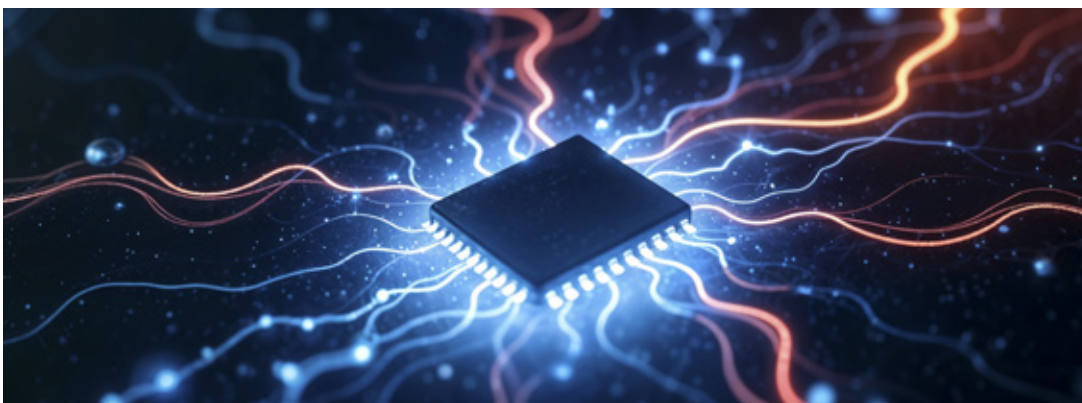


IN SPOTLIGHT

MAJOR DSCI MILESTONES & STRATEGIC ENGAGEMENTS

DSCI Leads National Roadmap for Quantum-Safe Migration

DSCI chaired the Sub-Group on Quantum Resiliency, Crypto Agility and Post-Quantum Cryptography migration under National Quantum Mission, helping define India's pathway towards a quantum-safe digital infrastructure.



The group's work culminated in the Strategic Roadmap for Quantum-Safe Migration, developed under the Department of Science and Technology. The roadmap establishes formal migration timelines for Critical Information Infrastructure between 2027-2029 and for enterprises between 2028-2033, positioning India alongside the United States, European Union, United Kingdom and Australia in mandating a national transition to post-quantum cryptography. The roadmap marks a shift from preparation to time-bound action through three phased milestones:

Milestone 1: Build the foundation through leadership alignment, cryptographic inventory, quantum risk assessment, prioritisation, and pilot migrations of high-priority systems.

Milestone 2: Complete quantum resiliency for high-priority systems and products, institutionalise crypto-agility, and mandate Cryptographic Bills of Materials from vendors.

Milestone 3: Achieve enterprise-wide quantum resiliency with continuous assurance, sustained crypto-agility, and a whole-of-enterprise approach.

The full report can be accessed at:

<https://dst.gov.in/news/report-implementation-quantum-safe-ecosystem-india>

Cyber Security Grand Challenge 2.0 Brought to a Successful Close



The 13-month journey of ideation, mentorship, and workshops culminated successfully after a four-stage process that refined Minimum Viable Products (MVPs) into market-ready solutions across six identified cyber security problem statements for five finalists. A joint initiative of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) and DSCI, the challenge's second edition featured a prize pool of INR 6.85 crore.

The Cyber Security Grand Challenge (CSGC) 2.0 was successfully concluded in the esteemed presence of Shri S. Krishnan, Secretary, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY). Other dignitaries include K.K Singh, Joint Secretary, MeitY; Dr Sanjay Bahl, Director General, Cert-In; Mrs. Savita Utreja, GC CSD, MeitY and Mr. Vinayak Godse, CEO, DSCI.

Top Five Finalists:

Ziriz.AI, SkillsDA SafeQuanta, Crypsis, Enfold AI, and Cambrian SkillsDA Technologies and Consultancy Services (CSTCS) LLP.

Top Three Winners

CSTCS

Grand Prize
INR 1 crore



Crypsis

1st Runner-up
INR 50 lakh



Ziriz.AI

2nd Runner-up
INR 25 lakh



DSCI Engagements around India AI Impact

As part of the India AI Impact Summit 2026, DSCI spearheaded a series of strategic dialogues as well as pre-summit discussions, which included:

India AI Impact Summit Engagements

At the India AI Impact Summit 2026, DSCI conducted a panel session with the theme **“Artificial General Intelligence: A New Paradigm of Safety, Security, Privacy, Ethics and Governance”**. The engagement highlighted AGI advancements and how it will require greater R&D, compute and data maturity, while underscoring that safety, security, privacy and governance must remain central as AI capabilities evolve and cyber threats become more sophisticated. The session was presided over by Nir Yanovsky Dagan, Head of Innovation, Data and Artificial Intelligence Unit, Israel National Digital Agency; Alexandra Bech Gjørvi, CEO, SINTEF; Simonas Cerniauskas, CEO, INFOBALT; Kenny Kesar, Global Chief Information Officer, Wipro, moderated by Vinayak Godse, CEO, DSCI.

Building on the panel, DSCI also hosted a fireside chat with H.E. Hendrikus G.J. (Harry) Verweij, Ambassador-at-Large, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Kingdom of the Netherlands and Mr. Narendra Nath, JS, NSCS, moderated by Vinayak Godse, focusing on how ethics and governance frameworks must evolve alongside AGI involving both national and global perspectives.



Pre India AI Impact Summit Engagements

- Two exclusive roundtables: “Philosopher’s Meet on AI”, examined the ethical challenges of AI through philosophical frameworks, and “The Mind-Machine Interface: Neuroscience, AI, and the Future of Human Cognition”, explored the convergence of neuroscience, AI and human cognition, along with the associated ethical and societal implications.



- Convened the DSCI–Cisco Strategic Dialogue on “Securing Adoption of AI in Defence”, focusing on AI adoption in defence and government, emerging threat scenarios, and risk mitigation strategies, with participation from senior officials from defence agencies and government departments.
- In collaboration with The Dialogue, DSCI organised an open-house discussion on “Advancing Responsible AI in India: Where Innovation Meets Cybersecurity and Governance”, covering governance through technology solutions and cybersecurity and assurance in AI ecosystems, with participation from policymakers, industry leaders and cybersecurity experts.



Del(h)ivering AI: India AI Impact Summit and its Key Takeaways

An analysis of the India AI Impact Summit 2026 and its implications for the country’s AI governance agenda. The document captures key policy discussions, emerging priorities, and the direction of India’s evolving approach to responsible and secure AI adoption.

Read document: <https://www.dsci.in/resource/content/delhivering-ai-india-ai-impact-summit-and-its-key-takeaways>



Data Privacy Day 2026

DSCI championed a two-month long privacy awareness campaign with the objective to build privacy consciousness among individuals and organizations.

Observed on 28 January, the Data Privacy Day (DPD) 2026 campaign was anchored around the theme “Be a Privacy Ambassador” positioning privacy as a shared responsibility. Aligned with India’s Digital Personal Data Protection Act (DPDPA), the campaign marked a shift from awareness to actionable implementation. Various awareness assets such as a dedicated screensaver reiterated privacy first practices for employees, department-specific infographics laid down privacy implementation guidelines for organizations while posters and an awareness booklet served as mediums to simplify DPDPA for citizens in a nuanced way, highlighting their rights and responsibilities.

Campaign Outreach:

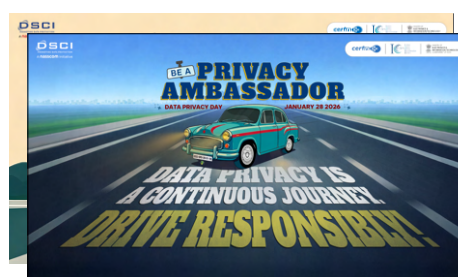
- **Pan-India sessions** were conducted as part of the official campaign launch across **7 cities** - Delhi, Mumbai, Hyderabad, Bengaluru, Chennai, Kolkata, and Ahmedabad, engaging 1,200+ industry participants. Panel discussions focused on **DPDP Act implementation** reflecting India’s shift from **privacy as policy to privacy in practice**.
- The campaign achieved an estimated **47+ million total outreach**, driven by social media impressions and mentions, microsite traffic, downloads and clicks on awareness materials.
- **20,974 participants** witnessed high citizen engagement in the **Privacy Awareness Quiz with MyGov**.

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

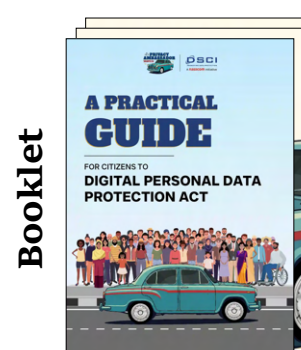


DPD 2026 campaign was supported by leading industry partners - CRED, IIFL Finance, Bangalore International Airport Ltd., PrivaSapien, Protectt.ai, Providence, Punjab National Bank, QRC Assurance and Solutions, SQ1 Security, Target, and ZS Associates. It also received support from Govt. bodies – Ministry of Electronics & IT (MeitY), CERT-In and I4C.

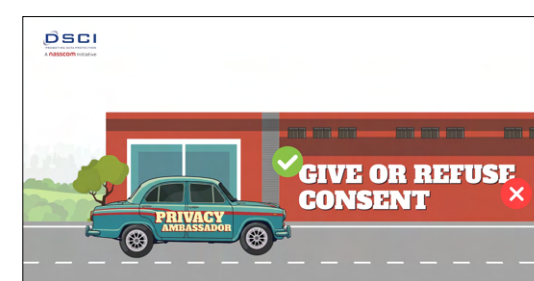
Screensavers



Posters



Video for Citizens



Video for Organizations



Infographics

CAMPAIGN FOOTPRINT OUTREACH

Total Outreach **47+ Million**

Pan India Sessions

Delhi · Mumbai · Hyderabad · Bengaluru · Chennai · Kolkata · Ahmedabad

1,200+ Industry participants

Panel Discussions Focused on

DPDP Act implementation
Practical data protection, and citizens' rights and duties, reflecting India's shift from privacy as policy to privacy in practice.

Conducted pan India

30+ Awareness Assets Created

Thematic screensaver, citizen and organisational posters, department specific implementation-focused infographics, a simplified booklet for citizens to understand DPDP Act, videos, and a privacy awareness quiz in collaboration with MyGov.

20,974 Participated

In Data Privacy Awareness Quiz in Collab with MyGov

1,21,212 Quiz Engagement & Views

15,000

Thematic Screensaver Downloads

4,99,385

Microsite Views, Clicks & Visits

20,371

Downloads & Clicks
Cumulative across assets

10,256

Social Media Mentions
Total hashtags tracked – social media views & engagement

4,64,20,142

Social Media Impressions
Across all platforms

DSCI Issued a Special Cyber Threat Advisory Amid Evolving Middle East Conflict Landscape

DSCI issued a special cyber threat advisory to members and stakeholders on the heightened cyber risks emerging from the ongoing Middle East conflict. The advisory assessed potential implications for Indian industry and provided actionable guidance for CISOs and security leaders to strengthen preparedness, enhance defensive measures and respond proactively to evolving geopolitical cyber threats.

Read advisory: https://www.dsci.in/files/content/advisory/2026/cyber_threat_advisory-middle_east_conflict.pdf



DSCI-Rockwell Collaborate for Cyber Resilience with the Launch of OT Cyber Security Lab

DSCI, in partnership with, Rockwell Automation inaugurated an Operational Technology (OT) Cyber Security Lab, at Nasscom Campus, inaugurated by Sarit Maheshwari, CEO of NTPC Green Energy Limited and NTPC Renewable Energy Limited, in the presence of other dignitaries. The lab is an augmentation of its previous facility with Siemens.

The initiative aims to strengthen India’s cyber security posture for critical infrastructure, smart manufacturing, supply chain security and industrial environments. The lab is designed to support focused research and experimentation by startups on cyber security challenges specific to OT, while strengthening security practices in real-world industrial contexts arising from the increasing convergence of digital technologies and operational systems.



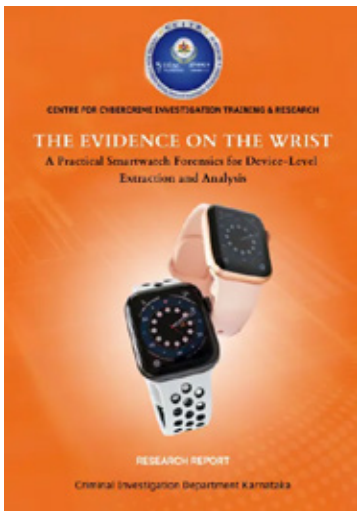
THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

BRINGING OUT NEW NARRATIVES

Strengthening Cybercrime Investigation Ecosystem Through Research and Forensic Intelligence

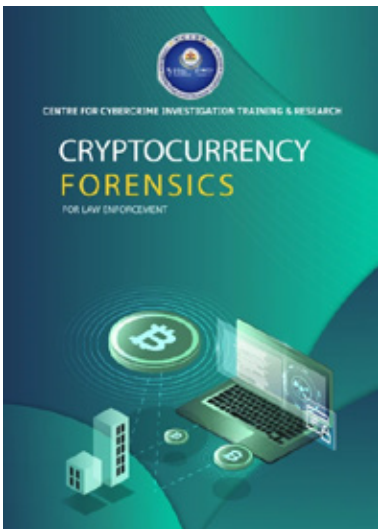
The Evidence on the Wrist: A Practical Smartwatch Forensics for Device-Level Extraction and Analysis

The report examines the forensic acquisition and analysis of smartwatch data using commercial, free, and open-source forensic tools.
Read Report:
<https://www.dsci.in/resource/content/smartwatch-forensics>



Cryptocurrency Forensics for Law Enforcement Agencies

The research report provides a practical and technically grounded guide for law enforcement agencies investigating cryptocurrency-related crimes. It focuses on identifying and analyzing Windows-based forensic artifacts associated with hot and cold wallets.
Read Report: <https://www.dsci.in/resource/content/cryptocurrency-forensics-law-enforcement>



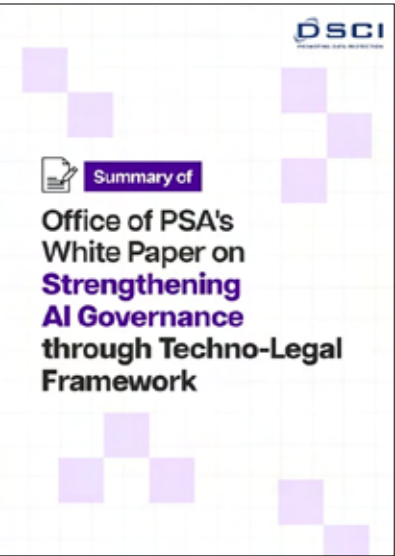
Brief on the National Counter-Terrorism Policy and Strategy

A brief on the National Counter-Terrorism Policy and Strategy, ‘PRAHAAR’, unveiled by the Ministry of Home Affairs. The document outlines a comprehensive and proactive framework to address evolving terrorist threats, with emphasis on prevention, preparedness, coordination, and response across the national security ecosystem.
Read brief:
<https://www.dsci.in/resource/content/brief-national-counter-terrorism-policy-and-strategy>

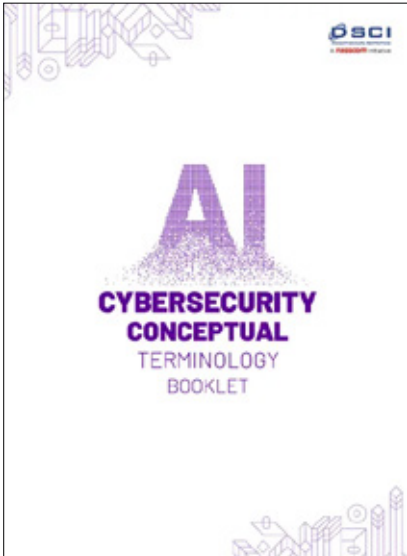


The two reports were formally launched by Dr G Parameshwara, Hon’ble Home Minister of Karnataka along with other dignitaries at the 3rd edition of CIDECODE Cybercrime Investigation Summit 2026.

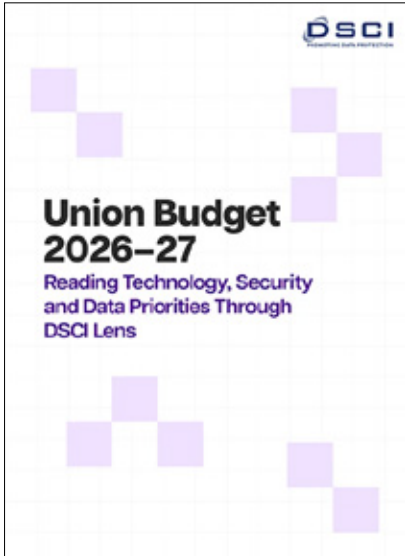
Series of Whitepapers



A summary of the Office of PSA’s whitepaper outlining how India can build trusted AI systems through a proactive techno-legal approach. The paper recommends embedding legal safeguards and compliance mechanisms directly into AI systems, supported by dedicated institutions and Digital Public Infrastructure.
Read whitepaper:
<https://www.dsci.in/resource/content/summary-office-psas-whitepaper-strengthening-ai-governance-through-techno-legal-framework>



A practical reference guide that defines key concepts at the intersection of artificial intelligence and cybersecurity. Covering ten thematic areas, the booklet establishes a common vocabulary to support policy, implementation, and collaboration in an increasingly AI-driven security environment.
Read booklet:
<https://www.dsci.in/resource/content/ai-cybersecurity-conceptual-terminology-booklet>



The special analysis of Union Budget 2026–27 is presented based on the budget’s focus on long-term growth drivers, with emphasis on domestic manufacturing, high-growth services, and infrastructure amidst heightened global uncertainty and ongoing supply-chain realignments.
Read analysis:
<https://www.dsci.in/resource/content/dsci-analysis-union-budget>



This brief examines the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Amendment Rules, 2026, with particular focus on intermediary obligations relating to synthetically generated information. It compares the Draft Rules and the Final Rules, while outlining the regulatory response to emerging risks associated with misuse of AI-generated content.
Read brief:
<https://www.dsci.in/resource/content/it-amendment-rules-2026>

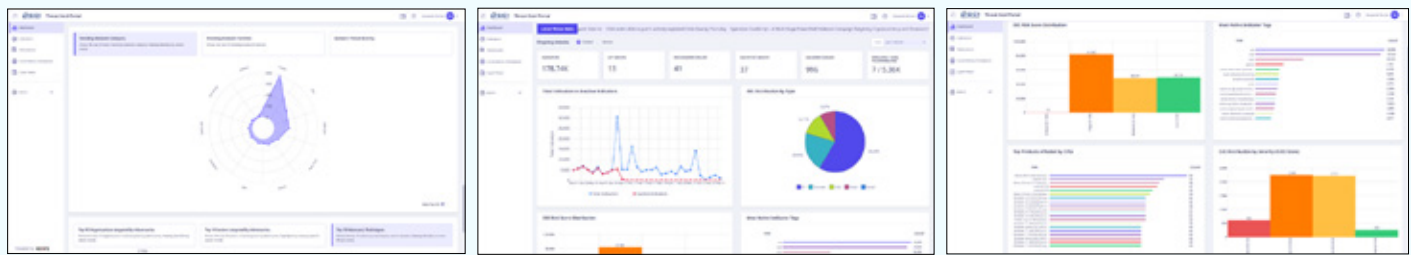
Advanced Threat Intelligence Portal Strengthens Cyber Preparedness

DSCI has introduced an Advanced Threat Intelligence Portal, a significant upgrade enabling more informed security decisions. 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.
- Sector-Specific Intelligence – Tailored intelligence aligned to the organization’s unique industry risk profile.

Key Platform Features

- Extensive coverage of threat actors, vulnerabilities, malware families and ransomware with regular IOC updates.
- Direct integration with EDR and security tools; export in CSV and STIX/TAXII v2.1 formats.



Threat Reports



The report outlines admin-control exposure attributed to Clawdbot, emerging adversaries operating across the Onion network, and a critical vulnerability that permitted remote administrative access through authentication bypass.



The report highlights the analysis of Vect 2.0, an emerging Ransomware-as-a-Service (RaaS) group along with the commercial-grade adversary-in-the-middle (AiTM) platform Starkiller.

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

A Talk on Shifting Geopolitics: West Asia & Beyond- Global Power Dynamics and India’s Diplomatic Engagement

Geopolitical Shifts Shape Contemporary Diplomacy



An important discourse was convened as part of a broader effort to understand the rising conflicts in West Asia, against the backdrop of cascading crises in a multipolar world. Joined by Lt. Gen. Dushyant Singh (Retd.), Director General, CLAWS, and Ambassador Sushil Kumar Singhal, alongside Vinayak Godse, CEO, DSCI, the session examined how ongoing developments are reshaping the global order, influencing diplomatic priorities, and redefining strategic alignments.

IFSCA and DSCI Sign MoU to Advance Resilient Financial Services in IFSCs

The International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) and DSCI signed an MoU to advance cyber security and data protection across India’s IFSC ecosystem. The collaboration is to enhance cyber risk monitoring and regulatory practices, build capacity for officials and regulated entities, address emerging data security challenges, and promote research in transaction security and cross-border data privacy.



CSR FOR CYBER

TAKING CYBER LITERACY TO THE MASSES

Cyber Sainik Reaches over 5000 Beneficiaries From the City of Pearls to the City of Lakes

The Cyber Sainik program continued with its cyber security awareness sessions in the cities of Hyderabad and Bhopal.

In Hyderabad, cyber awareness sessions reached 3,000 beneficiaries across six schools. Participating institutions included: *AP Model Mana School Madhapur, The Hyderabad Public School Ramanthapur, St Ann’s High School Secunderabad, Takshasila Public School, St Francis de Sales School Malkajgiri, and St Mary’s Model School.*

Similarly, in Bhopal, awareness sessions were conducted across seven schools, benefiting 2,200 students, teachers, and school administrators. Participating institutions included: *C L Arya Science Higher Secondary School, Sri Chaitanya Techno School, Kopal Public School, Mithi Gobindram Public School, Kewal Ram Chanrai Public School, Navnidh Hassomal Lakhani Public School, and Sagar Public School.*



Cyber Vaahini Students Readied for Industry Placements

The first batch of Cyber Vaahini Program, in partnership with the Kyndryl Foundation, successfully concluded its four-month training program at the DSCI Advanced Cyber Skill Centre in Mumbai with 28 students. The batch has now entered the placement phase, with 20 students already placed in organizations including Raymond Limited, BluSapphire Cyber Systems, ProNoesis, Anzen Technologies Pvt. Ltd., and Amazure Technologies Pvt. Ltd.

Meanwhile, the second batch comprising 50 students is currently underway training at the DSCI Advanced Cyber Skill Centre.

Cyber Vaahini Success Chronicles



Industry Experts Visit the DSCI Advanced Cyber Skill Centre in Mumbai

A visit by Mr. Ramesh Gurram, CISO, BSE India Team of SBI Cybersecurity Centre of Excellence



“As part of the Cyber Social Service, I had the opportunity to interact with a group of enthusiastic female students at the DSCI Advanced Skill Center, Mumbai who are pursuing cybersecurity skills and undergoing training on security technologies and security operations.” - Mr. Ramesh Gurram, CISO, BSE India



The SBI Cybersecurity Centre of Excellence interacted with the students of DSCI Advanced Skill Center in Mumbai and appreciated DSCI's efforts in delivering the program, particularly the advanced, hands-on lab-based training and the overall design and setup of the facility.

CAPACITY BUILDING

DSCI CERTIFICATIONS POWERING CYBER SKILL GROWTH

262 professionals trained this quarter under DSCI's certification programs.



17 Professionals trained



18 Professionals trained



143 Professionals trained



69 Professionals trained



15 Professionals trained

GLOBAL TRADE & DEVELOPMENT

DSCI'S GLOBAL CYBER DIALOGUE

Special Dialogue around Women's Leadership in AI, the Digital Economy and Cybersecurity



On the sidelines of the India AI Impact Summit 2026, DSCI, in partnership with the Embassy of Lithuania in New Delhi, convened a special dialogue on advancing women's leadership in AI, the digital economy and cybersecurity.

The session brought together leaders from government, industry and academia to examine representation, emerging opportunities and the evolving technology landscape shaped by AI. Discussions focused on expanding pathways for women in the digital economy, strengthening women's leadership in cybersecurity, and fostering inclusive, secure and gender-responsive digital ecosystems through capacity building, policy support and cross-sector collaboration.

Indian Delegation Showcased AI Enhanced Solutions at the 3rd Edition of CyberSec Asia



CyberSec Asia 2026 opened with DSCI participating in the inaugural session as part of Thailand International Cyber Week. Through the DSCI India Pavilion, leading Indian cybersecurity organisations showcased their capabilities and AI-enhanced solutions. The participating Indian companies also engaged in a special interaction with senior officials from the Thai government, including the National Cyber Security Agency of Thailand.

POLICY & ADVOCACY

THE TRUSTED VOICE OF INDUSTRY TO GOVERNMENT

Anonymization Blueprint Presented for Meta's Open Loop India Program

Serving as an advisory partner to Meta Platforms's Open Loop India Program, DSCI helped shape deliberations on how effective anonymization practices can support AI innovation while remaining aligned with the provisions of the Digital Personal Data Protection Act. These discussions culminated in the report, AI Innovation, Effective Anonymization & the DPDP Act, which sets out policy and implementation pathways for embedding anonymization techniques within India's data governance framework, balancing innovation with strong privacy safeguards.

Read report at:

<https://openloop.org/reports/2026/02/ai-innovation-effective-anonymization-the-dpdp-act.pdf>

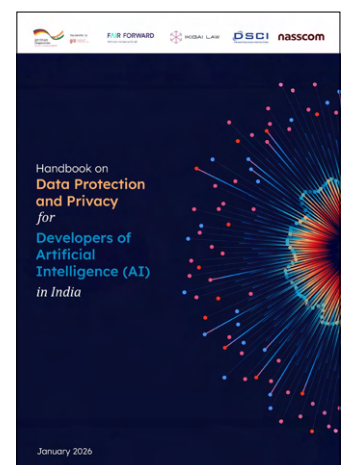


Shaping the Handbook on Data Protection and Privacy for Developers of Artificial Intelligence in India

A constructive support was given to 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 with the alignment of the legal, technical, and governance aspects to ensure it reflects the regulatory requirements of the Digital Personal Data Protection Act and the DPDP Rules, 2025, while addressing practical challenges for AI developers. The exercise was undertaken in collaboration with Ikigai Law, GIZ, and Nasscom.

Read the handbook:

<https://www.ikigailaw.com/storage/media-library/DPDP%20Handbook%20for%20AI%20Developers.pdf>



Ensuring DPDP Act Readiness through Industry Engagements

Dedicated interpretation sessions were conducted for the Indian music industry and other organisations across sectors including JK Lakshmi Cement, Paytm, Tata Advanced Systems and NTPC Limited, focusing on consent, data processing and practical compliance under the DPDP Act and Rules, 2025. DSCI also strengthened privacy awareness among government officials through the iGOT Karmayogi and marked Data Privacy Day at i-Hub Ahmedabad with discussions on the future of privacy and data protection.

AWARENESS AND OUTREACH

FROM DESK TO COMMUNITY

From Understanding the DPDP Act to Implementation, the 2nd Edition of DSCI Data Protection Summit 2025 (DDPS) Created a Dialogue

Building on the momentum of last year's summit, which centered on understanding the DPDP Act, the second edition of the DSCI Data Protection Summit 2026 shifted the focus to implementation. With the DPDP Rules now in place and organizations preparing for the May 2027 compliance deadline, the summit helped in translating regulatory requirements into actionable practices. The event brought together the privacy and cybersecurity community, policymakers, regulators, and industry leaders. The summit provided practical guidance on implementing the DPDP framework while aligning with evolving global privacy standards.



Key Highlights

05 Roundtables	04 Workshops	18 Sponsors
136 Speakers	660 Attendees	03 Special Sessions



3rd Edition of the CIDECODE Cybercrime Investigation Summit 2026 Brought Together Law Enforcement Leaders in Bengaluru

Organised by the Centre for Cybercrime Investigation Training and Research (CCITR), the 3rd edition of the CIDECODE Cybercrime Investigation Summit 2026 brought together 246 law enforcement delegates from across India, along with 15 national and international experts.

The summit was 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, Sri Sunil Kumar Dhareshwar, Trustee, Infosys Foundation, and Sri Vinayak Godse, Chief Executive Officer, Data Security Council of India.

The programme featured three parallel technical tracks, expert-led sessions, and technology demonstrations by 12 leading digital forensics and cybersecurity companies. Key discussions focused on blockchain evidence, AI-enabled cybercrime, deepfake detection, mobile and APK-based attacks, cross-border digital evidence, OSINT, and cyber slavery scams in Southeast Asia.

A major highlight was the hands-on Crypto Forensics Workshop led by experts from the Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation and DSCI, where participants learnt to create police wallets, simulate digital asset seizure, and trace cryptocurrency transactions using open-source blockchain investigation tools.



DSCI AI Governance Symposium 2026 Returned with its 2nd Edition

As the official pre-summit engagement to the AI Impact Summit 2026, the second edition of the DSCI AI Governance Symposium convened over 100 delegates, 20+ speakers, and 10+ sessions and roundtables to advance the dialogue on responsible AI adoption.



Supported by Protectt.ai and BluSapphire, the symposium brought together CISOs, DPOs, Chief AI Officers, CTOs, GRC leaders, legal experts, and AI practitioners from sectors including ER&D, GCCs, semiconductor, BFSI, and technology.

Leading organisations represented included Microsoft, Infosys, GitHub, Bosch, Axis Bank, State Bank of India, Paytm Payments Bank, Deloitte India, and Texas Instruments, among others.

Discussions focused on enterprise AI governance, secure Generative AI adoption, AI-driven cybersecurity, privacy engineering, agentic AI systems, regulatory pathways, and emerging paradigms such as MCP, CoT reasoning, and Quantum AI.



1st Cyber GCC Cohort Meets in Hyderabad

DSCI convened its first Cyber GCC Cohort in Hyderabad, bringing together cybersecurity and privacy leaders from sectors including financial services, healthcare, semiconductors, engineering, aviation, and digital enterprises.

Hosted by Lloyds Technology Centre, the cohort included participants from Sonatype, Synchrony, Swiss Re Group, Amgen, Invesco, Broadridge, Thermo Fisher Scientific, Micron, Providence, American Airlines, AT&T, Colruyt Group, and KPMG.

Discussions focused on the growing convergence between cybersecurity and privacy priorities for GCCs, particularly around resilience, regulatory preparedness, and secure innovation. The cohort also featured discussions on Privacy by Design, engineering-led privacy practices, and India’s roadmap towards quantum-safe cryptography under the National Quantum Mission.



Security Chips: The Cybersecurity Podcast

Episode #18 Unpacking the Legal Realities of AI and Emerging Tech in India

Guest: Aparna Gaur, Partner – Trace Law Partners

Host: Anahida Bhardwaj, Associate – Privacy & Policy, DSCI

LISTEN TO DSCI PODCAST

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)

Over 2844 police personnel trained this quarter

- Long Courses: 162
- Short Courses: 317
- Virtual Training: 1250



Building Cybercrime Investigation Capabilities through Hands-On Training Programs

The last quarter saw CCITR continue its mission to strengthen India’s cyber investigation capacity through a series of specialized and hands-on training programs. Between January and March 2026, multiple batches of long and short courses were delivered to police personnel and investigation agencies across the country.

Training Imparted

- Cybercrime Investigation Techniques – Level 1 & Level 2
- Cyber Law and Cybercrimes – Level 2
- SimEx: Data Collection and Analysis
- Build Your Drone
- Intermediate Course on Password Cracking

Topics Covered

- Advanced cybercrime investigation techniques, OSINT, blockchain and cryptocurrency
- Emerging cybercrime trends, cyber law, digital forensics and legal issues
- Hands-on cyber investigation simulation and data analysis exercises
- Drone technology fundamentals and drone forensics
- Password recovery techniques and their application in forensic investigations
- AI-driven threats and cyber investigation procedures

Beneficiaries

- Police personnel from District Police Stations and Bengaluru City Police
- Personnel from District CEN Police Stations
- Judicial officers, including District & Session Judges and Senior Civil Judges

Over 1250 officers trained under CCITR’s Virtual Training

Expert-led sessions helped Karnataka State Police stay updated on digital investigation techniques and emerging cyber tools. Some of the key sessions included: Email Investigation Techniques, Social Media Intelligence (SOCMINT) for Law Enforcement, and Password Recovery Techniques Using Open-Source Tool.



Cyber Forensics and Awareness Across Sectors

CCITR experts delivered awareness sessions on cyber forensics across universities and government bodies, reaching over 1115 officers. These sessions at prestigious institutions and agencies expanded the center’s outreach beyond law enforcement, strengthening awareness and capacity in digital investigation practices.

- ‘Cyber Slavery’ for 100 judges, police officers and NGOs at Karnataka Judicial Academy (KJA), Bengaluru.
- ‘Offence Against Women & Children’ at BMS College for Women, Bengaluru.
- ‘Darknet Investigation’ at the Narcotics Control Bureau, Chennai Zonal Unit
- ‘Cryptocurrency Investigation and Darknet’ at the National Investigation Agency (NIA), Chennai branch.
- ‘Open-Source Intelligence (OSINT)’ at CMR Institute of Technology, Bengaluru.



1st Edition of Cyber Security Innovation Challenge Nears Completion

The Cyber Security Innovation Challenge 1.0 (CSIC 1.0), an initiative under the Information Security Education and Awareness (ISEA) Project of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) completed three of the proposed five stages. Of the 63 teams shortlisted at Stage Two, 20 teams have been selected as finalists at Stage Three. These teams will now proceed to Stage Four, which will include mentorship, capacity building, and prototype enhancement.

Read complete details at:

<https://www.dsci.in/content/cyber-security-innovation-challenge-1.0>



International Women's Day 2026 Spotlights AI Threat Awareness

As part of MeitY sponsored ISEA Project, a nationwide International Women's Day awareness campaign on "Secure Her: AI Threat Awareness and Digital Safety for Women & Girls" was organized. The virtual awareness session was hosted for women across the country on how AI is reshaping the cyber risk landscape and highlighted practical best practices and guidance to help women stay safe and secure.



First Quantum Resiliency Cohort Meeting Held for Capital Market Sector

The first meeting of the Quantum Resiliency Cohort was organized for the Capital Market sector, under the leadership of Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), bringing together key SEBI-regulated entities for deliberation on quantum preparedness. An overview of the latest on resiliency development and emerging quantum risks was exchanged within the cohort.



Cybersecurity Centre of Excellence (CCoE)

Industry Roundtable with U.S. Consulate Advances TRUST Initiative

As part of the U.S.-India TRUST (Transforming the Relationship Utilizing Strategic Technology) initiative, DSCI/CCoE participated in an industry roundtable hosted by the U.S. Consulate in Hyderabad on 29 January 2026. The roundtable brought together government, academia and industry leaders to strengthen collaboration on AI and cybersecurity.

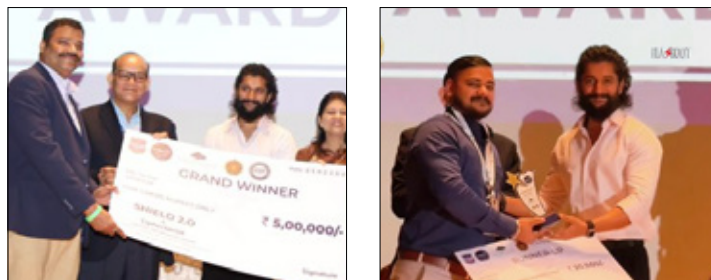
DSCI contributed to discussions on the ethical and legal dimensions of active cyber defence and "hacking back", helping shape industry perspectives on emerging cybersecurity challenges. The engagement also enabled CCoE to showcase product innovators and strengthen academia-industry collaboration under the TRUST initiative.



Telangana Mineral Development System Undertakes Security Readiness Exercise

CCoE has initiated a comprehensive penetration testing exercise for the ERP portal of the Telangana Mineral Development System. The exercise aims to proactively assess the portal's security posture by identifying vulnerabilities, evaluating resilience against cyber threats and validating the effectiveness of controls protecting sensitive data and critical operations.

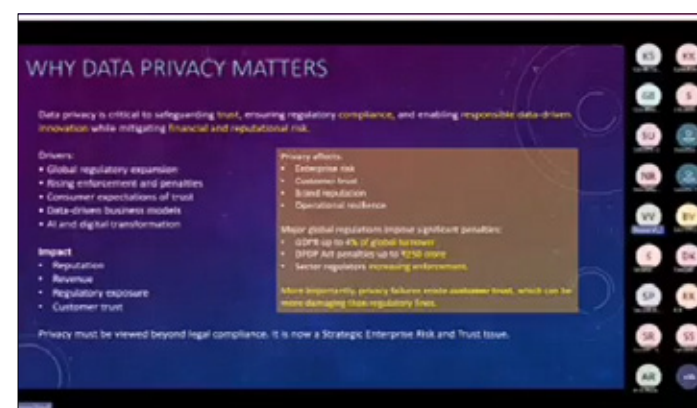
Incubated Startups Shine at SHIELD 2026



At SHIELD 2026, two incubated startups emerged as top performers in CipherSprint, the flagship cyber innovation challenge. QUPASS secured first place, while YakshaNexus finished as runner-up, highlighting the growing strength of indigenous cybersecurity solutions for policing and public safety.

PrivSec Spotlight Explores Data Privacy Regulations in Practice

With the aim to strengthen practical understanding of Privacy by Design and Security by Design for enterprise compliance, the PrivSec Spotlight session on "Data Privacy Regulations in Practice" brought together 80+ participants, including industry leaders, cybersecurity professionals, and technology stakeholders. Featuring Ms. Veena Vinod, DPO, Tata Technologies Limited, the session served as an exchange of practical insights for embedding privacy principles into business processes.



Startups Incubated this Quarter

- Apex Cognition LLP
- Offdef Cyber Solutions LLP
- Atharva Securetech Pvt Ltd

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