cyber security capabilities.

The second edition of the Indo-UAE Cyber Security Industry Exchange, was organized in partnership with the CIO Association. The event was inaugurated by Mr. B. G. Krishnan, Consul (Economic, Trade & Commerce), Consulate General of India, Dubai, and brought together the Indian diaspora to strengthen collective efforts across the region's cyber security ecosystem.

DSCI and Appknox jointly released a whitepaper "Securing Mobile Applications in the Era of AI and Transformation" offering strategic recommendations to secure the mobile ecosystem against emerging threats. In collaboration with SANS, DSCI hosted a closed-door session focused on developing world-class cyber talent and advancing collective cyber resilience amid rapid digital transformation.



## DSCI Delegation to the Kingdom of Bahrain

At the invitation of the National Cyber Security Center (NCSC) Bahrain, DSCI led a **delegation of eight Indian cyber security startups** to the **Arab International Cybersecurity Conference (AICS) 2025** for the third consecutive year. The companies showcased advanced solutions at the India Pavilion, demonstrating the depth and maturity of India's cyber security ecosystem.

At AICS 2025, the panel on 'Cyber Threat Intelligence Without Borders' convened leading global cyber security practitioners, policymakers, and threat intelligence experts to examine the rapidly evolving threat landscape marked by increasing sophistication, scale, and cross-border coordination of cyber adversaries. The discussion explored the growing imperative to strengthen cross-border collaboration in response to increasingly sophisticated and transnational cyber threats. It emphasised the need for real-time information sharing frameworks and coordinated joint response mechanisms, enabling governments, industry, and cyber security agencies to collectively detect, attribute, and mitigate attacks with greater speed, precision, and resilience.

At AICS, Mr. Atul Kumar, Director, DSCI, along with the Indian delegation, engaged with H.E. Mr. Shaikh Salman bin Mohammed Al Khalifa of NCSC Bahrain. The interaction highlighted India's growing influence in global cyber security and innovation, while reinforcing bilateral cooperation and shared priorities in advancing secure and resilient digital ecosystems.

On the sidelines, DSCI hosted the inaugural Indo-Bahrain Cyber Security Meet-up, creating a focused platform for Indian delegates to engage directly with Bahrain's cyber security leaders, innovators, and practitioners.





## ● DSCI at CyberWest Summit, Australia

DSCI extended its participation to the CyberWest Summit in Australia, engaging with the country's cyber leadership. Strategic discussions during the summit advanced the shared commitment of India and Australia to deepen their cyber and technology partnership, anchored in trust and aligned priorities. The engagements also reaffirmed the potential for structured bilateral cooperation in cyber security between the two nations.



## ● DSCI Delegation to Thailand

DSCI participated in the inaugural session of the **third edition of CyberSec Asia**, hosted in Bangkok as part of the **Thailand International Cyber Week**. Under the DSCI India Pavilion banner, six Indian cyber security companies showcased their capabilities, with a particular focus on AI-enhanced solutions.

Indian delegation engaged in a special interaction with senior officials from the National Cyber Security Agency and other key government bodies, laying the groundwork for potential future collaborations. Thailand's rapid digitalisation and active role in regional cyber cooperation are positioning it as an emerging cyber security hub within ASEAN, presenting expanding opportunities for Indian companies.



## DSCI Visit to the European Union

DSCI undertook a productive visit to the EU, comprising a series of high-level meetings and engagements with strategic stakeholders across two key cities- The Hague and Brussels.

- **Engagements in the Hague**

Meetings with the Hague Security Delta and Z-CERT centred on understanding the Netherlands' national approach to sectoral CERT operations, incident response mechanisms, and healthcare cyber security frameworks.

- **Engagement in the Brussels**

DSCI engaged with the European Data Protection Board (EDPB) and the European Commission, gaining valuable insights into cross-border data governance and identifying areas for future knowledge exchange.



## DELEGATIONS & HIGH-LEVEL VISITS

### Delegation from CONSAD, Brazil

DSCI hosted a high-level delegation from the National Council of Management Secretaries from Brazilian States (CONSAD), comprising leaders and decision-makers from multiple Brazilian states. Discussions centred on cyber security frameworks, data protection strategies, and digital public infrastructure, with a focus on shared learnings between both countries' governance approaches to digital security.



### Visit of the Ambassador of the Philippines to India at DSCI

DSCI had the privilege of hosting H.E. Josel F. Ignacio, Ambassador of the Philippines to India. The interaction centered on strengthening cyber cooperation between India and the Philippines, with discussions spanning cyber security capacity building, policy exchange, and industry partnerships. The meeting provided a platform to share DSCI's work in advancing India's cyber security ecosystem and to identify potential avenues for joint programmes benefiting both nations.



### Delegation from Canadian Industry

DSCI hosted a delegation from Canada comprising representatives from multiple Canadian provinces and leading industry stakeholders. The delegation was formally led by the Minister (Commercial) from the High Commission of Canada in India, with active participation from the newly appointed High Commissioner. Discussions explored joint innovation and technology exchange, opportunities for capacity building, and potential partnership and investment avenues between the Canadian and Indian cyber security ecosystems.



## High-Level Delegation from Norway

A high-level delegation from Norway, comprising senior officials from the Norwegian Embassy, visited DSCI for a focused discussion on advancing Norway-India cooperation in cyber security and digital public infrastructure. The engagement highlighted opportunities for joint work in secure digitalization, digital public goods, policy exchange, and collaborative research, reinforcing the growing alignment between both countries in shaping a resilient and inclusive global digital ecosystem.



## Dialogue with the Ambassador of Poland

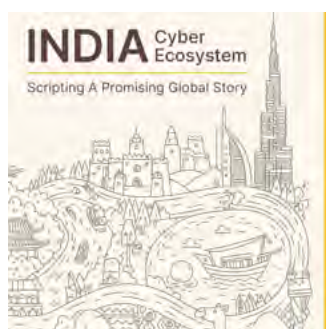
DSCI team met with H.E. Dr. Piotr Świtalski, Ambassador of Poland, at the Embassy of Poland in New Delhi. The productive discussion focused on strengthening cyber security collaboration between the two countries, exploring avenues for partnership in cyber security innovation, capacity building, and industry engagement. The meeting identified opportunities for dialogue between Indian and Polish cyber security ecosystems to foster knowledge exchange and mutual growth.



## PUBLICATION

### India Cyber Ecosystem: Scripting a Promising Global Story

DSCI launched the 'India Cyber Ecosystem: Scripting a Promising Global Story' Outlook, capturing India's expanding global cyber footprint including key international engagements and collaborations led by DSCI. The outlook published in the format of a coffee table book reflects how India's cyber security ecosystem is driving a strong global narrative of innovation, trust, and digital resilience. It was formally launched by Hon'ble MP (Lok Sabha), Jajpur, Odisha, Dr. Rabindra Narayan Behera at AISS 2025.









# CSR FOR CYBER

- Cyber Vaahini
- Cyber for YOUTh
- Cyber Sainik
- DSCI Advanced Cyber Skill Centre

# CSR for Cyber

CSR for Cyber reflects DSCI's commitment to making cyber security education and opportunity accessible beyond the traditional industry ecosystem. Delivered through CSR support from industry partners, these program extend the reach of cyber security awareness and skilling to underserved communities across the country, with a special emphasis on empowering women, youth, and citizens at large. Through Cyber Vaahini, Cyber for YOUTH, and Cyber Sainik, DSCI is building a generation of cyber-aware individuals spanning students, young professionals, and community volunteers.

## ➤ CYBER VAAHINI

In collaboration with Kyndryl Foundation, DSCI launched Cyber Vaahini in June 2024. The initiative empowers women engineering graduates from tier-II and tier-III cities with in-demand cyber security skills. It offers a four-month, partner-funded training course that addresses key cyber security aspects along with placement assistance to support the academic to industry transition for students. This year also welcomed new placement partners including, Amazure, BluSapphire and, ProNoesis.

cyber  
VAAHINI



### Mumbai

4th & 5th Batch



78

Students Trained in FY 25-26

(Total trained 213)



Know more about the program: [www.dsci.in/cyber-vaahini/](http://www.dsci.in/cyber-vaahini/)

## Alumni Success Stories



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I am thankful to everyone at Excellence Technology and Cyber Vaahini for giving me the direction and for reaffirming my belief that our limits only exist in our minds. If the grit to learn is strong, you will always find a way.

**Esha**

“

Luckily, Cyber Vaahini was offered at the institute where I was pursuing additional specialization. I enrolled myself and found the Cyber Vaahini program to be an eye-opener, as it helped me understand cyber security and its implications for the real world.

**Rubby Singh**



“

Cyber Vaahini changed how I saw myself. It gave me not just skills but confidence, clarity, and courage.

**Jagruti J. Kulkarni**



“

Cyber Vaahini helped me with a wealth of knowledge, giving me vision and direction to pursue.

**Ankita Dey**

“

What made the biggest difference was the hands-on training. Slowly, I began to see myself not just as a student, but as a future cyber security professional.

**Tanuja Mahadev Padmane**



## ➤ CYBER FOR YOUTH

Cyber for YOUTH is a cyber awareness initiative started in 2023 that strives to empower students across grades 6 to 12 with critical cyber literacy skills in the age of increasing technological dependence. The program aids with practical guides within the school ecosystem for safe navigation of the digital world. The program is delivered through in-person awareness sessions in small groups to ensure focused engagement for both students and school administrators. It incorporates real-world scenario-based teaching and hands-on learning, where facilitator-based training for technical content and communication strategies supports the exercise of cyber preparedness to make learning interactive and relatable.



This year, the program imparted digital literacy and safety fundamentals in **collaboration with PayU and CTBC Bank** across select schools in rural Bengaluru and Delhi impacting over 2,450 beneficiaries.

Since its inception, the program has reached more than 7,000 beneficiaries across 16 cities in five states, with support from industry partners such as SISA and the British High Commission, New Delhi, during its first two editions, followed by PayU and CTBC bank in FY 2025-26.

3rd Edition with PayU



**450+**  
Beneficiaries  
In FY 25-26



**Bengaluru**

(Doddaballapur, Konnaghatta,  
And Arallumalige)

4th edition with CTBC Bank



**2000+**  
Beneficiaries  
In FY 25-26



**Delhi**



DSCI's initiatives, Cyber for YOUTH and CyberShikshaa were declared winners at the 11th CSR India Awards 2025 for the impact they have had in shaping the cyber security community. The initiatives won under the categories 'Promotion of Education' and 'Gender Equality & Empowering Women' respectively.



Know more about the program: [www.dsci.in/cyber-for-youth/](http://www.dsci.in/cyber-for-youth/)

## ➔ CYBER SAINIK

A collaborative cyber security awareness and training initiative with **Kyndryl** started in 2024, the Cyber Sainik program is designed to equip school students (grades 6–12) from tier II and III cities with critical cyber literacy skills delivered in the medium of their regional language. The program also features dedicated sessions for school teachers, addressing their specific needs and responsibilities in promoting cyber safety in educational environments.

**Cyber Sainik**





**18,000+**  
Beneficiaries  
In FY 25-26



**Telangana, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh And Gujarat**  
*Hyderabad, Bhopal, Varanasi, Prayagraj, Lucknow, Ahmedabad, Surat And Vadodara*



Know more about the program: [www.dsci.in/content/cyber-sainik](http://www.dsci.in/content/cyber-sainik)

## ➤ DSCI ADVANCED CYBER SKILL CENTRE

The DSCI Advanced Cyber Skill Centre is a state-of-the-art training facility located at CII's Model Career Centre in Mumbai and is designed for aspiring cyber security professionals to get trained through advanced training labs and simulation facilities, with special emphasis on women students from tier-II and tier-III cities, to bridge the gender gap in the industry.

**The centre is supported by Kyndryl Foundation, as the pioneer partner of the institution alongside other contributors including Onward Technologies, KSMT Foundation, AZA Fashions and Mastek Foundation.**

The centre is currently conducting batches of the Cyber Vaahini program and in FY 2025-26, two batches comprising 78 students were completed, along with placement assistance in reputed organizations such as ProNoesis, BluSapphire, Amazure and several others.

The centre has been instrumental in actively conducting one-day workshops for final-year and pre-final-year students, along with three-day bootcamps, reaching approximately 294 students through 3 workshops and 5 bootcamps over the past year. Overall, the centre reached around 372 students.



The DSCI Advanced Cyber Skill Centre was inaugurated by Shri Piyush Goyal, Hon'ble Minister of Commerce & Industry, Government of India, at the CII Model Career Centre. The inauguration was held in the presence of Ms. Una Pullizi, Global Head of Corporate Affairs, Kyndryl; Mr. Lingraju Sawkar, President, Kyndryl India, Mr. Vinayak Godse, CEO, DSCI, and other leaders from the State Government of Maharashtra.

## Centre Capabilities

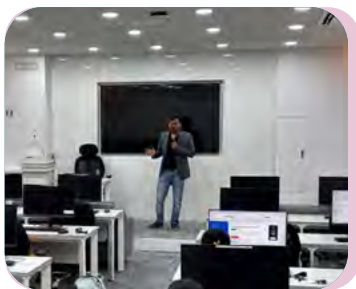
- Support students pursuing BE/B.Tech (Comp Sc./IT/ECE) with on-campus specialized short term bootcamps on cyber security.
- Provide hands-on practical training to students combined with workshops, hackathons, capture-the-flag (CTF) events to support skill development.
- Placement assistance provided to students with leading industry partners.
- Regular interactions with industry experts on relevant subject-matter.

## Industry Networking and Interactions

- Hosted H.E. Mr. Todd McClay, Minister for Trade & Investment and Associate Minister of Foreign Affairs, Government of New Zealand.
- Hosted the team from the SBI Cyber security Centre of Excellence (CSCoE).



- The centre also hosted industry experts to enrich students' learning.



Mr. Srikiran Sonti, Founder and CEO, Askimo AI Solutions

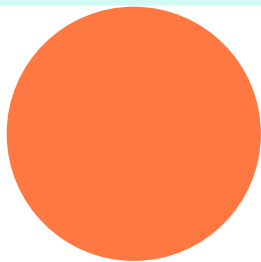
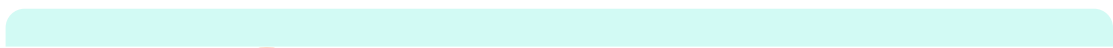


Mr. Ramesh Gurram, CISO, BSE India



Mr. Mandar Kulkarni, National Security Officer, Microsoft India









# FLAGSHIP SUMMITS

- Annual Information Security Summit (AISS) 2025
- Financial Security Conclave (FINSEC) 2025
- Best Practices Meet (BPM) 2025
- DSCI Cyber GCC Summit 2025

# Flagship Summits

DSCI's flagship summits serve as the industry's most important annual forums for knowledge exchange, peer learning, and community building across India's cyber security and privacy ecosystem. In 2025-26, these events collectively brought together thousands of delegates, policymakers, industry leaders, and practitioners across the Annual Information Security Summit (AISS), Financial Security Conclave (FINSEC), Best Practices Meet (BPM), Data Protection Summit (DDPS), and Cyber GCC Summit, each addressing dimensions of cyber security, privacy and emerging technology subject matters.



## ANNUAL INFORMATION SECURITY SUMMIT

The Nasscom-DSCI Annual Information Security Summit (AISS) is a premier, industry-led, three-day cyber security conference. The 20<sup>th</sup> edition of AISS brought together a diverse range of leaders, practitioners, policymakers, and innovators across a rich three-day program of sub-summits, fireside chats, masterclasses, workshops, and parallel tracks.



Across three days of deliberations, the Summit highlighted the key priorities shaping India's cyber security future. Discussions underscored the growing role of AI in both cyber offence and defense, the need to operationalize the DPDP Act by embedding privacy and accountability into organizational practices, and the importance of strengthening the security of critical infrastructure as IT, OT, and emerging technologies continue to converge. Together, these themes reinforced the need for a resilient, AI-enabled, and privacy-first cyber security ecosystem.

The inaugural session was graced by Shri S. Krishnan, Secretary, MeitY, Government of India, as Chief Guest, alongside Vice Admiral Sanjay Vatsayan, AVSM, NM, Vice Chief of the Naval Staff, and Pramod Bhasin, Chairman, ICRIER & Founder, Genpact Ltd. and Vinayak Godse, CEO, DSCI.



## Key Themes Delivered



Intersection of quantum & AI



Privacy operations



Security engineering & innovation



Skilling across the board



Transaction processing & security



Hybrid computing environments



Interplay of cyber and other disciplines



Connected industrial assets



Strategic sectors & cyber security



Global market for Indian capabilities



Geopolitics & cyber diplomacy



Resilient supply chains

## Key Highlights



**4000+**  
Delegates



**353**  
Speakers



**87**  
Sessions



**120**  
Sponsors & Partners



**80**  
Security Solutions Showcase (exhibitors)



**25**  
Startups At Innovation Arcade



**15<sup>th</sup> Edition**  
of Excellence Awards



**18**  
Sub-events



**06**  
Report Launches



**02**  
Hackathons



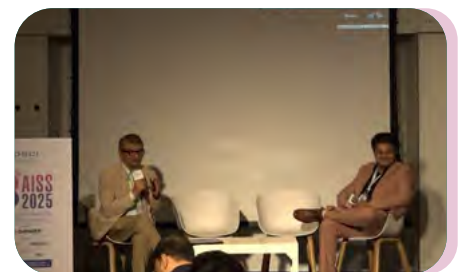
**09**  
Workshops

## Sub-summits in Focus



### Quantum Edge Sub-Summit

The sub-summit explored the impact of quantum technologies on national security, industry, and innovation. Discussions covered India's National Quantum Mission, post-quantum cryptography, migration strategies, and emerging applications across sectors. A keynote by Julian van Velzen, Director – Quantum, Capgemini, highlighted the convergence of AI and quantum in accelerating scientific discovery. The sessions reinforced that quantum readiness and indigenous innovation are critical to India's digital future.





### **DSCI-HIMSS Healthcare Sub-Summit**

The sub-summit brought together healthcare leaders and cyber security experts to discuss building a secure and resilient digital health ecosystem. A key highlight was the launch of the joint DSCI-HIMSS report, *Safeguarding India's Digital Health – A Framework for Cybersecure Healthcare Infrastructure*. Discussions focused on strengthening cyber resilience and advancing healthcare cyber security readiness.

### **Digital Forensics Sub-Summit**

The sub-summit brought together law enforcement, judicial leaders, forensic practitioners, and cyber security experts to strengthen digital investigation capabilities. Sessions explored AI-enabled investigations, OSINT, GEOINT, SOCMINT, automated evidence collection, and emerging forensic techniques. The discussions emphasized the importance of ensuring digital evidence is both technically sound and legally admissible.

### **OT Security Sub Summit**

The sub-summit focused on strengthening cyber security across India's critical infrastructure. Leaders from government and industry discussed security challenges across telecom, energy, aviation, smart cities, and industrial systems, with emphasis on Zero Trust and operational resilience. The OT SOC Whitepaper was also unveiled, providing a roadmap for enhancing OT security.

### **Privacy & Policy Sub-Summit**

The sub-summit examined responsible AI governance and digital sovereignty as key priorities for India's digital future. Discussions covered the DPDP Act, AI governance frameworks, cross-border data flows, and regulatory harmonisation. The sessions highlighted the importance of trusted data governance and collaborative policymaking.

### **Payments Security Sub-Summit**

The sub-summit brought together regulators, industry leaders, and payment ecosystem stakeholders to address evolving cyber risks in digital payments. Sessions covered phishing, UPI security, cloud and supply chain risks, PCI DSS compliance, MPoC, and AI-driven fraud detection. Discussions reinforced the need for secure and resilient payment ecosystems.

### **PULSE 2025 - Preparing & Upskilling Leaders in Security Education**

PULSE 2025 explored the future of cyber security education in the age of GenAI. Policymakers, academic leaders, and industry experts discussed AI-enabled skills, workforce readiness, adaptive learning, and leadership development. The sessions reinforced the need to build a future-ready cyber security workforce.

### **Women in Security**

Held in collaboration with BSides and W3-CS, the sub-summit focused on advancing women's leadership across cyber security. Discussions highlighted mentorship, career pathways, technical excellence, and inclusive workplace practices. A Flash Mentoring session enabled meaningful interactions between experienced professionals and emerging talent.

## Insurance Sub-Summit

The sub-summit brought together key stakeholders from India's insurance ecosystem to discuss cyber security, privacy, and resilience. Sessions covered DPDPA implementation, AI governance, ransomware preparedness, and cyber resilience. The discussions underscored that strong data protection is essential for customer trust and the future of digital insurance.



## High-Impact Sessions, Engagements & Launches

AISS 2025 marked the launch of flagship research reports, reflecting DSCI's commitment to advancing knowledge, shaping policy, and equipping the ecosystem with actionable intelligence.

- **The Indian Cybersecurity Product Landscape 3.0** The report highlights the rapid growth of India's cyber security product ecosystem. It maps indigenous innovation, technology capabilities, and market opportunities, revealing that India is now home to over 400 cyber security product companies generating USD 4.46 billion in revenue in 2025.
- **State of AI Adoption for Cyber Security in India** Developed by DSCI with support from Palo Alto Networks, the report examines AI adoption across India's cyber security landscape. It finds that 79% of organizations plan to integrate AI/ML into security tools, while 31% of cyberattacks involve AI-enabled supply chain or multi-vector attacks, providing a benchmark for the country's AI-security readiness.
- **Safeguarding India's Digital Health – A Framework for Cybersecure Healthcare Infrastructure** Jointly developed by DSCI and HIMSS, the report introduces a Healthcare Cyber Security Readiness Framework covering access, capability, and trust. It identifies fragmented IT infrastructure, weak authentication, and inadequate data protection as key challenges, while providing a practical roadmap for strengthening cyber resilience across India's healthcare ecosystem.





## Conducted impactful plenary sessions

- **Resiliency at a Nation Scale**

As economies digitize at speed and geopolitics grow more contested, cyber resilience can no longer be an organizational priority alone, it must operate at national scale. Leaders examined how threats spanning financial systems, critical infrastructure, and digital public services demand coordinated, cross-sector resilience strategies that go beyond traditional security perimeters.

- **Future of Global Cyber Security Cooperation**

With cyber threats transcending borders, international cooperation has never been more consequential. The session reflected on how nations can align on cyber norms, build trust across digital ecosystems, and strengthen multilateral frameworks to address shared threats in an increasingly fragmented geopolitical landscape.

- **From Burden to Balance — Optimising National Security and Compliance Requirements**

Security and compliance are often perceived as competing priorities. The session examined how organizations can move beyond checkbox compliance toward integrated risk management, turning regulatory requirements into a strategic advantage rather than an operational burden.

- **Large-Scale Digitisation of Public Services — State of Security & Privacy**

As India accelerates the digitization of public services, the security and privacy of citizen data becomes a matter of governance, not just technology. The session assessed institutional preparedness, regulatory readiness, and the policy pathways needed to ensure public digital infrastructure is secure, inclusive, and resilient by design.



## MPs Panel: Securing Digital Governance: Readiness, Resilience, and Policy Pathways

In a significant convergence of legislative and cyber security leadership, AISS 2025 hosted a dedicated session with Members of Parliament, ‘MPs Panel: Securing Digital Governance: Readiness, Resilience, and Policy Pathways’, examining how policy frameworks can be strengthened to secure India’s digital governance infrastructure and bridge the gap between legislative intent and on-ground cybersecurity readiness. The session featured Dr. Rabindra Narayan Behera, Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha), BJP, Jajpur, Odisha; Shri Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar, Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha), BJP, Mysore, Karnataka; and Vinayak Godse, CEO, DSCI.



The **second edition of the Indian Diaspora Meet** witnessed participation of CISOs and cyber security startups from multiple geographies. The gathering featured keynote addresses from the Chairman, DSCI, and the Joint Secretary, National Security Council Secretariat (NSCS), who emphasised the growing role of the Indian diaspora in advancing cyber security innovation and strengthening India’s international partnerships.

## ➤ DSCI Innovation Box

In its 12<sup>th</sup> edition, the DSCI Innovation Box remains India's premier platform for recognizing breakthrough cybersecurity innovations from the country's most promising startups. The Innovation Box has become a defining moment for homegrown entrepreneurial excellence in cyber security.

This year's competition, supported by Category Sponsor Appknox and Process Partner PwC India, recognized the Most Innovative Product of the Year across three exceptional finalists, Neural Defend, RavenMail, and SecureDApp (Blockchain Security).



## ➤ DSCI Excellence Awards

The DSCI Excellence Awards 2025 marked the 15<sup>th</sup> year of recognizing excellence across three segments- Law Enforcement, Product, and Corporate. The awards continue to serve as a prestigious platform celebrating outstanding contributions by individuals and organizations in the field of cyber security and data protection.

The winners of the 15<sup>th</sup> edition were felicitated by Shri. Naveen Kumar Singh, National Cybersecurity Coordinator, Government of India; Shri. Pratap Reddy IPS, Former Director General of Police, Internal Security Division, Karnataka and other leaders for respective segments. The winners were selected by an eminent Jury panel through multiple evaluation rounds comprising of leaders from across sectors.

### ● Key Highlights





## Awards Jury

### Corporate Segment Jury Panel 1



**Mr. Arvind  
Sivaramakrishnan**  
CTO, Asia Healthcare Holdings



**Mr. Narendra Nath**  
Joint Secretary, National  
Security Council Secretariat,  
Govt. of India



**Mr. Nitin Chugh**  
Deputy Managing Director &  
Head of Digital  
Banking & Transformation,  
State Bank of India



**Ms. Rama  
Vedashree**  
Former CEO, DSCI

#### Categories Judged

#### Best Security Practices in Organization

Energy Sector | Critical Information Infrastructure | Automobile & Manufacturing Sector | Digital Plus Organizations | Banking Sector | NBFC and Small or Medium Financial Banks | IT- ITeS Sector | Global Capability Centres | Capital Markets

### Corporate Segment Jury Panel 2



**Dr. Gulshan Rai**  
Former National Cyber  
Security Coordinator of India



**Mr. K. K. Singh**  
Joint Secretary, Ministry of  
Electronics & Information  
Technology, Govt. of India



**Ms. Rama  
Vedashree**  
Former CEO, DSCI

#### Categories Judged

Security Leader of the Year | Woman Security Leader of the Year | Privacy Leader of the Year | Best Privacy Practices in Organization | Best Cyber Security Services Company in Indian Geography | Best Practices in Cyber Security Education and Research

### Law Enforcement Segment



**Mr. Pratap Reddy  
IPS**  
Former Director General  
of Police, Internal Security  
Division, Karnataka



**Mr. Vakul Sharma**  
Advocate,  
Supreme Court of India



**Mr. S. K. Bhalla**  
Secretary, Northeastern  
Council, Shillong (Ministry  
of Development of  
Northeastern Region)



**Mr. Krishna Sastry  
Pendyala**  
Partner at Ernst  
& Young (Former  
Scientist, GEQD)

### Product Segment



**Dr. Sanjay Bahl**  
Director General,  
Cert-in



**Mr. Rajesh Thapar**  
CISO, NSE



**Mr. Shyam Penumaka**  
Partner,  
Dallas Venture Capital



**Mr. Suhas Devaraju**  
Sr. VP, Digital Strategy  
and Innovation,  
Warburg Pincus



**Mr. Randhir Singh**  
VP -IT and Head of  
Enterprise Technology  
& Information Security,  
Fareportal

## Excellence Awards Winners

### Corporate Segment

Best Security Practices  
in Critical Information  
Infrastructure



Best Security  
Practices in  
Energy Sector



Best Security  
Practices in  
Banking Sector



Best Security Practices  
in NBFCs and Small or  
Medium Financial Banks



Best Security Practices  
in Digital Plus  
Organizations



Best Security  
Practices in  
Capital Markets



Best Security Practices in  
Automobile &  
Manufacturing Sector



Best Security  
Practices in  
IT-ITeS Sector (Large)



Best Security  
Practices in  
IT-ITeS  
Sector  
(Medium)



Best Security  
Practices in  
Global  
Capabilities  
Centers



Best Practices  
in Cyber Security  
Education  
& Research



Best Cyber  
Security Services  
Company in  
Indian Geography



Best Privacy  
Practices in  
Organization



Woman Security Leader of the Year



Dimple Santwan  
Saraswat Co-operative  
Bank Ltd.



Priyamvadha Vembar  
Bosch Global Software  
Technologies Pvt.Ltd.

Privacy Leader of the Year



Samarth Saboo  
Aditya Birla Management  
Corporation Pvt. Ltd.

Security Leader of the Year



Rishi Rajpal  
Concentrix  
Corporation



Ramesh Gurram  
BSE Ltd.



Nageshwaran  
Chinnadurai  
TVS Group



Visagan  
Subburayalu  
Target  
Corporation



Vikas Yadav  
Flipkart

### Special Jury Recognition

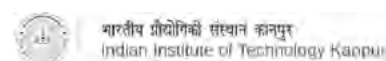
Best Security Practices  
in Energy Sector



Best Security Practices in  
IT-ITeS Sector (Large)



Best Practices in Cyber  
Security Education & Research





## Product Segment

**Security Product  
Company of the Year**

**miniOrange**

**Innovation Box - Most Innovative  
Product of the Year**



## Law Enforcement Segment

**India Cyber  
Cop of the Year**



**Shri. Deepak Pednekar**  
Police Inspector, Cyber Crime  
Police Station, Ribandar, Goa

**Excellence in Capacity Building of  
Law Enforcement Agencies**



**Excellence in Capacity Building in  
Cybercrimes, Cyber Laws & Digital  
Forensics by Academia**



National Institute of Electronics  
and Information Technology  
(NIELIT), New Delhi

**Award for Pioneering Digital  
Forensics Capabilities by  
Government Institutions**



National Forensic  
Sciences University  
Gujarat

## Special Jury Recognition

**Excellence in Capacity Building of Law Enforcement Agencies**



Meghalaya - North Eastern  
Police Academy (NEPA)



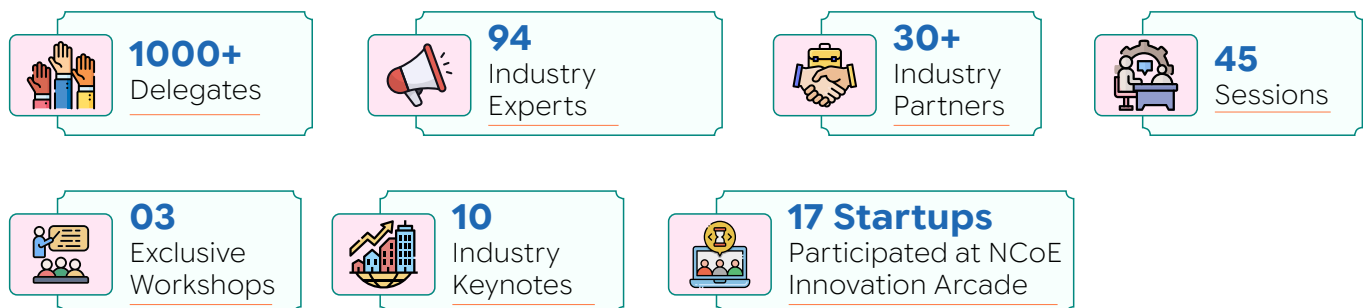
# FINANCIAL SECURITY CONCLAVE (FINSEC)

The 7<sup>th</sup> edition of the DSCI FINSEC Conclave successfully convened leaders from BFSI, policy, and security spheres. The conclave brought together the expertise, experience, and foresight of leaders, practitioners, policymakers, researchers, developers, and innovators to address the evolving challenges and opportunities in financial security and privacy. The inaugural segment was graced by Harish S. Mehta, Co-Founder, Nasscom and Vinayak Godse, CEO, DSCI.

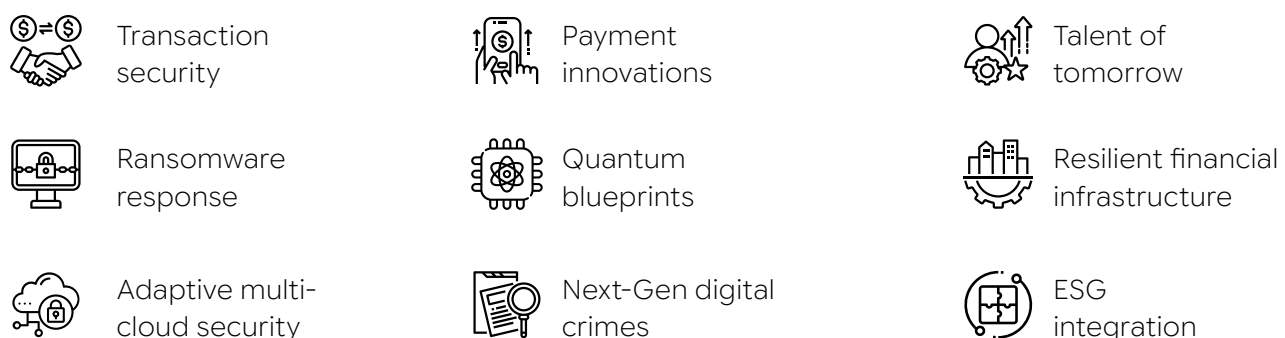


The 7<sup>th</sup> edition of the DSCI FINSEC Conclave brought together leaders from the BFSI sector, government, policy, and cyber security ecosystem to deliberate on the evolving landscape of financial security and privacy. The inaugural session was graced by Harish S. Mehta, Co-Founder, Nasscom, and Vinayak Godse, CEO, DSCI. Through keynote sessions, roundtables, workshops, and exhibitions, the conclave explored digital transformation, cyber security, data governance, privacy, and AI-driven risks across the financial sector. With the implementation of India's data privacy framework gaining momentum, discussions focused on strengthening resilience, trust, and secure innovation across the BFSI ecosystem.

## Key Highlights



## Key Themes Delivered



## Industry Workshops

### Secure Browsing to Autonomous SOC...The Next Era of Cyber Security

The workshop explored the evolution of cyber security from perimeter-based defense to AI-driven Autonomous Security Operations Centres (SOCs). Discussions highlighted Zero Trust as the foundation of modern security, positioning the browser as a critical security control point for protecting users, applications, and data. The session also demonstrated how AI-powered platforms can deliver unified visibility, automate threat detection, and enable faster, intelligence-led security operations.



### From Detection to Decision... Building Agentic Security

The workshop explored the shift from detection-centric security operations to AI-driven, decision-oriented workflows. Discussions highlighted how unified telemetry, behavioral analytics, and XDR enable organizations to reduce alert fatigue, improve threat visibility, and accelerate response. Real-world examples demonstrated how AI-powered automation and autonomous threat hunting help security teams make faster, more accurate decisions while enhancing collaboration across the security lifecycle.



### From Breach to Blueprint: Real-World Cyber Crisis Lessons for the AI Age

The workshop examined how organizations can transform cyber breaches into opportunities for building long-term resilience. Discussions focused on incident response, root-cause analysis, governance, regulatory communication, and post-incident recovery. Through real-world case studies, the session highlighted the importance of embedding governance, risk management, and structured response frameworks to move from reactive incident handling to proactive cyber resilience.



## Special Launches & Announcements

### Techsagar 2.0 - Advancing India's Emerging Tech Discovery

Techsagar 2.0 was unveiled as a next-generation, AI-enabled platform cataloguing India's emerging tech capabilities through a searchable repository of over 5,000 mapped technology profiles. Positioned as a strategic discovery engine, the portal enables innovators, enterprises, and policymakers to identify, connect, and collaborate across domains from AI and cyber security to fintech and cloud accelerating informed decision making and national digital transformation.

- **AI Security, Privacy & Governance Policy Template**

Launched to help organizations build robust governance frameworks for responsible AI adoption, this adaptable, living document provides practical guidelines for embedding security, privacy, and governance principles across AI lifecycles. The template helps enterprises align AI initiatives with regulatory expectations and ethical practice enabling trust and resilience as AI adoption scales across digital ecosystems.

- **Indian Digital Forensic Market Report**

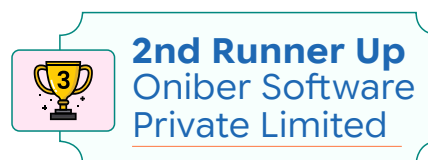
A comprehensive industry analysis of India’s evolving digital forensics ecosystem, the joint report by DSCI and Deloitte examines market dynamics, growth drivers, key players, and emerging technologies. Positioned as a strategic reference for policymakers, enterprises, and practitioners, it underscores the growing importance of forensic capability in strengthening India’s cyber resilience and investigative readiness.



## **Innovation Box**

The DSCI Innovation Box continued to be a key highlight within DSCI’s financial security initiatives, dedicated to celebrating startup excellence and innovation in cyber security. As part of the FINSEC edition, the Innovation Box focused on showcasing cutting-edge fintech security product companies addressing critical security challenges across the BFSI and fintech landscape.

Following a rigorous evaluation and shortlisting process, five startups were selected for the FINSEC Innovation Box edition: Levo.ai India Pvt. Limited, Navigo Security Systems Pvt. Ltd., Neural Defend, Oniber Software Private Limited and Offgridsec Cyber Solutions Private Limited. These startups showcased diverse and impactful approaches to addressing key fintech security concerns, ranging from fraud prevention and application security to data protection and risk management.





## BEST PRACTICES MEET (BPM)

The 17<sup>th</sup> edition of DSCI's flagship Best Practices Meet (BPM) brought together leaders from defense, aerospace, government, privacy, and enterprise security under the theme "Cyber Security of the Aerospace & Defense Sector." The program explored how defense modernization, emerging technologies, and evolving geopolitical realities are reshaping India's cyber resilience, with discussions on space security, aerospace resilience, quantum computing, Privacy Enhancing Technologies (PETs), and next-generation SOC's. The inaugural session featured Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit, AVSM, VM, VSM, Chief of Integrated Defense Staff, Government of India, as Chief Guest, and Air Chief Marshal R.K.S. Bhadauria, PVSM, AVSM, VM, ADC (Retd.), Former Chief of Air Staff, as Guest of Honour, setting the stage for strategic discussions on strengthening India's cyber preparedness.



### Key Themes Delivered



Future of aerospace



Agentic SOC



Geopolitical dynamics



Supply chain resilience



Space defense



Systems thinking in cyber



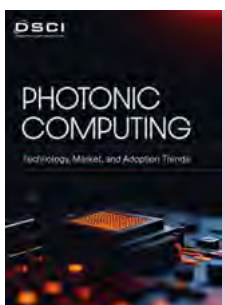
PrivacyOps



Defense modernization



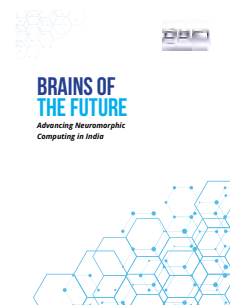
**BPM 2025 featured the launch of three forward-looking research reports** examining India's positioning in next generation computing technologies each offering strategic insights for policymakers, industry leaders, researchers, and investors.



**Photonic Computing: Technology, Market, and Adoption Trends**



**Decoding Quantum Computing: Trends, Players & Opportunities**



**Brains of the Future: Advancing Neuromorphic Computing in India**

Read more details about DSCI Research Reports under "Thought Leadership" section.



## Key Highlights



**300+**  
Delegates



**14**  
Special  
Sessions



**03**  
Special  
Addresses

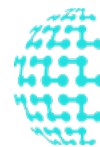


**44**  
Speakers



## DSCI CYBER GCC SUMMIT 2025

DSCI Cyber GCC Summit 2025 brought together senior leaders: CISOs, IT Heads, AI Professionals, and Security & Privacy Leaders to deliberate on the future of digital trust, cyber resilience, and frontier technology adoption. The summit was inaugurated by Shri Priyank Kharge, Hon. Minister for IT, BT & Rural Development, Gov. of Karnataka. With participation from BFSI, manufacturing, technology, retail, and healthcare, the agenda centred on forward looking priorities including cyber resilience as a boardroom imperative, secure-by-design approaches for AI powered GCCs, agentic AI security, semiconductor supply chain risk, and OT security.

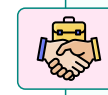


**DSCI  
Cyber GCC  
Summit 2025**  
Global Vanguard for Digital Frontier

## Key Highlights



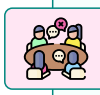
**400+**  
Delegates



**100+**  
GCCs  
Represented



**60**  
Speakers



**15**  
Sessions &  
Roundtables

## Key Themes Delivered



Cyber resilience as  
a boardroom priority



Future-proofing cyber  
security with agentic AI



OT security and Privacy-by-  
Design engineering



Secure-by-Design approaches  
for AI-powered GCCs



Semiconductor supply  
chain security









# CENTRES OF EXCELLENCE

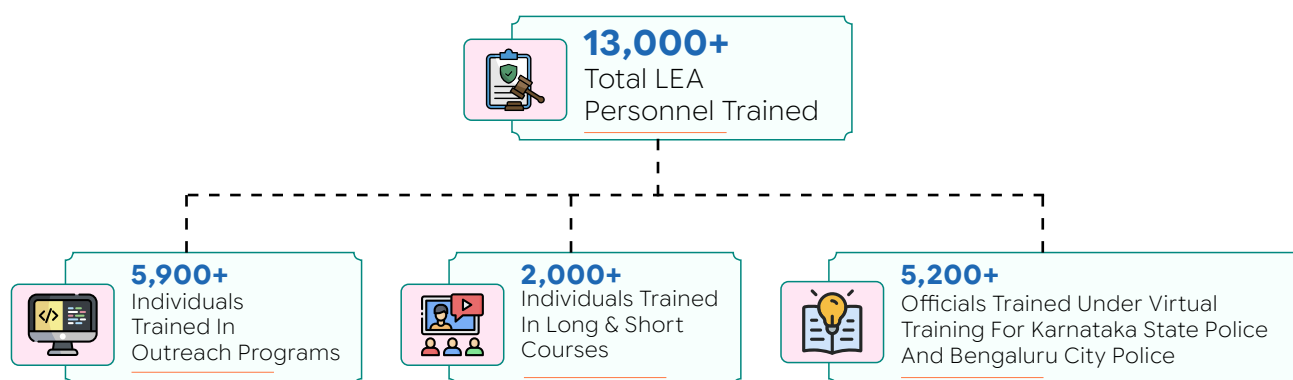
- Centre for Cybercrime Investigation Training & Research (CCITR)
- National Centre of Excellence (NCoE)
- Cyber Security Centre of Excellence (CCoE)

# Centers of Excellence

## ➤ CYBERCRIME INVESTIGATION TRAINING AND RESEARCH (CCITR)

In 2019, the Criminal Investigation Department (CID), Karnataka, established the Centre for Cybercrime Investigation Training & Research (CCITR) at its headquarters in Bengaluru, a landmark initiative to institutionalize cybercrime capacity building within law enforcement. Set up in collaboration with Infosys Foundation and the Data Security Council of India (DSCI), CCITR was conceived as a dedicated centre of excellence to equip cybercrime investigators with the skills, tools, and knowledge required to tackle the rapidly evolving digital threat landscape.

### ● Key Highlights



### ● Training Programs & Events Conducted

#### ○ CIDCODE Cybercrime Investigation Summit 2026

The third edition of the CIDCODE Cybercrime Investigation Summit 2026 was organized by the Centre for Cybercrime Investigation Training and Research (CCITR), an initiative established under a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model by the Criminal Investigation Department, Karnataka, Infosys Foundation, and the Data Security Council of India, to deliberate on the emerging cyber-investigation themes relevant to the current landscape. The summit was formally inaugurated by Dr. G. Parameshwara, Hon'ble Home Minister, Government of Karnataka, in the presence of Dr. M A Saleem IPS, Director General & Inspector General of Police, Karnataka State, Dr. Pronab Mohanty, Director General of Police, Cyber Command, Karnataka, Mr. Sunil Kumar Dhareshwar, Trustee, Infosys Foundation, and Mr. Vinayak Godse, CEO, DSCI.



The summit witnessed participation with 246 delegates, representing law enforcement agencies across the country, ranging from the rank of Director General of Police (DGP) to Sub-Inspectors, from both State and Central Agencies. The event also featured 15 subject matter experts, including international speakers, delivering specialised sessions on emerging areas of cybercrime investigation.

### • Key Themes



AI governance frameworks for enterprises and GCCs



Cybercrime - The Karnataka experience



Frontier technologies - navigating the challenges and opportunities for LEAs



Cybercrime & the law: Mastering the IT Rules 2021 (amended till 2026)



Deepfake detection in the age of artificial intelligence



The new age of mobile evidence - risks, realities & readiness



The trojan in your pocket - investigation of APK based cyber attacks



CSAM Enforcement 2026 - landmark judgements & the ICMEC global toolkit



Cyber slavery: cybercrime scam compounds of Southeast Asia

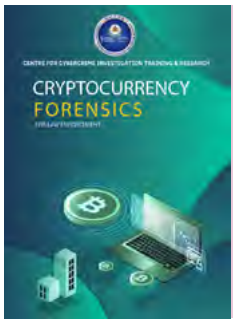


OSINT in the age of artificial intelligence - GEOSINT, SOCMINT, TRANSPORT INT & many more

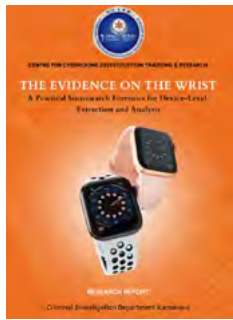
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- The summit commenced with **impactful inaugural and keynote sessions** that addressed the rapidly evolving cybercrime landscape, emerging threat vectors, and the growing investigative challenges in the digital era.
- A series of **expert-led technical sessions** covered critical aspects of cybercrime investigations, including advanced investigative methodologies, legal and regulatory frameworks, digital evidence handling, and emerging technologies shaping modern cybercrime investigations.
- The summit featured technology **demonstrations by 12 leading digital forensics and cyber security companies**, showcasing cutting-edge investigation platforms, forensic solutions, and advanced tools supporting cybercrime detection, analysis, and evidence collection.
- One of the major highlights of the summit was the **Crypto Forensics Hands-on Workshop**, conducted as an intensive half-day training program. The workshop was led by experts from the Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation (IRS-CI), United States, along with specialists from DSCI. Using simulated real-world cryptocurrency transactions in a controlled environment, participants gained practical exposure to creating controlled police wallets, tracing blockchain transactions, and simulating digital asset seizure using open-source blockchain investigation tools.
- A special session on **“Building Digital Forensics Laboratory for Investigation Purposes”** provided law enforcement agencies with strategic guidance on establishing and operationalizing digital forensic laboratories, with emphasis on legal admissibility of digital evidence, ISO accreditation standards, forensic SOPs, and institutional readiness.

The summit also witnessed the **launch of several publications**, formally released by Dr. G Parameshwara, Hon'ble Home Minister, Karnataka with other dignitaries.



**Cryptocurrency Forensics for Law Enforcement**



**Smartwatch Forensics Focused on Device-Level Extraction and Analysis**



**CCITR Coffee Table Book**



**CCITR Annual Report 2025-26**

To view & download reports, visit: <https://ccitr.org/resource>



## **CCITR Internship Program (Sixth Phase)**

The sixth phase of the CCITR Internship Programme was executed by two competitive tracks conducted as part of CIDECODE.

The CID Police Hackathon, jointly organised with PES University and inaugurated by the DGP, CID Karnataka and the Vice-Chancellor, PES University, challenged participants across three problem statements in digital forensics and emerging cybercrime investigation. The three third-place teams Chain of Justice, Arkhives, and VerifyX were offered internship opportunities at CCITR, completing three projects covering Financial Data Analysis, Deepfake Detection, and CrimeNet: A Digital Evidence Analysis Platform.

The Cyber Law Ideathon, organised in partnership with KLE Law College, engaged law students in developing legal frameworks addressing emerging cybercrime challenges. Five students were selected across two problem statements and completed projects on Blockchain Based Evidence Management and an investigative study on deepfake-based crime and the absence of an AI forensic framework in India. The two third-place teams, Lawyers and Blockchain Barristers were also offered internship opportunities at CCITR.



## Virtual Training Series on Digital Investigation

Building on the success of its previous editions, CCITR continued to scale its training outreach through the Virtual Training Series on digital investigation, a flagship program designed to empower Karnataka State Police in navigating the complexities of technology-driven investigations.

In 2025, the series expanded significantly, with **50 sessions** delivered by eminent speakers and subject matter experts, training over **4,708 police officials** across the state. The program covered a comprehensive spectrum of topics ranging from foundational digital concepts to advanced investigative tools and techniques, catering to the evolving demands of modern cybercrime investigation.

Recognizing the unique operational demands of the state capital, CCITR also launched an exclusive series for Bengaluru City Police, focused on cyber intelligence gathering and open-source investigation methods, **training over 683 police personnel across 4 dedicated sessions.**

### • Areas covered across both series:

#### ○ Forensics & Evidence

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- Securing Digital Evidence: Hashing, Imaging and Write Blocking
- Data Recovery from WhatsApp
- Dealing with Linux Systems: Tools and Techniques for Investigation
- Analysis of Internet Artifacts using the IPED Tool (Open Source)
- Introduction to Operating Systems (Windows, Linux & Mac), Mac Forensics & RAID Forensics and Cloud Forensics & Cloud Investigation Essentials for Law Enforcement
- Steganography: Uncovering Hidden Data in Digital File
- Investigating Android APK Files
- Cryptocurrency Forensics: Identifying Cryptocurrency Artifacts in Digital Evidence

#### ○ OSINT & Intelligence

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- Utilising OSINT Techniques for Investigating Individuals and Groups
- OSINT Investigation with OS-Based Frameworks
- Modern Approaches to Human Trafficking (HBT) Case Investigation
- Social Media Intelligence (SOCMINT) for Law Enforcement
- Offshore Betting and Gambling Investigation

#### ○ Network & Infrastructure Investigations

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- Investigating Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) Calls IPv6 vs IPv4
- IPv6 vs IPv4
- Case Study: Investigation into a Bank API Breach
- Investigation of Network Traffic

#### ○ Cryptocurrency & Financial Investigations

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- Cryptocurrency Investigation Techniques
- Seeking Data from Payment Gateways - Procedures and Best Practices
- The Role of Banks in Digital Investigation
- Seeking Information from Banks & Bandhan Bank and Navi UPI

## ○ Legal, Procedural & Platform-Specific

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- Legal Pathways for Seeking Data from Google
- Drafting and Issuing Notices to Intermediaries: Legal and Procedural Aspects
- Usage of NCRP Portal and Tipline and Usage of Samanvaya Portal
- Content Blocking and Takedown Procedures

## ○ Emerging Technologies & AI

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- Leveraging AI in Police Investigations
- The Emerging Role of AI in Digital Investigations
- Introduction to Web 3.0
- Detection of Deepfakes in Multimedia

## ○ Tool Demonstrations

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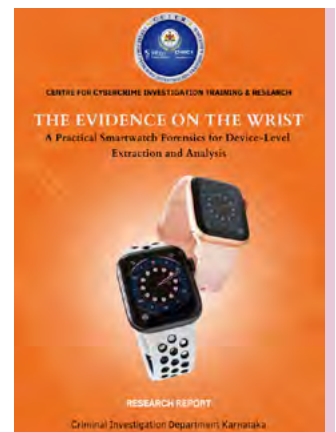
- Cyble Tool, X1 Social Discovery Tool, Merkle Science Tool
- Meltwater Tool, Crimewall Social Links, Kinesense Video Forensic Tool
- Email Investigation Techniques
- Password Recovery Techniques Using Open-Source Tools

# ● Publications

## ○ Smartwatch Forensics Focused on Device-Level Extraction and Analysis

As smartwatches become increasingly prevalent, they are also emerging as critical sources of digital evidence in cybercrime investigations. This report addresses the growing forensic challenge of extracting and analysing data from smartwatch devices, equipping law enforcement and digital forensic practitioners with structured, actionable guidance, and equipping forensic professionals with the clarity and tools needed to strengthen investigative outcomes.

The report examines forensic acquisition and analysis across multiple smartwatch ecosystems and operating systems, benchmarking commercial, free, and open-source forensic tools to identify the most effective approaches for law enforcement. It maps where, how, and in what format data is stored across popular smartwatch variants, while evaluating best practices for both physical and logical acquisition methods. The research pays particular attention to the forensic barriers posed by proprietary operating systems, encrypted storage, and cloud synchronization and proposes structured guidelines and practical strategies to overcome them at every stage of evidence seizure, extraction, and interpretation.

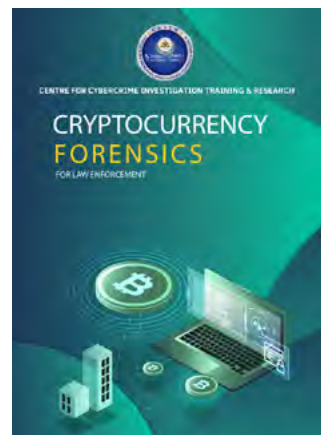


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## Cryptocurrency Forensics for Law Enforcement

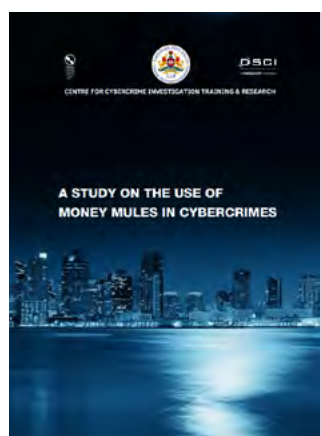
As cryptocurrencies become increasingly embedded in high-profile crimes, ransomware operations, and darknet transactions, law enforcement agencies face mounting technical and legal challenges in tracing, acquiring, and presenting digital evidence. This report serves as a practical, technically grounded guide for investigators navigating the complex world of cryptocurrency forensics.

The report focuses on identifying and analyzing Windows-based forensic artefacts associated with hot, cold, and hybrid wallets, covering both volatile and non-volatile acquisition methods. A particular emphasis is placed on non-custodial wallets, where PVT.ly stored keys and seed phrases present the greatest investigative complexity. A real-world case study using live cryptocurrency transactions further illustrates practical investigative scenarios and the challenges investigators are likely to encounter in the field, making this report an essential reference for law enforcement personnel tackling cryptocurrency-related crime.



[www.dsci.in/resource/content/cryptocurrency-forensics-law-enforcement](http://www.dsci.in/resource/content/cryptocurrency-forensics-law-enforcement)

The reports, 'Smartwatch Forensics Focused on Device-Level Extraction and Analysis' and 'Cryptocurrency Forensics for Law Enforcement' were formally launched by Dr G Parameshwara, Hon'ble Home Minister of Karnataka, alongside other dignitaries, at the 3rd edition of the CIDECODE Cybercrime Investigation Summit 2026.



## A Study on the Use of Money Mules in Cybercrimes

The report examines the structured use of money mule networks to channel and conceal illicit activities. The report provides a comprehensive analysis of how mule accounts are recruited, organized, and exploited by cybercriminals, while surfacing critical gaps in regulatory frameworks that continue to be leveraged to evade detection. It examines the core challenges faced by banks and law enforcement agencies in identifying and acting against mule activity, and offers targeted strategic recommendations, spanning robust KYC practices and real-time transaction surveillance to necessary legal reforms. Designed as an actionable resource for policymakers, regulators, financial institutions, and law enforcement agencies, the report equips stakeholders with the intelligence and frameworks needed to disrupt this growing threat collectively.

[www.dpo-india.com/Resources/privacy\\_laws\\_in\\_India/A-Study-Use-Money-Mules-Cybercrimes.pdf](http://www.dpo-india.com/Resources/privacy_laws_in_India/A-Study-Use-Money-Mules-Cybercrimes.pdf)

## CCITR Training Statistics 2025-2026

In 2025–26, CCITR trained 13,544 participants across long courses, short courses, outreach programs, and virtual training series, marking a significant expansion in both reach and stakeholder diversity.

| Course            | Stakeholders                                                                                                         | Participants Trained |
|-------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Long Course       | <b>In-person</b>                                                                                                     |                      |
|                   | Police Personnel from Karnataka State                                                                                | 901                  |
|                   | Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB)                                                                                       | 25                   |
|                   | Special Action Force (SAF)                                                                                           | 30                   |
|                   | Indian Air Force (IAF)                                                                                               | 30                   |
|                   | Commercial Tax Department                                                                                            | 30                   |
|                   | Corps of Military Police (CMP)                                                                                       | 28                   |
|                   | National Investigation Agency (NIA) and other State Police                                                           | 30                   |
|                   | Karnataka Police Academy (KPA), Mysuru                                                                               | 330                  |
|                   | Police Training College (PTC), Kalaburagi                                                                            | 86                   |
|                   | Technical Experts, Bengaluru City                                                                                    | 10                   |
|                   | Kerala Police                                                                                                        | 20                   |
|                   | <b>Sub-Total (A)</b>                                                                                                 | <b>1520</b>          |
| Short Course      | Police Personnel from Karnataka State                                                                                | 254                  |
|                   | State Intelligence, Bengaluru, Karnataka                                                                             | 30                   |
|                   | Corps of Military Police (CMP)                                                                                       | 70                   |
|                   | Judicial Officers from Karnataka State                                                                               | 237                  |
|                   | <b>Sub-Total (B)</b>                                                                                                 | <b>591</b>           |
| Outreach Programs | IPS officers at Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel National Police Academy (SVPNPA), Hyderabad                                 | 171                  |
|                   | Students from the IT Industry and the Government of India National Law School of India University (NLSIU), Bengaluru | 40                   |
|                   | Faculty, law students & PhD students at IFIM Law College, Bengaluru                                                  | 50                   |
|                   | Working professionals and students at NALSAR University of Law                                                       | 60                   |
|                   | Faculty members & students at Sivananda Sarma Memorial (SSM) RV College, Bengaluru                                   | 80                   |
|                   | Employees of Urban Cooperative Banks at the Regional Institute of Co-operative Management, Bengaluru                 | 60                   |

| Course            | Stakeholders                                                                                                                                                     | Participants Trained |
|-------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Outreach Programs | Employees of the Agriculture Department at the Department of Agriculture, Karnataka                                                                              | 70                   |
|                   | NCC Cadets at Christ University, Bengaluru (Invited by Commanding Officer, 9 KAR BN NCC, Bengaluru)                                                              | 100                  |
|                   | NSS Volunteers at Sri Adichunchanagiri University (ACU)                                                                                                          | 125                  |
|                   | NCC Cadets at BGS International School, Bengaluru (Invited by Commanding Officer, 2 KAR BN NCC, Bengaluru)                                                       | 500                  |
|                   | Senior officers from the College of Supervisors, RBI                                                                                                             | 30                   |
|                   | Members from the IT industry from FS-ISAC India                                                                                                                  | 50                   |
|                   | Students at St. Joseph Pre University College                                                                                                                    | 500                  |
|                   | Senior IPS officers at Uttar Pradesh State Institute of Forensic Science (UPSIFS), Lucknow                                                                       | 21                   |
|                   | CEOs and IT officers at the Regional Institute of Co operative Management (RICM), Bengaluru                                                                      | 30                   |
|                   | IPS officers, Dy.SP and Central Armed Forces at Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel National Police Academy (SVPNPA), Hyderabad                                             | 50                   |
|                   | Officers from the Defense Forces, DRDO and ISRO, etc., at the Birla Institute of Technology and Science (BITS), Pilani                                           | 80                   |
|                   | Senior police officers, prosecutors and NGOs at Police Headquarters, Bengaluru                                                                                   | 75                   |
|                   | Judges, Police Officers, Prosecutors, Lawyers and College Students at District Legal Services Authorities, Channapatna                                           | 1500                 |
|                   | IT Industry members at IISC, Bengaluru, at OWASP                                                                                                                 | 150                  |
|                   | Professors and research scholars at Raman Research Institute, Bengaluru                                                                                          | 45                   |
|                   | Child protection officers and childcare staff at Sanrakshan Organisation (jointly organised by District Child Protection Unit, Yelahanka and Infosys Foundation) | 50                   |
|                   | NCC cadets at ETI Air Force Station, Jalahalli, at 3 KAR Bn, NCC                                                                                                 | 500                  |



| Course                   | Stakeholders                                                                                                                                       | Participants Trained |
|--------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Outreach Programs</b> | NCC cadets at ETI Air Force Station, Jalahalli, at 9 KAR Bn, NCC                                                                                   | 200                  |
|                          | Students and faculty members at University of Visvesvaraya College of Engineering (UVCE), Bengaluru                                                | 80                   |
|                          | Police and prosecutor at the Home Department, Kerala                                                                                               | 150                  |
|                          | Police officers from the Royal Bhutan Police and state police from India at the Northeastern Police Academy (NEPA), Meghalaya                      | 65                   |
|                          | Senior IAF officers at Information Warfare School (IWS), Indian Air Force (IAF), Bengaluru                                                         | 12                   |
|                          | IPS Officers at Karnataka Police Academy (KPA), Mysuru                                                                                             | 07                   |
|                          | Officers of the rank of Colonel and Lieutenant Colonel at the Corps of Military Police (CMP), Bengaluru                                            | 65                   |
|                          | Students and faculty members from the MCA department, PESU at PES University, Bengaluru                                                            | 250                  |
|                          | Officers of the rank DIG, IG, DSP and PI from the NIA and Anti-Terrorist Squads across India at the National Investigation Agency (NIA), New Delhi | 46                   |
|                          | Officers of the rank DIG, IG, DSP and PI from the NIA and Anti-Terrorist Squads across India at the National Investigation Agency (NIA), New Delhi | 150                  |
|                          | Judicial officers at Karnataka Judicial Academy (KJA), Bengaluru                                                                                   | 30                   |
|                          | Police personnel from Kerala Police at the Indian Institute of Information Technology (IIIT) Kottayam, and Kerala Police Cyber Operation           | 80                   |
|                          | Faculty members at BMS Institute of Technology & Management, Karnataka                                                                             | 55                   |
|                          | Judges, police officers and NGO's at Karnataka Judicial 55 Academy (KJA), Bengaluru                                                                | 100                  |
|                          | Students at BMS College for Women, Bengaluru                                                                                                       | 80                   |
|                          | Judges, police officers and NGO's at Karnataka Judicial 55 Academy (KJA), Bengaluru                                                                | 15                   |
|                          | Superintendents of police, DSP, Police Inspector and Sub Inspectors at National Investigation Agency (NIA), Chennai Branch                         | 30                   |

| Course                                                 | Stakeholders                                                                                                                                            | Participants Trained |
|--------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Outreach Programs</b>                               | Police officers from Whitefield Division, Bengaluru, at CMR Institute of Technology, Bengaluru                                                          | 210                  |
|                                                        | Police officers of the rank of Police Inspector and Sub Inspector at the National Institute of Electronics and Information Technology (NIELIT), Calicut | 30                   |
| <b>Sub-Total (C)</b>                                   |                                                                                                                                                         | <b>5,992</b>         |
| <b>Virtual Training for Karnataka State Police (D)</b> |                                                                                                                                                         | <b>4708</b>          |
| <b>Virtual Training for Bengaluru City Police (E)</b>  |                                                                                                                                                         | <b>683</b>           |
| <b>Total Participants Trained (A+B+C+D+E)</b>          |                                                                                                                                                         | <b>13494</b>         |

## Consolidated Key Topics & Learning Areas



### Digital Forensics & Evidence Management

Digital forensics in policing; hashing, imaging & write blocking; media acquisition using Autopsy; search, seizure & SOPs; electronic evidence collection; Windows forensics; investigation in virtual environments; malware analysis.



### Mobile & Device Forensics

Mobile forensics (UFED 4PC/Cellebrite); smartwatch & drone forensics; emerging cyber security & mobile forensics trends.



### OSINT & Intelligence

OSINT & big data tools; social media monitoring & intelligence.



### Dark Web & Cryptocurrency

Darknet & cryptocurrency investigation; Tor browser forensics; cryptocurrency tracing & CTF challenges.



### Cybercrime Landscape & Trends

Global & national cybercrime trends; emerging threats & modus operandi; cybercrimes in the age of social media; safety & response strategies.



### Financial Crimes & Fraud

Banking sector fraud; cyber forensics for financial institutions; cyber resilience in cooperative banks; FINTECH & blockchain.



### Legal & Regulatory Framework

IT Act 2000 & Amendment Act 2008; cyber law & admissibility of digital evidence; criminal investigation trends; law enforcement laboratory design.



### Special & Thematic Topics

Human trafficking in the digital age; cyber slavery; offences against women & children; tackling organised crime & narcotics.



### Emerging Technologies

AI for police investigations; simulated exercises (SimEx) on digital evidence & dark web.



### Cyber Security Awareness & Capacity Building

Cyber security best practices; career pathways in digital forensics & cyber security.

## Special Outreach Programs

CCITR was invited by a diverse range of national institutions spanning law enforcement, judiciary, defense, academia, and civil society to deliver specialised sessions on cybercrime investigation and digital forensics.

### Key engagements included:



#### Law Enforcement & Defense

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- Role of Cyber Forensics & Digital Forensics in Policing
- Harnessing Big Data Using OSINT Tools
- Cryptocurrency & Darkweb Investigation
- Darknet Investigation
- OSINT for Police
- Tor Browser & Darkweb Forensics
- Social Media Monitoring
- Tackling Organized Crime including Narcotics & Cybercrime
- Emerging Cybercrimes Threat Landscape
- Latest Trends & Practices in Criminal Investigations
- Cyber Law & Cyber Forensics



#### Judiciary & Legal

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- Search & Seizure and SOPs in Digital Forensics
- Cyber Slavery
- Cybercrimes in the Age of Social Media
- Digital Forensics
- Human Trafficking in the Digital Age
- Fintech — Cyber security & Blockchain Technology
- Introduction to Digital Forensics: Law Enforcement Perspectives



#### Financial & Banking Sector

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- Cybercrime & Digital Forensics
- Cyber Forensics for Banking Professionals
- Financial Crimes and Fraud in India
- Preventive Measures of Cybercrimes
- Building Cyber Resilience in Cooperative Banks



## Academia & Research

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- Capabilities of Law Enforcement Laboratory Design
- Emerging Cybercrime Trends
- Emerging Trends in Cyber Security & Mobile Forensics
- Career Pathways in Digital Forensics
- Cyber Security Career Opportunities
- Digital Forensics
- Cybercrimes
- Offences Against Women & Children



## Civil Society, NCC & NSS

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- Cybercrime Awareness
- Safety in the Digital World



## Other Notable Engagements

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- In 2025, CCITR represented Indian law enforcement on two prominent international platforms. At the Masterclass on Cryptocurrencies for Law Enforcement 2025 in Singapore, organised by Mastercard and the Secure Communities Forum, CCITR delivered sessions on Cryptocurrencies in the Dark Web and Cryptocurrency Forensics for **480+ agencies and experts worldwide**. CCITR also addressed the CSCAP Study Group Meeting on Safety & Security of Digital Infrastructure in Hanoi, Vietnam, speaking on Emerging Technologies and the Future of Digital Infrastructure, with delegates from China, Vietnam, New Zealand, Singapore, the EU, and others.
- **Signed MoU with PES University's Centre for Information Security, Forensics and Cyber Resilience (ISFCR)** for joint research and capacity building in cybercrime investigation and digital forensics.
- Recognised for excellence in Cybercrime Investigation and Capacity Building through **TV9 Salute 2025 Award**.
- Facilitated **hands-on demonstrations of industry-leading forensic tools** including Oxygen Forensic Detective, UFED 4PC, FTK, OpenText EnCase, Magnet Axiom Cyber, XRY, and Chain Analysis Reactor.
- Conducted specialised **sessions for CID officers** on digital evidence hashing, VPN & proxy investigations, and cybercrime case-specific procedures.
- **Served as panellist for Cyber Security Analyst and Digital Forensic Analyst interviews** at the Office of the Commissioner of Police, Bengaluru.
- Delivered a **2-day hands-on program on drone assembly, hardware configuration, and flight control systems** for CCITR and CCD, CID officers.





# NATIONAL CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE (NCOE)

The National Centre of Excellence (NCoE) is a joint initiative conceptualized by the Data Security Council of India (DSCI) and the Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY), Government of India. It is designed to accelerate cyber security technology development and entrepreneurship across the nation, with a focus on strengthening the overall cyber security ecosystem. NCoE aims to translate research and development initiatives into tangible security solutions while also enabling and supporting investment in cyber security entrepreneurship, positioning India as a leading hub for cyber security products and solutions.

## Impact 2025-26

**13 startups**  
Incubated In 2025-26  
(Total Startups Incubated Till Date: 166)

**100+ professionals**  
Certified In Quantum  
Technologies

## Key Topics Covered



Quantum computing and its applications for cryptography and cyber resilience



Post-quantum cryptography and its integration in enterprise systems



Generative AI and its applications in advanced threat detection



Self-sovereign identity and the future of digital trust banks



Privacy enhancing technologies (PETs) and data protection by design

## Start-Up Incubation

NCoE continued to expand its support for cyber security startups, with 13 startups incubated in 2025-26, taking the cumulative total to 166. Startups undergo a structured process of mentorship, market access, and ecosystem support to accelerate their growth.

- Pi - Labs (Oniber Software Private Limited)
- Tru Consent
- NMT Security Innovations Private Limited
- Zindagi Technologies
- Kaagazz Secure Pvt Ltd
- Sociorac Online Pvt.Ltd (HyLyt)
- Jupito Deeptech Private Limited
- Aguna Solutions Pvt Ltd
- FuzzyLabs Private Limited
- Suronex Cloudsafe Private Limited
- Sovereign AISecurity Labs Private Limited
- Digitruce Private Limited
- Chandrayan Technologies

NCoE facilitated startup engagement and showcasing across national platforms including **Startup Mahakumbh, Nasscom Technology & Leadership Forum (NTLF), Bharat NCX, India Mobile Congress (IMC)**, and others with **100+ startups showcased across 8 national and 1 international event** enabling market visibility, enterprise engagement, and ecosystem collaboration.

## Events & Outreach

In 2025–26, NCoE played a pivotal role in elevating the visibility and market access of cyber security startups, supporting them across national and international forums to enable networking, venture opportunities, and business growth.

- **India Pavilion-GISEC Global, Dubai**

NCoE organised the India Pavilion, showcasing 14 Indian cyber security companies and facilitating global visibility and partnerships. The pavilion was inaugurated by Shri B. G. Krishnan, Consul (Economic, Trade & Commerce), CGI Dubai, with a special visit from H.E. Dr. Mohamed Al Kuwaiti, Head of Cyber security, UAE Government, underscoring the growing India–UAE collaboration in cyber security.

- **Innovation Arcade at AISS & FINSEC 2025**

A curated platform enabling emerging ventures to showcase solutions and engage directly with CISOs, enterprise leaders, investors, and policymakers. Across both editions, 40+ ventures showcased their solutions, driving adoption and collaboration.

- **CyberMela 2.0**

A virtual cyber security innovation mela that brought together 1,300+ attendees and 40 startups over 8 days, delivering insightful sessions spanning quantum, AI, and the evolving cyber security landscape.

- **PrivacyNext 2025, Mumbai**

Powered by JISA Softech, the event convened industry leaders, regulators, and innovators to discuss developments under the Digital Personal Data Protection Act. It featured keynotes and expert sessions on privacy engineering, global data governance, Privacy Enhancing Technologies (PETs), cryptography, anonymisation, and a startup showcase.

- **CISOForge, CyberShield & Investor Connect**

NCoE continued to convene CISOs, technology leaders, investors, and startups through targeted engagement events. Investor meets in key cities provided cyber security startups focused pitch opportunities before curated investor audiences, enabling access to capital and scaling support. CISOForge and CyberShield brought together enterprise security leaders for panel discussions, exhibitions, and fireside chats focused on collaborative approaches to address evolving threats and identify startup-led solutions for enterprise security gaps.



## Deep-Tech Leadership- Quantum Technologies

NCoE established a strong focus on quantum technologies in 2025–26, building industry readiness through certification, demonstrations, and thought leadership.

- **Quantum Edge at FINSEC 2025**

A dedicated sub-summit exploring the impact of quantum technologies on cyber security, featuring live demonstrations of quantum computing simulations including Grover's and Shor's algorithms to build industry understanding of quantum risks and opportunities.

- **Quantum Edge & Quantum Experience Zone at AISS 2025**

Showcased emerging quantum secure technologies through live demonstrations of **Quantum Key Distribution (QKD)** and **Quantum Random Number Generator (QRNG)**, with participation from global experts including Dustin Moody (NIST) and leading organizations such as IBM, Airbus, Quandela, QuSecure, and Capgemini.

## Publications



### The Indian Digital Forensic Market Report 2025

Published by DSCI in collaboration with Deloitte India and supported by MeitY, highlights the rapid expansion of India's digital forensics ecosystem amid rising cyber threats.

India's digital forensics ecosystem is entering a high-growth phase, driven by increasing cybercrime, regulatory requirements, digital transformation initiatives, and growing reliance on digital evidence across government and industry. The report positions digital forensics as a strategic capability critical to cyber resilience, law enforcement, incident response, fraud investigations, and legal proceedings.

### Key insights include

- Mobile forensics leads with 51% share, reflecting India's smartphone-first ecosystem. Government and law enforcement account for 81% of demand, with private sector adoption growing under the DPDP Act.
- The National Forensic Infrastructure Enhancement Scheme (INR 2,254 crore, 2024–29) strengthens national capabilities.
- AI/ML, cloud forensics, and blockchain forensics are emerging growth areas.
- The report also highlights opportunities in talent development, indigenous tool creation, standardised forensic processes, and stronger industry-academia collaboration to support India's global leadership in digital forensics.



## Self-Sovereign Identity and the Future of Digital Trust

Published by DSCI in partnership with Digi Yatra Foundation, examines the global shift toward Self-Sovereign Identity (SSI), a model that enables secure, verifiable, and decentralised digital identity management. Built on globally accepted standards such as W3C Verifiable Credentials, Decentralised Identifiers (DIDs), and ISO/IEC 18013-5, SSI is rapidly moving from concept to large-scale implementation worldwide. The report highlights India's strong digital public infrastructure foundation through Aadhaar, UPI, and DigiLocker, and explores the potential for verifiable digital credentials across sectors including banking, telecom, healthcare, hospitality, and mobility.

Read reports: <https://www.n-coe.in/index.php/reports>





# CYBERSECURITY CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE (CCOE)

The Cybersecurity Centre of Excellence (CCoE) is a joint initiative of the Government of Telangana and DSCI, committed to creating a safe and trusted cyberspace. This initiative is committed to promoting and encouraging innovation, entrepreneurship, and capability building in cyber security and privacy with the help of best practices, standards, and industry initiatives. As a cyber security hub based in Hyderabad, Telangana, they nurture a culture of innovation by incubating start-ups, trainings/workshops/events, showcasing products in an experience zone and collaborate in national and international initiatives.

## Impact



**29**

Startups Incubated

*(Total startups incubated till date: 90)*



**05**

Publications



**17**

Academic Collaborations



**12,479**

Faculty, Students & Professionals Trained



**800**

Government and LEAs Trained

## Workshops, Trainings & Awareness Sessions

As part of its capability development efforts, CCoE conducts specialized training and workshops on cyber security and privacy for diverse stakeholders, including law enforcement, academia, faculty, and students. These programs focus on both foundational and emerging areas, aiming to enhance knowledge and skills across society.

| Initiative / Session                                                       | Objective                                                                                                  | Impact                              |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Cyber Sphere & Cyber Security: A Global Concern (IIFT Kakinada)            | Introduce cyber security fundamentals to students                                                          | 1,080+ students reached             |
| International Conference on Green Technology Policy & Finance (ICGTPF 3.0) | Explore the intersection of green technologies, finance, and cyber security                                | 200+ participants                   |
| Telangana Cyber Security & Privacy Framework (TGCSPF) Roundtable           | Gather stakeholder inputs to strengthen the draft framework                                                | 35+ stakeholders                    |
| SecureDApp Bharat Security Initiative Series                               | Address emerging challenges in crypto security, blockchain, AI, cloud security, DeFi, and cyber resilience | 478+ participants across 5 sessions |

| Initiative / Session                                                 | Objective                                                                                                          | Impact                                                                                      |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Cyber Security Deep Dive Sessions                                    | Build foundational cyber security awareness among students and faculty                                             | 140+ participants                                                                           |
| Cyber Diksha                                                         | Deliver intensive hands-on cyber security training                                                                 | 218+ participants trained                                                                   |
| Indo-Dutch Cyber security School (IDCSS 2025)                        | Strengthen cyber security skills through international collaboration, expert sessions, and challenges              | 5,000+ participants certified                                                               |
| Operationalizing Privacy: From Policy to Practice (with Seqrite)     | Enable practical understanding of DPDPA implementation                                                             | 125+ participants                                                                           |
| University Cyber Security Workshops Malla Reddy University & BVRITH) | Promote cyber security awareness and foundational skills                                                           | 5,800+ students reached                                                                     |
| TCPWave Workshop Series                                              | Explore Agentic AI, network security, threat intelligence, and hybrid warfare                                      | 380+ participants                                                                           |
| InfoSec University Hackathon 2025                                    | Foster practical cyber skills and innovation among students                                                        | 2,000+ students                                                                             |
| Industry Conferences, Summits & Expos                                | Promote cyber security collaboration, innovation, and thought leadership across academia, industry, and government | 30,000+ participants reached collectively                                                   |
| International Engagements & Delegations                              | Strengthen global partnerships and knowledge exchange in cyber security and privacy                                | Engagements with UK, Netherlands, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, and other international stakeholders |
| Faculty Development & Academic Outreach Programs                     | Build cyber security awareness and capacity among educators and students                                           | 200+ participants                                                                           |
| Banking, BFSI & Financial Security Forums                            | Advance discussions on financial sector resilience, fraud prevention, and emerging technologies                    | 550+ participants                                                                           |
| AI, Privacy & Policy Dialogues                                       | Discuss responsible AI, privacy regulations, data governance, and cyber security policy                            | 750+ participants                                                                           |

## Academic Collaborations

In 2025-26, CCoE signed MoUs with 17 academic institutions. These agreements aim to bridge the gap between academic theory and industry needs. MoUs signed by CCoE:

- Gyan Ganga Institute of Technology and Sciences
- NRI Institute of Information Science and Technology
- Vaagdevi College of Engineering
- Vasireddy Venkatadri International Technological University
- SAGE University
- Symbiosis Institute of Technology, Hyderabad
- VIT Pune
- Sphoorthy Engineering College
- CR Rao Advanced Institute of Mathematics, Statistics and Computer Science (AIMSCS)
- Siddhartha Institute of Technology and Sciences
- Malla Reddy Deemed To Be University
- IIIT Raichur
- KL University
- Garden City University
- Kakinada Institute of Engineering and Technology (KIET)
- ICFAI Foundation for Higher Education (IFHE) University

## Startups Incubated

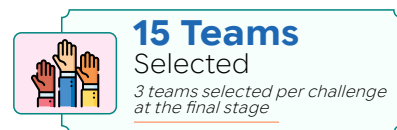
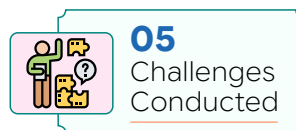
In 2025-26, CCoE onboarded 29 new startups to its incubation program, taking the total number of incubated startups to 90 offering infrastructure, mentoring, funding, accelerator support, hackathons, experience zones, and networking.

- Hornet Decentrates Pvt Ltd
- BootLabs Technologies Pvt Ltd
- Sanstark Technologies
- Movibase Platform Pvt Ltd
- QClairvoyance Quantum Labs
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- Atharva Securetech Pvt Ltd
- Apex Cognition LLP
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## Events & Outreach

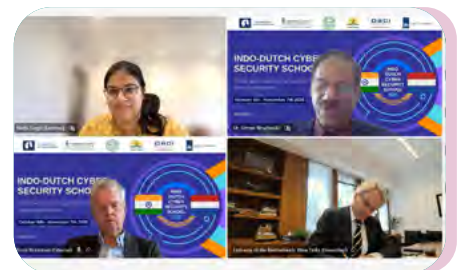
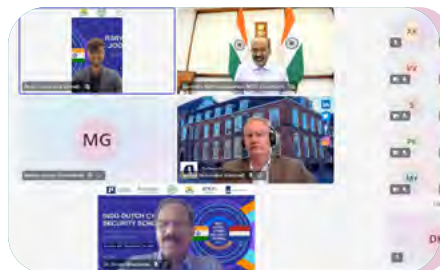
### Indo-Dutch Cyber Security School (IDCSS): Annual Global Education Program

CCoE organized the eighth edition of Indo-Dutch Cyber Security School (IDCSS) event, which is jointly supported by Dutch and Indian organizations, co-organized by The Hague Centre for Strategic Studies (HCSS) and CCoE-DSCI, with key support from the Embassy of the Netherlands in New Delhi, The Government of Telangana and the Municipality of The Hague. Designed for students and young professionals based in the Netherlands and India, IDCSS offers a unique platform to delve into the realm of cyber security. With a strong focus on professional and academic growth, this event featured over 25 engaging lectures on niche areas of cyber security and privacy.



- To sharpen the applied knowledge and to promote teamwork, the participants worked on the following five challenges:

- Responsible state behaviour in cyberspace
- Municipality of the hague challenge
- The impact of artificial intelligence in the cyber security industry
- Digital threat landscape for a NATO summit
- Securing smart cities- protecting critical urban infrastructure



In the final stage, each of the five challenges found their respective winners who were selected to showcase their work during the closing ceremony.



#### Challenge 1

#### Responsible State Behaviour in Cyberspace by UNIDIR

Winner - Group 1E

Members - 1. Chaitanya Mani Buddigina | 2. Sana Kazi



#### Challenge 2

#### Municipality of The Hague Challenge by Municipality of Hague

Winner - Group 2F

Members - 1. Batal AL Farooqui



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**Challenge 3****Digital Threat Landscape for a NATO Summit by Hunt & Hackett****Winner - Group 3D**

Members - 1. Syeda Ulfath Qousain | 2. Meghna Pandamukerjee | 3. Alwala Rahul

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**Challenge 4****Securing Smart Cities—Protecting Critical Urban Infrastructure by NXP Semiconductors****Winner - Group 4M**

Members - 1. Christina Sharon A | 2. Jessica J | 3. Jyothika Neerudi | 4. Lakshmi Vaishnavi Chittannoju | 5. Vasram Vislavath

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**Challenge 5****The Impact of Artificial Intelligence in the Cybersecurity Industry by Microsoft****Winner - Group 5L**

Members - 1. Chaitra Sri Polana



The PrivSec spotlight series is an initiative by CCoE to bring together cyber security leaders, data protection officers, academia, government representatives, and students to discuss emerging security and privacy challenges. It serves as a platform to further dialogue, share best practices, and encourage collaboration on critical issues shaping the digital world. Each session engaged a diverse audience from industry, academia, government, and law enforcement, collectively drawing participation from over 550 attendees. These sessions helped advance cyber security awareness, skill development, and readiness for evolving digital threats. In FY 2025-26, CCoE successfully organized five PrivSec spotlight sessions covering various areas:

- Understanding the Cyber Security Regulatory Landscape
- Securing the Retail Experience: Privacy and Protection in Omnichannel Commerce
- AI Framework for Banks
- Data Privacy Regulations in Practice

CCoE successfully conducted Cyber Diksha, a 7-day specialized cyber security training program designed to equip participants with essential cyber security knowledge and practical skills. The program trained over 200 participants through 60 hours of structured learning, combining expert-led theory sessions with hands-on laboratory exercises covering cyber threat mitigation, network security, and penetration testing fundamentals. Participants received joint certification from CCoE and Nasscom FutureSkills Prime, enhancing their industry readiness and cyber security capabilities.

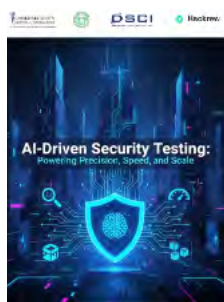
- CCoE conducted penetration testing of critical Government of Telangana websites, supported ASM integration into the SOC, implemented security best practices, delivered employee training, and facilitated startup-led security solutions.
- CCoE conducted 4-Day Capacity Building Training for Law Enforcement Agencies (LEAs), this advanced training equipped 25 government officials with practical skills in cybercrime investigation, digital evidence handling, and digital forensics through expert-led sessions and hands-on demonstrations.
- CCoE submitted AICTE-aligned minor degree and elective course curricula in emerging technologies to the Telangana Council of Higher Education. The proposed courses were tailored to meet the learning requirements of diverse student groups, covering Artificial Intelligence (AI), Cyber Security, and Data Science for technical streams, and AI and Cyber Security for non-technical streams. The initiative aims to strengthen industry-relevant skills and enhance awareness of emerging technologies across academic disciplines.
- CCoE conducted a comprehensive breach investigation, Cyber Incident Investigation at Telangana Sand Department (TG Sand) following a cyber security incident at TG Sand. Detailed findings, root cause analysis, and supporting evidence were submitted to the relevant authorities.
- CCoE convened a stakeholder roundtable at T-Works, Hyderabad, bringing together 35 representatives from government, law enforcement, academia, and industry to strengthen the framework's inclusiveness, relevance, and implementation readiness.
- CCoE participated in an industry roundtable hosted by the U.S. Consulate General, Hyderabad, as part of the U.S.-India TRUST Conference. Discussions focused on AI and cyber security collaboration, industry-academia partnerships, legal frameworks for active cyber defense, and responsible cyber conduct.
- CCoE chaired a high-level roundtable with a UK delegation on Homeland Security Solutions, bringing together key stakeholders to discuss emerging security challenges, technology-driven approaches, and the importance of international collaboration in building future-ready security ecosystems.
- CCoE continued to strengthen international collaboration through strategic engagements with global stakeholders and visiting foreign delegations including the NEC–Globis Innovation Workshop with a Japanese delegation, a networking reception hosted by the British Deputy High Commissioner in Hyderabad, and a roundtable with a UK delegation on Homeland Security Solutions.

## Publications



### Responsible AI and Privacy by Design

This report lays down why embedding privacy-by-design into AI systems is both a compliance necessity and a business differentiator, outlining governance frameworks and approaches for building privacy-first AI.



### AI-Driven Security Testing

This report explores how AI is transforming security testing methodologies, enabling faster vulnerability detection, more precise threat identification, and scalable testing frameworks that keep pace with evolving attack surfaces.



### Stopping Crisis at the Crux: Operationalizing Governance for Responsible AI

This report addresses the critical gap between responsible AI principles and practical implementation, providing organizations with actionable governance models to manage AI risks.



### Quantifying & Managing Privacy Risks in Machine Learning

This report provides a structured approach to identifying, measuring, and mitigating privacy risks in machine learning systems, covering data exposure, model inference attacks, and privacy-preserving techniques for compliant ML deployment.

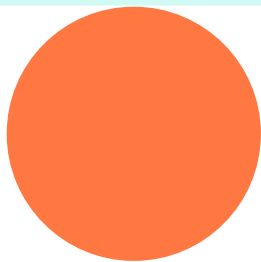
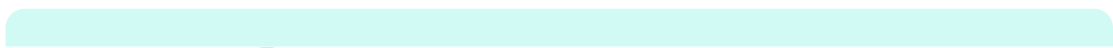


### Quantum-Resistant Privacy-Enhancing Technologies (PETs) for Compliant AI Systems in the Post-Quantum Era

This report examines the intersection of quantum computing and privacy, outlining how organizations can future-proof their AI systems by adopting quantum-resistant PETs to ensure data protection and regulatory compliance in a post-quantum world.

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## DSCI IN NEWS

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The DSCI Certified Quantum Technology & Security Professional (DCQTSP) program was featured in WEF as a case study

As an example, HDFC Bank executives have completed the DCQTSP program by India's NCoE. It equips industry leaders to handle emerging quantum security challenges and prepare for the future cyber security landscape.

EXPRESS  
COMPUTER



64% of organisations plan to adopt multi-year AI/ML roadmaps, shifting from reactive spending to strategic investment: DSCI and Palo Alto Networks report

Data Security Council of India (DSCI) along with Palo Alto Networks released the State of AI Adoption for Cybersecurity in India report at DSCI's annual flagship summit, AISS 2025.

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India and UAE deepen cyber security collaboration at GISEC Global 2025

The Data Security Council of India (DSCI) hosted the second edition of the Indo-UAE Cyber security Exchange in Dubai, reinforcing bilateral cooperation in the digital security domain.

ET Telecom.com



DSCI partners with German Siemens to launch OT cyber security lab in Noida

The Data Security Council of India (DSCI), in partnership with the German multinational Siemens, on Friday opened an Operational Technology (OT) Cyber security Lab at the Nasscom campus in Noida.

Healthcare IT News



Data Security Council of India, HIMSS to report on India's healthcare cybersecurity

Data Security Council of India and HIMSS will undertake a national-level analysis of healthcare cybersecurity in India.

ET INSIGHTS



India's video gaming industry gears up for transformation with the Digital Personal Data Protection (DPDP) Act

India's Digital Personal Data Protection (DPDP) Act is set to reshape one of the country's fastest-growing digital sectors – video gaming.

businessline.



Cybersecurity product sector's revenue to hit \$6 billion by 2026: DSCI

The Indian cybersecurity product industry's revenue is projected to surge from \$4.46 billion this year to approximately \$6 billion by 2026, according to the Data Security Council of India (DSCI).

THEWEEK



Nasscom DSCI call for practical proportionate implementation of DPDP rules

IT industry bodies Nasscom and Data Security Council of India (DSCI) on Friday underlined the critical importance of implementing the Digital Personal Data Protection Rules, 2025, practically and proportionately, calling for a balanced approach that supports innovation and growth in India's digital economy.

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India Launches Cyber Security Innovation Challenge 1.0 to boost homegrown defense capabilities

The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), together with the Data Security Council of India (DSCI) and C-DAC Hyderabad, has launched the Cyber Security Innovation Challenge (CSIC) 1.0 under the Information Security Education and Awareness (ISEA) initiative.



### Grand opening of nationwide DSCI Cyber Security Awareness Drive launched by Hon' IT Minister of Maharashtra

DSCI launched a nationwide CSAM Drive designed to educate citizens on privacy best practices and combat rising cybercrimes. The grand opening was hosted in Mumbai and formally flagged off by Shri Ashish Shelar, Minister for Information Technology, Government of Maharashtra.



### सायबर सुरक्षितेसाठी 'रंग द बेल फॉर सिग्युरिटी' मोहीम; CSAM 2025 ला सुवात

देशभरात डिजिटल व्यवहार झपाट्याने वाढत असताना सायबर सुरक्षितेबाबत जनजागृती घडवण्यासाठी 'रंग द बेल फॉर सिग्युरिटी' या विशेष मोहिमेची घोषणा केली आहे. या उपक्रमाचा शुभारंभ सायबर सुरक्षा जनजागृती महिना (Cyber Security Awareness Month - CSAM 2025) अंतर्गत 25 सप्टेंबर रोजी बॉम्बे स्टॉक एक्सचेंज (BSE) येथे होणार आहे.



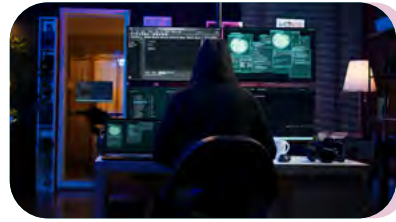
### Study of money mules in Karnataka cybercrimes calls for regulation of cryptocurrency to check galloping crime rate

The study conducted by the Centre for Cybercrime Investigation Training and Research of CID police in Karnataka states that ₹2,915 crore was lost in 6.11 lakh cyber crimes in Karnataka in 2024.



### Data protection rules likely by year-end, says DSCI chief Vinayak Godse

The regulations for the Digital Personal Data Protection (DPDP) Act are likely to be published by the end of this year, paving the way for roll out of the data privacy law more than two years after its passage, Vinayak Godse, chief executive officer of the Data Security Council of India (DSCI), said.



### Karnataka trains 13k officials pan-india on cybercrime probe in 2025-26

The Centre for Cyber Crime Investigation Training and Research (CCITR) trained more than 13,000 personnel in the country this financial year, with the majority of them belonging to Karnataka.



### DSCI & KSPP Host National Policy Challenge 2025 on Generative AI

Data Security Council of India (DSCI) in collaboration with Kautilya School of Public Policy (KSPP) conducted the semi-final and the final rounds of the National Policy Challenge 2025 on "Generative AI: Crafting Policy for Future".



### Electronics and IT Ministry launches innovation challenge to strengthen student cyber security skills

CSIC 1.0 is strategically designed to foster indigenous, research-driven cyber security solutions from the academic ecosystem and is open to students and researchers, MeitY said in a release.



### Cybersecurity product companies' revenue to reach \$6 billion by 2026: DSCI

India's cybersecurity product market is set to reach around \$6 billion by 2026, up from \$4.46 billion in 2025, growing fourfold in five years.



### Karnataka Home Minister G.Parameshwara inaugurates CIDECODE-2026 Cybercrime Summit in Bengaluru

The Karnataka government has reinforced its commitment to combating cybercrime by setting up specialized units across the state and expanding cyber police infrastructure. This announcement was made by Karnataka Home Minister G Parameshwara during the inauguration of CIDECODE, the state's third annual cybercrime investigation summit.





### DSCI, Rockwell Automation set up operational technology cyber security lab

A new Operational Technology Cyber Security Lab has opened in Noida. This facility is a joint effort by DSCI and Rockwell Automation.



### SANS Institute and DSCI launch India's first comprehensive study on Cyber security Skilling Landscape

This pioneering initiative will identify key talent gaps, evaluate current training efforts, and deliver a roadmap to strengthen India's cyber workforce.



### MeitY felicitates winners of Cyber Security Grand Challenge 2.0 with Rs 6.85 crore prize pool

The flagship initiative of MeitY was implemented in association with the Data Security Council of India (DSCI) with the winner receiving Rs 1 crore and the first and second runners-up awarded Rs 50 lakh and Rs 25 lakh respectively.



### Indian digital forensics market to reach \$1.39 billion by 2030: Report

The market for digital forensics is recorded at \$265.9 million as of financial year 2025 (FY25). In comparison, the global market is valued at \$6.5 billion during the same period, according to a joint report by Deloitte and the Data Security Council of India (DSCI).



### Union Minister Piyush Goyal launches Advanced Cyber Skill Centre in Mumbai

An Advanced Cyber Skill Centre set up by the DSCI was inaugurated in Kandivali in Mumbai by Union Minister for Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal on Saturday. The centre boasts of advanced training infrastructure and facilities to conduct in-depth training in cyber security to create industry-ready talent.



### From airports to ecosystems: Digi Yatra case study by DSCI's National CoE to anchor new digital identity vision

Digi Yatra Foundation, a Self-Sovereign Identity-based ecosystem utilizing authentication technology for contactless and seamless passenger processing at airports, has announced a strategic collaboration with the NCoE-DSCI.



### Balancing security & agility

Moving from generation and interaction, AI is now becoming action oriented. Protocols such as MCP and A2A are rooting AI in the enterprise environments. (By Vinayak Godse, CEO, DSCI)



### In a world of radical uncertainty, the cloud is your best defence

Getting hold of a global-scale network intelligence where systems learn from attacks across customers and sectors is of utmost importance in the current world (By Vinayak Godse, CEO, DSCI)



# DSCI PODCAST SERIES – SECURITY CHIPS



## The Untold Story of India's Data Protection Journey

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LJ6tfYm9IQ4>



## Decoding India's Privacy in the Digital Age

<https://youtu.be/9OumKACXTRg>



## Why Businesses Need Cyber Risk Quantification?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GVTLWVin2RQ>



## Modern Warfare: Rise of Drones and Information Warfare

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RHc45dQZrY0>



## How Boots Meet Bots to Redefine the Battlefield?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XaU7Ychrw-w>



## Unpacking the Legal Realities of AI and Emerging Tech in India

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VgZ4m7M\\_Oio](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VgZ4m7M_Oio)



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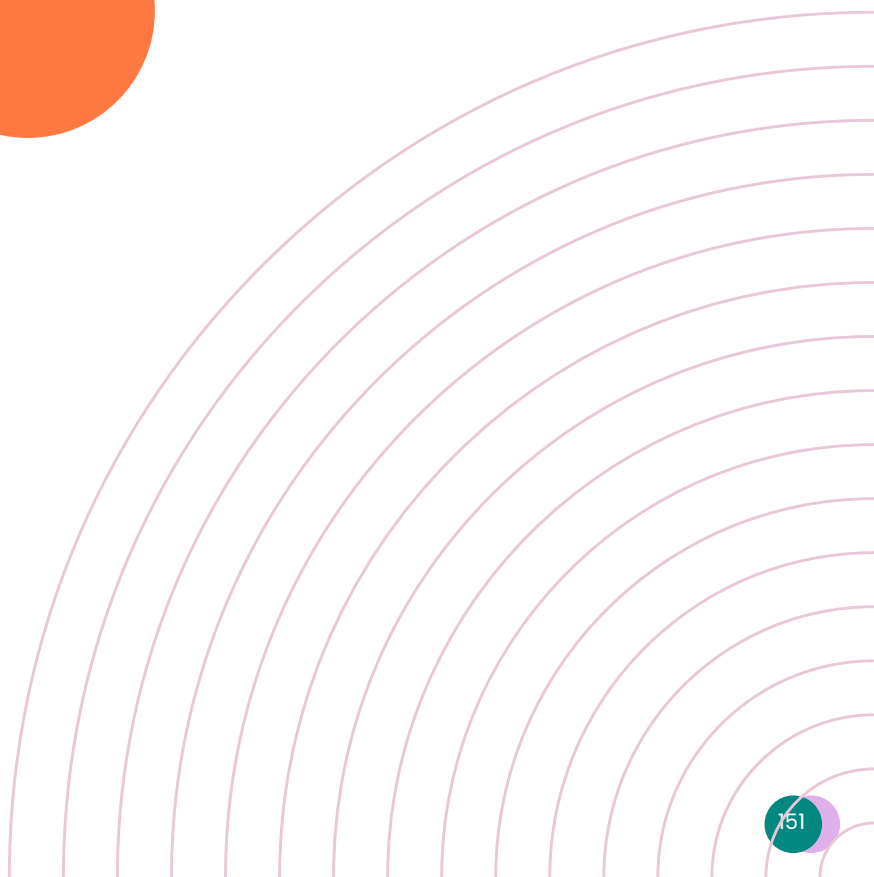
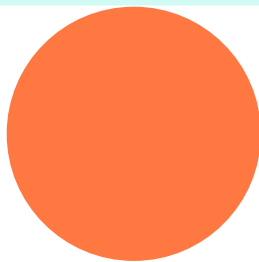
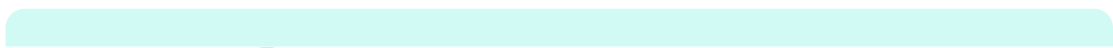
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