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Cyber Peace Foundation and Data Security Council of India (DSCI), supported by Google, complete a capacity building initiative for law enforcement agencies on investigating cybercrime.

4 July 2019: Cyber and cyber-aided crimes have seen a steep rise in the last decade, calling for new skills and expertise in criminal investigations. Cyber Peace Foundation and Data Security Council of India, with the support of Google, have collaborated to design a capacity building program for law enforcement officers on cybercrime investigations.

To build this capacity and hone their investigative skills, a series of one-day workshops titled "*Understanding Cybercrime and their Investigation for Law Enforcement Officials*" have been organized for the law enforcement officials from the states of Assam, Jharkhand, Andhra Pradesh, Delhi, Uttar Pradesh and Haryana. The initiative culminated with a workshop organized in Delhi on 3 July 2019. These workshops explore the nuances of emerging cybercrime, their modus operandi, relevant legal provision and investigation best practices. At the end of these workshops, the attendees are empowered with a broad understanding of both the technology and law surrounding cyberspace, with special focus on information gathering, data requisition and legal processes. The officials were also addressed by Lt Gen (retd) Dr. Rajesh Pant, National Cyber Security Coordinator; Mr. S N Pradhan, DG, National Disaster Response Force, Ministry of Home Affairs; Mr. Rakesh Maheshwari, Scientist G and Group Coordinator - Cyber Laws & e-Security, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology and Mr. Ashok Kumar, Director, Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C), Ministry of Home Affairs.

Lt. Gen. (Retd) Dr. Rajesh Pant, National Cyber Security Coordinator, National Security Council Secretariat, said "*The government is committed to addressing the challenges that cybercrime poses to modern society. Close collaboration with industry is vital to make the internet a safer space for all Indian citizens. Capacity building programs, such as this one by Cyber Peace Foundation and Data Security Council of India (supported by Google) are an important effort in this direction and can serve as a blueprint for similar collaborations for the future.*"

Chetan Krishnaswamy, Director said Government Affairs & Public Policy, India & South Asia, Google: "*As an Industry we have made tremendous progress to bring the benefits of Internet to all sections of the society, and there is a need to invest in programs that also equip law enforcement agencies to ensure that citizens continue to reap the benefits of enhanced connectivity in a secure and safe manner. We have partnered with Cyber Peace foundation and Data Security Council of India to facilitate engagement with law enforcement agencies from different states and equip them with the information and skills needed to work collaboratively with the Industry to ensure digital safety and security of everyone in India.*"

Rama Vedashree, CEO, DSCI said *“The sophistication of new technologies has resulted in highly motivated cyber-attacks that make conventional investigation techniques no longer adequate. This demands law enforcement officers to comprehend the technology, continuously upgrade their skills and stay abreast in cybercrime investigation and forensics. The criminal justice ecosystem would become stronger if the police, prosecution and judiciary are trained. DSCI is continuously scaling its efforts in LEA capability building through partnership with Government and Industry.”*

Quote from Vineet Kumar, President, Cyber Peace Foundation - *Experience from the ground through working with law enforcement agencies at the most basic levels in states has given us an understanding of emerging threats, the last mile challenges and field level skill gaps. Thus, in all our initiatives, we try to talk about some imperative things that all investigators should be aware of. Among these, are mandates about first response and ensuring that victims get relief, open source intelligence gathering, correct manner of data requisition from intermediaries etc.*

About Cyber Peace Foundation (CPF)

Cyber Peace Foundation (CPF) is a civil society think tank working on issues surrounding technology and the Internet in the unique context of India. It works at the grassroots level to spread awareness among key stakeholders including industry and civil society. It specifically works in the domain of child online safety and capacity building of government bodies in close collaboration with the various Indian government and international organisations. In the past, it has worked with the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) and Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D) to sensitise law enforcement officials investigating cyber crimes against children. It is also involved in digital literacy and online safety campaigns supported by the National Commission for Women (NCW) and the National Commission for the Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR). More information, including contact details, about CPF can be found at its website <https://www.cyberpeace.org/>

About Google

Google LLC’s mission is to organize the world’s information and make it universally accessible and useful. Google follows a defined process for responding to lawful requests for information, or for seeking removal of content that may be unlawful. This process is well known to law enforcement agencies in India and has been routinely used by them in the past. Google, through its various outreach efforts, aims to ensure a better understanding of the process of investigation of cybercrimes by engaging with the Indian law enforcement agencies. Through this joint initiative with the DSCI and CPF, Google would like to further contribute towards the capacity building of law enforcement agencies in India. Google will also nominate its expert(s) in the proposed training workshops and financially support this programme.

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 brings together governments and their 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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