

Security is pivotal to digital transformation and change in the technology innovation world

Bangalore, 25 July 2019: Data Security Council of India (DSCI) kicked-off its technology centric security conference – Best Practices Meet 2019 in Bangalore today. The annual conference focusses on latest trends, technology advancements in cyber security and privacy domain and cover themes that are shaping the security readiness and maturity of the country. The conference was inaugurated by Mr. Gaurav Gupta, Principal Secretary, Department of IT, BT and S&T, Government of Karnataka under the core theme of ‘Security at Scale’.

With the fast-changing technology paradigm and disruption, security is becoming the cornerstone of almost every digital business. While organizations in their digitization journey are embracing state-of-the-art cyber tools technologies to overhaul their business processes for enhanced security, keeping pace with the new paradigms in terms scale and complexity to secure their businesses can become a daunting task. It presents an equal opportunity for security community to adapt and collaborate in the platformised world in order to innovate more rapidly to amalgamate complementary capabilities and react with greater agility.

Speaking at the inauguration Mr. Gaurav Gupta said, *“In order to become a 5 trillion-dollar economy, more and more digitization is required. Going forward, digitization will pervade not only into the conventional fields of technology and IT services, but also into the fields of agriculture, manufacturing, education etc. With digitization comes many possible security threats. Cyber Security comes as part of the system design and today threats have emerged possibly due to gaps in infrastructure or the system, which needs to be addressed. It is therefore imperative to incorporate it in the system design stage itself.”*

“The Government of Karnataka’s commitment to Cyber Security is evident in the fact that we have already set up a Cyber Security Center of Excellence in association with Indian IISc in Bengaluru. In fact, Karnataka Jnana Aayoga has identified Cyber Security as a key focus area. It is important that the Government network, whether the fiber optic network or the data centers, should be secure. The Government is working with several companies and bodies on Cyber Security. We have identified and ensured participation in several global workshops with almost 15 countries including Estonia and Israel. This industry can be the future in terms of job creation, innovation and product development. It is the responsibility of institutions such as the Government, DSCI and NASSCOM

to create a platform that can act as a trigger for problem solving of issues that are identified” he added.

Rama Vedashree, CEO DSCI at the occasion said *“Our Best Practices Meet, a technology focused conference steps into its second decade. In the context of all-pervasive digitization, rich content delivery, rapid innovation, high speed transactions and every user enterprise turning digital, it becomes imperative for Security to catch up. BPM2019 was crafted around an overarching theme of ‘Security at Scale’, and saw a great blend of Young Innovators and Large Global Corporations converging on cutting edge security stacks needed to scale our Security Preparedness. Building on our decade long experience in Privacy, today we launched a Privacy Application Challenge, and urge Privacy Professionals and Technologists to move to ‘Think Privacy, Think Technology’ mindset.”*

This year theme ‘Security at Scale’ touched upon the overarching paradigm of Security and how it is overhauling and rearchitecting Security and enterprises at large. Under the theme, various sub topics including Zero Trust Security, API Security, Security on Chip, Advanced network Security platforms, Container Security, Incident Management at Hyperscale, Supply Chain Security, Cyber Defence Centre was being discussed during the two-day conference.

The conference was participated by over 400 delegates. Other highlights of DSCI Best Practices Meet 2019 included the following:

- DSCI hosted its second edition of Women Security Professionals Forum Meeting at BPM. The initiative **‘Women in Security’** was undertaken by DSCI to bridge gap of women in cyber security profession and nurture and grow these women professionals in various domains of cyber security.
- **Hands-on workshops** on ‘Malware Investigation using Memory Forensics’. These workshops helped the participants to acquire practical skills to examine various malicious programs and equip them with tools and techniques. Over 30 security engineers, and IT administrators, forensic investigators, incident responders and others participated in these workshops.
- Meet-ups with a specific focus on **Product Security & Hardware Security** were orchestrated on the sidelines of the conference to bring together the leading experts from across the verticals and deliberate on furthering the respective agendas in the country.
- To foster innovation in the area of Privacy, DSCI, in partnership with Facebook, launched **Privacy Application Challenge** presenting five problem statements. The endeavour would encourage start-ups, researchers, entrepreneurs, students, designers, privacy and security professionals, industry to develop



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technological solutions and innovative products in the domain data privacy.

Leading organisations including Akamai, Target, Blue Sapphire, iValue and SANS partnered at the conference. Product companies including Spell Security, Attivo Networks, 3rd Eye Techno Solutions, CloudSek and Qos exhibited at the two-day conference.

About DSCI

Data Security Council of India (DSCI) is a premier industry body on data protection in India, setup by NASSCOM®, committed to making the cyberspace safe, secure and trusted by establishing best practices, standards and initiatives in cyber security and privacy. DSCI works with the Government and their agencies, Law Enforcement Agencies, industry sectors including IT-BPM, BFSI, Telecom, industry associations, data protection authorities and think tanks for public advocacy, thought leadership, capacity building and outreach initiatives.

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