

IN SPOTLIGHT

DSCI MILESTONES & STRATEGIC ENGAGEMENTS

OPSA and DSCI Launched the TRL Compass Platform

With the intent to benchmark maturity, reduce deployment risk, and accelerate commercialization for innovation, DSCI collaborated with the Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India to develop the Technology Readiness Level (TRL) Compass Platform. The association with OPSA was formalized through a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to strengthen technology readiness assessments.



The platform adapts the globally accepted nine-level TRL framework to the Indian R&D ecosystem and is designed to support research institutions, startups, industry deployment, funding programs, and policy governance.

Access the platform: www.trlcompass.in

DSCI and ARAI Established Alliance to Strengthen Mobility Cyber Security

DSCI and the Automotive Research Association of India (ARAI) entered into a strategic association with the signing of an MoU to strengthen cyber security for India's evolving mobility and technology landscape. This partnership will support trusted digital infrastructure across automotive and adjacent sectors.



Preparing for the Future: Faculty Readiness Exercise at MERI on Frontier Technologies

A faculty readiness exercise at the Management Education & Research Institute (MERI), New Delhi, on frontier technologies saw eight teams of faculty present on recent developments in emerging and frontier technologies. The presentations highlighted technological breakthroughs, their potential and future roadmap, and their anticipated impact on Indian industry, part of the larger vision to improve industry readiness for students through well-prepared faculty.



The Cyber Security Innovation Challenge Concluded with participation from 3,700+ Students Nationwide

The Cyber Security Innovation Challenge, under the ISEA project, successfully concluded its five-stage journey with 20 finalist teams presenting their Minimum Viable Products (MVPs) before a distinguished jury.

Designed for student and researcher-led innovators and student startups from across the country, the challenge concluded with the following winners:

1 Team Eigen
Cryptography

INR 10 lakh



2 Team Kaali Topi
Computer & Network Security

INR 07 lakh



3 Team Cryptara
Security in Futuristic Technologies

INR 05 lakh



The jury also conferred special recognition in the following categories:

Most Innovative Idea Award

Team Nebula

Hardware Security

INR 03 lakh



Women-in-Tech/Diversity Award

Team Encrypt

Governance, Operations & Privacy

INR 03 lakh



Jury's Choice Award

Team Gentleman

Cyber Forensics

INR 02 lakh



A first-of-its-kind initiative under the Information Security Education Awareness (ISEA) Project of Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, with support from the Data Security Council of India, C-DAC Hyderabad, and 50 premier institutes, the challenge witnessed 3,700+ student registrations from 226 institutions, with 993 teams competing across 10 problem statements covering 10 domains for a total prize pool of INR 40 lakh.

Bringing Curated AI Courses to Government Personnel Through the iGOT Karmayogi Bharat Platform

DSCI partnered with Kyndryl India as the implementation partner for the courses “Artificial Intelligence for Public Governance” and “Governing with Artificial Intelligence,” designed to support senior government professionals in the effective application of AI in their professional roles. The curriculums focus on improving reporting outcomes, strengthening data analysis capabilities, and enabling informed, citizen-centric decision-making through the responsible use of AI, and have recorded **over 72 lakh enrolments since launch**.

Visit: www.igotkarmayogi.gov.in



THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

BRINGING OUT NEW NARRATIVES

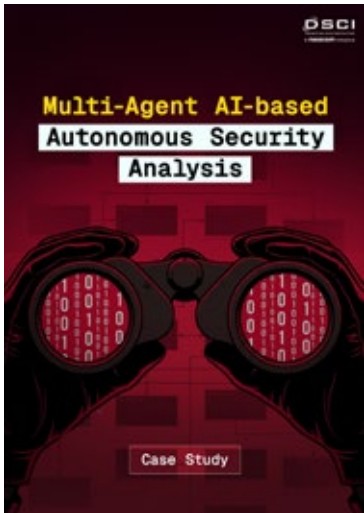
Cybersecurity in the Age of AI: Building a Synchronous BFSI Enterprise:



Developed by DSCI and BCG, this report explores how AI is transforming cybersecurity across India's BFSI sector — examining the dual role of AI in enabling sophisticated cyber threats and strengthening cyber defence, while providing strategic recommendations on AI governance, resilience, security operations, and future-ready cybersecurity capabilities.

Read report: www.dsci.in/resource/content/cybersecurity-in-the-age-of-AI-for-BFSI

Multi-Agent AI-based Autonomous Security Analysis



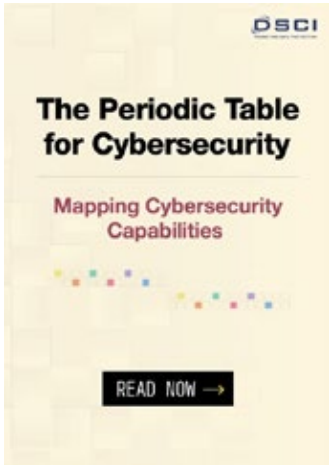
This Point of View presents an AI-driven approach to autonomous security analysis using multi-agent systems, demonstrating how LLMs and autonomous agents can automate vulnerability discovery, validate findings, and enhance software security analysis for faster, more scalable assessments.

Read report: www.dsci.in/resource/content/multi-agent-ai-based-autonomous-security-analysis

Periodic Table of Cyber Security

DSCI introduced a structured framework that systematically maps cybersecurity capabilities across six key domains — **Data, Network, Application, Cloud, and Endpoint Security, and Security Operations** — providing a standardized view of India's evolving cybersecurity ecosystem.

Read report: www.dsci.in/resource/content/periodic-table-cyber-security



Cybersecurity Outlook, 2026



The report provides a forward-looking assessment of the evolving cyber threat landscape, emerging cybersecurity capabilities, resilience priorities, and geopolitical risks shaping cybersecurity. The report highlights AI-driven threats, cyber-physical convergence, governance-first security models, and the need for proactive, intelligence-led strategies to strengthen India's cyber resilience.

Read report: www.dsci.in/resource/content/cyber-security-outlook-2026

State of Cybersecurity Readiness in the BFSI Sector – India

The report, developed in collaboration with Mastercard, assesses the cybersecurity maturity and preparedness of India's Banking, Financial Services, and Insurance sector, examining evolving cyber risks, organisational preparedness, governance practices, technology adoption, and resilience priorities.

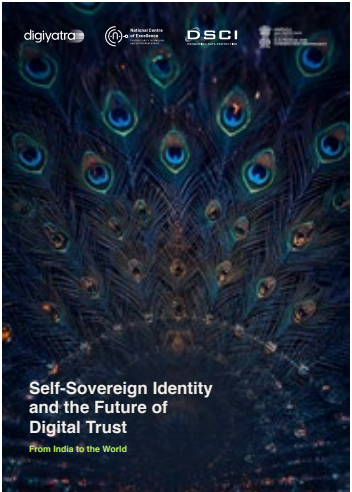
Read report: www.dsci.in/resource/content/state-cybersecurity-readiness-bfsi-sector-india



Self-Sovereign Identity and the Future of Digital Trust: India and the World

Developed in collaboration with DigiYatra, this Point of View explores the evolution of Self-Sovereign Identity as a privacy-centric digital identity model, discussing how decentralised identity can strengthen trust, enhance user control, and position India as a leader in trusted digital identity frameworks.

Read report: www.dsci.in/resource/content/self-sovereign-identity-and-future-digital-trust-india-world



Indian Cyber Security Skilling Landscape 2025-2026

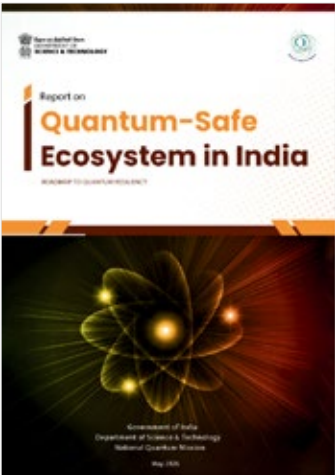
In collaboration with the SANS Institute, this study analyses India's cybersecurity talent ecosystem, examining workforce demand, emerging job roles, skill gaps, and future competency requirements, with recommendations for academia, industry, and policymakers.

Read report: www.dsci.in/resource/content/indian-cyber-security-skilling-landscape-2025-2026

Charting India's Roadmap to Quantum Resilience

DSCI chaired the DST Task Force sub-group on Quantum-Safe Migration, setting national PQC adoption timelines — 2029 for Critical Information Infrastructure and 2033 for enterprises — and ran a hands-on Quantum Resiliency Workshop at FINSEC 2026 with 70+ BFSI professionals, including experts from OCBC Bank, Singapore.

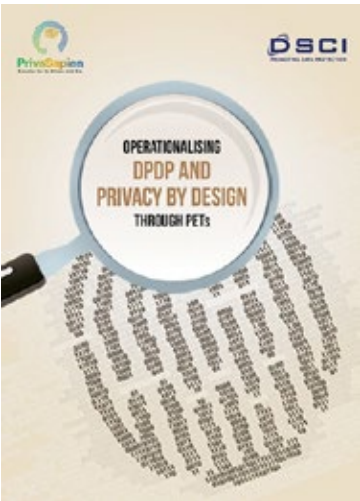
Read report: www.dsci.in/resource/content/quantum-safe-ecosystem-india



Operationalising DPDP and Privacy by Design through PETs

Published in collaboration with PrivaSapien, this whitepaper presents a practical roadmap for implementing Privacy by Design under the DPDP framework through the adoption of Privacy-Enhancing Technologies across the data and AI lifecycle.

Read report: www.dsci.in/resource/content/operationalising-dpdp-and-privacy-design-through-pets



CAPACITY BUILDING

DSCI CERTIFICATIONS POWERING CYBER SKILL GROWTH

317 professionals trained this quarter under DSCI’s certification programs.



CSR FOR CYBER

TAKING CYBER LITERACY TO THE MASSES

Cyber Vaahini Students Secured Employment Opportunities at Job Fair

Two Cyber Vaahini students, Swati Sonawane and Sakshi Singh, successfully secured placements through a mega job fair organized by the Government of Maharashtra in Mumbai. They were felicitated and presented with offer letters by Shri Sanjay Upadhyay, Member of Legislative Assembly, Maharashtra.



Cyber Vaahini Students Gained Industry Insights from Experts

Mr. Mandar Kulkarni, National Security Officer, Microsoft India, shared insights on cyber security essentials in a multi-polar world.



Mr. Vishal Gautam, AI & Cyber Threat Research Center, India, Zscaler, offered guidance on building cyber security domain knowledge.



POLICY & ADVOCACY

THE TRUSTED VOICE OF INDUSTRY TO GOVERNMENT

Policy Consultations

1. IT (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Code of Ethics) Second Amendment Rules, 2026

DSCI submitted recommendations to MeitY on the draft amendment to the IT Rules, 2026, addressing intermediary compliance, AI-generated content labelling, and online content governance. Key recommendations included a graded approach to safe harbour provisions, non-binding treatment of ministerial advisories, and greater clarity on the definition of “publisher.”

Read submission:
<https://www.dsci.in/resource/content/draft-amendment-it-intermediary-guidelines-and-digital-media-ethics-code-rules-2021>

2. RBI Discussion Paper on Safeguards in Digital Payments to Curb Frauds

DSCI provided recommendations to the Reserve Bank of India on strengthening safeguards against digital payment frauds, supporting the introduction of positive friction for high-risk transactions and enhancement of the proposed kill-switch mechanism to improve consumer protection.

Read submission:
<https://www.dsci.in/resource/content/summary-rbis-discussion-paper-digital-payments-safeguards>

Whitepapers & Briefs

1. Case Brief on Venkatesh Nayak vs Union of India – Re-examining Digital Personal Data Processing in India

A case brief analysing the constitutional challenge to key provisions of the DPDP Act, 2023 and DPDP Rules, 2025, examining data processing, RTI amendments, the Data Protection Board, and the balance between privacy and transparency.

Read more:
https://www.dsci.in/files/content/documents/2026/case-brief-on-venkatesh-nayak_dpdp-act_final.pdf

2. Brief on IRDAI's Information and Cyber Security Guidelines, 2026:

Outlines the revised cybersecurity framework for insurers and intermediaries, covering governance, Board oversight, CISO independence, supply chain security, cloud security, outsourcing, and cyber resilience.

Read more:
<https://www.dsci.in/resource/content/brief-irdais-information-and-cyber-security-guidelines-2026>

3. Brief on TRAI Direction on UCC Detect for Spam Control, 2026:

Highlights TRAI's AI-driven framework for detecting unsolicited commercial communications, covering AI/ML-enabled spam detection, DLT traceability, enhanced monitoring, and stricter compliance measures.

Read more:
<https://www.dsci.in/resource/content/brief-trai-direction-ucc-detect-spam-control-2026>

4. Brief on RBI's Draft Master Direction on Prepaid Payment Instruments (PPIs), 2026

Covers RBI's proposed unified framework for PPIs, including interoperability, risk management, KYC/AML requirements, consumer protection, and the future of digital payments.

Read more:
<https://www.dsci.in/resource/content/brief-rbis-draft-master-direction-prepaid-payment-instruments-ppis-2026>

5. Brief on Goa AI Policy, 2026:

Analyses Goa's proposed AI policy, highlighting its risk-based governance approach, AI innovation ecosystem, responsible AI safeguards, and sectoral adoption roadmap.

Read more:
<https://www.dsci.in/resource/content/brief-draft-go-artificial-intelligence-policy-2026>

6. Brief on Draft Regulations for Use of Artificial Intelligence in Courts, 2026:

Covers the Supreme Court's draft AI regulations, including responsible AI use in the judiciary, governance mechanisms, capacity building, and institutional oversight.

Read more:
<https://www.dsci.in/resource/content/brief-draft-regulations-use-artificial-intelligence-court-s-2026>

7. Brief on Draft Guidelines for Responsible Labelling of Synthetically Generated Content in Advertising:

Outlines ASCI's proposed guidelines for labelling synthetically generated content in advertising, including disclosure requirements and measures to improve transparency and consumer trust.

Read more:
<https://www.dsci.in/resource/content/brief-draft-guidelines-responsible-labelling-sgi-advertising>

Engagements

Roundtable Discussion on ‘Unified Policy Framework for India’s Digital Public Infrastructure’

DSCI convened a closed-door roundtable with 20+ senior representatives from government-backed DPI platforms, policymakers, and think tanks to deliberate on governance, interoperability, security architecture, and privacy-preserving AI across India's Digital Public Infrastructure ecosystem.

DPDP Awareness and Capacity-Building Sessions

DSCI conducted tailored awareness and capacity-building sessions on the Digital Personal Data Protection framework for organisations including Paytm Money, PayPal, the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI), and Punjab National Bank (PNB), supporting implementation readiness and responsible data governance.

GLOBAL TRADE & DEVELOPMENT

DSCI’S GLOBAL CYBER DIALOGUE

DSCI Hosted Dutch Cyber Delegation to Deepen Bilateral Cyber Cooperation

DSCI hosted a high-level Dutch cybersecurity delegation led by Ernst Noorman, Cyber Ambassador of the Netherlands, along with Maaïke Stroeks, Cyber Policy Officer; Ivan Flos, Senior Advisor (CERT), National Cyber Security Centre Netherlands; Justin de Bruijn, First Secretary, Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in New Delhi; and Danielle van Biezen, International Advisor (CERT), National Cyber Security Centre Netherlands. The engagement brought together Indian cybersecurity leaders and industry experts to advance India–Netherlands cooperation on cybersecurity policy, critical infrastructure protection, healthcare cybersecurity, cyber resilience, incident response, emerging technologies, and digital trust.



National Deliberation on Building the Next-Generation Public Financial Management System and SNA-SPARSH

DSCI participated in the National Deliberation on “Building Next Generation Public Financial Management System and SNA-SPARSH,” organized by the PFMS Division, Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance. Atul Kumar, Director, DSCI, participated in a panel discussion on “Cybersecurity in the Age of AI,” exploring the evolving cyber threat landscape, the role of AI in government systems, and the importance of cybersecurity, resilience, and cross-sector collaboration in strengthening digital governance and public financial management.

EU–India TTC Business Forum, a Panel on “Cybersecurity and Data Governance: The Trust Layer for Cross-Border Business”

DSCI participated in the EU–India TTC Business Forum, contributing to discussions on cybersecurity, data governance, and digital trust as key enablers of India–EU digital trade and technology cooperation. The session examined regulatory convergence between the DPDP Act and GDPR, cyber resilience, incident response, trusted technology ecosystems, supply chain security, and capacity building to strengthen cross-border collaboration.



Speakers included Dr. Sanjay Bahl, Director General, CERT-In; A. K. Tiwari, President (Regulatory & Policy), Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd.; Nishad Ali, CEO, Teltonika; and Atul Kumar, Director, DSCI, with the discussion moderated by Kristina Brazevic, Economic Counsellor, Embassy of Lithuania to India. Participants included representatives from the EU, the EU–India Trade and Technology Council (TTC), EEAS, CERT-In, MeitY, MEA, and industry.

AWARENESS AND OUTREACH

FROM DESK TO COMMUNITY

Inaugural Edition of GovSec 2026

DSCI launched the inaugural edition of GovSec 2026, India's dedicated government-focused cybersecurity platform. Supported by key government institutions including MeitY, MoSPI, DST, NCIIPC, NIC, the Ministry of Power, and UIDAI, the platform convened policymakers, regulators, law enforcement, defence, public sector organisations, and industry to deliberate on digital public infrastructure security, critical infrastructure protection, AI-driven cyber risks, cloud security, incident response, and public-private collaboration.



Key Highlights

570+

Delegates from Government, defence & public sector

100+

Government speakers & senior leaders

50+

Sessions on strategic & operational priorities

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Government ministries & institutions support

14

Industry partners



DSCI Financial Security Conclave (FINSEC) 2026

The 8th edition of the DSCI Financial Security Conclave brought together leaders from banking, insurance, fintech, securities, regulators, technology providers, academia, and government to deliberate on the evolving cyber risk landscape and the technologies shaping the future of financial security. The conclave focused on building secure, resilient, and future-ready financial ecosystems through strategic dialogue, knowledge sharing, and industry collaboration.



Key Highlights

150+
Speakers

33
Sessions

4
Plenaries
14
Thematic Tracks

10
Keynotes
5
Workshops

1500+
Delegates

Chief Guest

Mr. Ashish Chauhan, CEO & MD, NSE India, delivered the inaugural address, highlighting the importance of strengthening cyber resilience across India's financial ecosystem.



Flagship Report Launches

Launch of two key publications:



Cybersecurity in the Age of AI (jointly with BCG)



Cybersecurity Outlook 2026

FINSEC Innovation Box

Showcased emerging cybersecurity startups and innovative solutions.



Winner
AllSecureX (Quantum Cybertech Private Limited)

1st Runner-up

SOAI Sec Labs (Sovereign AI Security Labs Private Limited)



2nd Runner-up
Spharaka Networks Private Limited



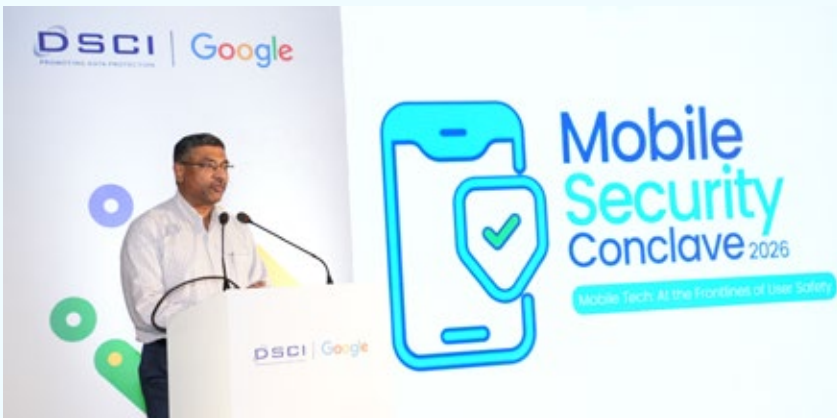
National Cyber Resilience BFSI Hackathon, a high-intensity challenge focused on strengthening cyber resilience across India's financial ecosystem through real-world scenarios in digital forensics, fraud detection, AI-driven security, and network resilience.



1 Akshith Jakkaraju ("akshith") 🎯 6040 🕒 Time: 2h 44m 2.757s 🏆 INR 1,00,000/-	2 Lokghesh VAK ("Loke__95") 🎯 5970 🕒 2h 37m 31.477s 🏆 INR 75,000/-	3 Aryan Hundia ("Boredem125") 🎯 5850 🕒 2h 34m 28.884s 🏆 INR 50,000/-
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Mobile Security Conclave 2026, Organized by DSCI and Google India

The Mobile Security Conclave convened senior leaders from government, law enforcement, telecom, financial services, technology companies, and the cybersecurity ecosystem to deliberate on emerging mobile security challenges. The program featured two keynote addresses, a leadership fireside chat, two panel discussions, and an interactive session, spanning device and Android security, AI-enabled fraud detection, secure communications, privacy, user protection, and international collaboration to combat cross-border cybercrime.



Shri S Krishnan, Secretary, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, delivered a keynote address on “Embedding Security into India's Digital Infrastructure,” emphasising how mobile security in India can be strengthened through behaviour, design, and awareness.

Advancing Cybersecurity in Smart Manufacturing

At the National Workshop on the Convergence of Artificial Intelligence, Material Science and Cyber Security, organised by Doon University and IIT Madras under the ANRF PAIR programme, DSCI contributed to discussions on secure smart manufacturing, exploring AI-enabled manufacturing, cyber-physical resilience, Industry 4.0/5.0, secure communications, and advanced sensing technologies.

India Space Congress 2026

DSCI participated in the India Space Congress 2026, highlighting the growing importance of cybersecurity in India's evolving space ecosystem, with discussions on securing next-generation space technologies, frontier technologies, and strengthening strategic autonomy in the space domain.

Roundtable on Strategic Investments in Frontier Technologies

DSCI convened a roundtable on Strategic Investment Thinking for Frontier & Deep Tech, bringing together industry leaders to discuss investment priorities for critical and emerging technologies, and strengthening India's innovation ecosystem and global competitiveness.



Security Chips: The Cybersecurity Podcast

Episode #19 Decoding India's Privacy in the Digital Age

Guest: Priyanka Sharma, Head of Technology Laws and Data Privacy, Aditya Birla Group

Host: Amit Kr. Ghosh, Associate Director – Marketing & Communications, DSCI

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Cue on Q: Quantum Special Series

Episode #01 Understanding India's Quantum Strategy

Guest: Dr. Ajai Chowdhry, Chairman, Mission Governing Board, National Quantum Mission of India

Host: Mr. Vinayak Godse, CEO, DSCI and Mr. Teja Chintalapati, Principal Manager – Cyber Innovation, DSCI

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Streaming on

MEMBERSHIP ENGAGEMENTS

TAKING STRATEGIC STAKEHOLDER INTERACTIONS FORWARD

DSCI continued to engage its member community and key stakeholders through awareness sessions and leadership roundtables on data protection, quantum readiness, artificial intelligence, and sector-specific cybersecurity.

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Cyber Jagrookta
Diwas Sessions

ICICI Securities Joined the Conversation on Quantum Readiness

An introductory session on quantum computing's implications for cyber security was conducted for the team from ICICI Securities. The session served as a critical exercise as India accelerates its quantum readiness timeline.

Cyber Jagrookta Diwas Reinforced Digital Hygiene Essentials

The Ministry of Home Affairs' nation-wide initiative, Cyber Jagrookta Diwas, to promote safer digital habits was extended across the member ecosystem through discussions on geopolitics, quantum-safe migration, and the AI threat landscape. Commemorated on the first Wednesday of every month, the sessions examined the impact of global conflicts on geopolitical resilience, a practical roadmap for migrating towards quantum-safe cryptography ahead of the post-quantum era, and emerging AI-driven risks and frameworks.

Leadership Roundtables Shape Conversations around AI and Governance

Key roundtable discussions on AI and governance were conducted for leaders to identify challenges and exchange insights. Discussions across the sessions covered:

- Security opportunities and risks introduced by AI models.
- Governance models for a blended workforce of people, machines, and autonomous AI agents.
- Organizations scaling data- and AI-driven decision-making and its implications for trust.
- Internal AI security policy and responsible-use guardrails.
- Protection of the nation's financial-data assets amid rapid AI adoption across the sector.

Sector-Specific Awareness Sessions Promote Cyber Security Consciousness

A series of awareness sessions were conducted for teams from UCO Bank, AU Small Finance Bank, NSECCL, and NTPC, along with a specialized masterclass for the power sector. The sessions covered current cyber security priorities, the promotion of security-conscious behavior, everyday information security hygiene, and the strategic importance of cybersecurity and privacy.

Awareness Exercise on DPDP Act Provisions and Obligations Continued for Organizations

Awareness sessions on the DPDP Act's requirements and obligations continued across multiple organizations, reflecting the Act's relevance through sector-specific considerations. Key organizations that participated this quarter included:

- HDB Financials
- OIL India
- Seamex
- In Time Tec
- ICICI Securities
- Siemens
- PayPal
- Punjab National Bank

Member Symposiums Made Way for Dialogue and Community Collaboration

Member symposiums remain an important avenue for discussion and collaboration among stakeholders on industry-relevant considerations. This quarter, members met and deliberated on the evolving AI threat landscape, DPDP Act implementation, cyber resilience, and industry best practices across Mumbai, Hyderabad, and Bengaluru.

CENTRES OF EXCELLENCE

EMPOWERING LAW ENFORCEMENT WITH CYBERCRIME SKILLS AND
ENABLING INDUSTRY START-UPS WITH MARKET POTENTIAL

Centre for Cybercrime Investigation Training and Research (CCITR)

2,504 personnel trained this quarter
across all CCITR programs.

251 Long Course participants (09 batches)	228 Short Course participants (10 batches)
1,165 Outreach participants (09 programs)	860 Virtual Training Series participants (13 series)



Topics Covered

- Next-generation cybercrime threats, including AI-driven attacks, cloud and distributed infrastructure crimes.
- Digital evidence fundamentals, forensic tools and techniques, live and memory forensics.
- Mobile forensics, cryptocurrency and dark web investigations, and blockchain fundamentals.
- Legal and procedural aspects of digital evidence, including Section 63(4) certification under the Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam, 2023.
- OSINT and SOCMINT tools and techniques for attribution and intelligence gathering.
- Drone forensics, APK analysis, and emerging technology investigations.
- Cyber hygiene, social engineering, and cybercrime awareness.

Training Imparted

- Cybercrime Investigation Techniques – Level 1 & Level 2 (Basic and Intermediate Courses)
- Cybercrime Investigation Techniques (tailored programs for CISF, IAF, and CMP personnel)
- Cyber Law and Cybercrimes – Level 2
- SimEx-402: Cryptocurrency Seizure and Forensics
- AC-301: Drone Forensics
- Investigation of APK (Advanced)
- Open-Source Intelligence (OSINT) & Social Media Investigation
- Call Detail Record (CDR) and Internet Protocol Detail Record (IPDR) Analysis
- Demonstration of Tools (CCITR IntelliBot, Deepfake Detection, OSINT and Financial Data Analysis tools)

Beneficiaries

- Officers from the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) and Indian Air Force (IAF)
- Personnel from the Corps of Military Police (CMP) and Special Action Force (SAF)
- Police personnel from District Police Stations, Commissionerates, and Bengaluru City Police
- Police Officers at the Karnataka Police Academy (KPA), Mysuru
- Judicial Officers, District & Session Judges, Senior Civil Judges, and Public Prosecutors
- Personnel from the Cybercrime Division (CCD), Criminal Investigation Department (CID), Karnataka

SHESAFE Hackathon Advances Women's Safety Innovation

VCE WiC Insider Circle, in collaboration with CCITR, DSCI, organised SHESAFE- a women's safety-focused Build-a-Thon centred on cybersecurity, AI, privacy, and digital safety at RV College of Engineering, Bengaluru. Student teams developed tools for deepfake and NCII detection, cyber stalking early-warning systems, hate speech and abuse classifiers, dark web monitoring, and anonymous cybercrime reporting portals. The solutions were evaluated by a four-member jury panel, with one winning team and two runners-up selected.



High-profile Visits to CCITR

The quarter saw high-profile visits including Shri Priyank Kharge, Hon'ble Minister of Home, E-Governance, IT & BT, Government of Karnataka; senior IPS officers from Mumbai and Pune Police; 07 Probationary IAS Officers; Ms. Tulika Pandey, Scientist G & Group Coordinator, HRD Division, MeitY; and 370 probationary Police Sub-Inspectors from the Police Training College, Kalaburagi, and the Karnataka Police Academy, Mysuru.

Startup Incubation Crosses the 100 Mark

11 new startups were incubated this quarter, taking CCoE's cumulative portfolio to 102.

- BCBUZZ Technologies Private Limited
- SwiftsafeCybersecurity Technologies India Pvt. Ltd.
- SecuAISolutions Private Limited
- IsecnetSolutions Pvt. Ltd.
- NiyantriLabs Private Limited
- ThreatsenseAI LLP
- P.I.V.O.T Security Private Limited
- ItenomicDynamics Private Limited
- Integrated Information Solutions LLP
- AccedereTech Pvt. Ltd.
- VeritrustXLabs Private Limited
- SampaatiCybersecurity Consultancy Services LLP

CCoE Expands Academic Partnerships



CCoE signed two new MoUs with the ICFAI Group and Sreenidhi University in April 2026. With the ICFAI Group spanning 11 institutions across India, the partnership significantly expands opportunities for cybersecurity skilling, research, innovation, entrepreneurship, and industry-academia collaboration.

Deepening Ties with the Netherlands

CCoE hosted a strategic discussion with the Netherlands Foreign Investment Agency (NFIA) and the Government of Telangana in June, led by Ms. Hilde Koning, Executive Director – India, NFIA, and Dr. Sriram Birudavolu, CEO, CCoE, and has commenced work on IDCSS 2026 (Indo-Dutch Cyber Security School), a month-long course scheduled for September 2026, expanding global outreach and investment into India.

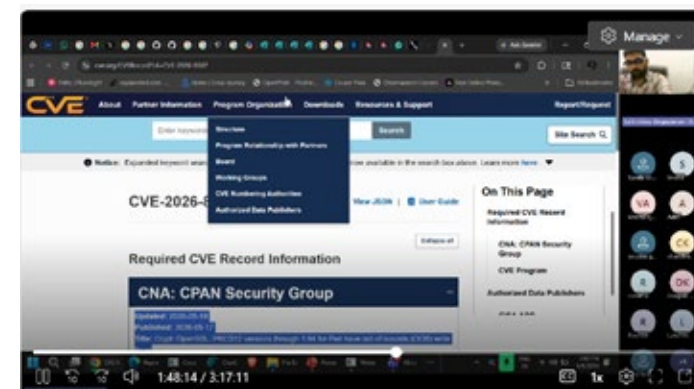
AppSec Hackathon Crossed 13,650 Registrations



The Great AppSec Hackathon 2025-26 crossed 13,650 registrations nationally, backed by a virtual Web Application Security Bootcamp covering OWASP Top 10 vulnerabilities, secure coding, authentication and access control, Burp Suite, and CTF-style challenges. CCoE will run further physical and virtual bootcamps in July to prepare participants for upcoming rounds.

Community Events Brought the Ecosystem Together

- PrivSec Spotlight on cyber resilience and business continuity drew 80+ participants.



- CCoE, with AIKAM, hosted CCoE Startup Connect 2026, drawing 100+ startups, investors, and ecosystem enablers. The event featured mentorship on GTM strategy, public tenders, and value-based selling and connected startups with venture capitalists and strategic investors through dedicated pitching tracks. Five whitepapers were launched at the event: *Building Secure Digital Infrastructure for the AI-Driven Enterprise*, *Navigating Government Tenders & Procurement*, *Why Enterprises Need Verified Remediation, Not More Vulnerability Alerts*, *Beyond Algorithms*, and *Autonomous Cyber Defense*.



Innovation Arcade Spotlights 19 Exhibitors at FINSEC 2026

NCoE showcased 19 partners across AI Security, Application Security, Blockchain, Quantum Technologies, and GRC, connecting them with BFSI leaders and industry stakeholders.



Incubation Portfolio Grows to 169 Startups

The 28th Incubation Cohort onboarded 3 new startups

- Threatwatch360
- Spharaka Networks
- AllsecureX

DSCI IN NEWS



Mid-tier entities in Indian BFSI under-invested in security, most exposed to cyberattacks: Report



THE ECONOMIC TIMES

Nasscom's Data Security Council appoints Neelam Dhawan as chairperson



RBI sets up expert panel on quantum tech in finance

COMMUNICATIONS TODAY

TRL Compass-Building India's future network needs more than bandwidth



THE ECONOMIC TIMES

Mythos alert: Banks, telcos take test to check cybersecurity score



India Marks Cybersecurity Milestone With First C-SAFE Recognition For Quantum-Safe Algorithm



Centre may rethink light-touch AI oversight

THE NEW INDIAN EXPRESS

AI MODELS AND CYBER TSUNAMI

The causality of the code

By Vinayak Godse

ET THE ECONOMIC TIMES

Certain About Uncertainty

By Vinayak Godse



Govt., IT sector studying Anthropic model's cybersecurity implications

UPCOMING EVENTS



Event details

www.dsci.in/events/content/dsci-cyber-global-summit-2026



Reserve your seat here:

www.explara.com/e/annual-information-security-summit-2026-aiis



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