

Cyber laboratory for CB-CID to come up in Chennai in March Article in - 'THE HINDU' – 11.12.2009

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CYBER SAFETY: (From left) K.S.R. Anjaneyulu, Executive Director of Lakshmi Vilas Bank; K.P. Jain, Director General of Police; R. Chandrasekharan, President and Managing Director of Cognizant; and Pratap Reddy, Adviser to NASSCOM, at a seminar in Chennai on Thursday.

CHENNAI: The National Association of Software and Service Companies (NASSCOM) will extend its expertise to assist Tamil Nadu police in cybercrime investigation, its Director (Cyber Security) Pratap Reddy said on Thursday.

"The NASSCOM and Data Security Council of India intend to establish a Cyber Laboratory for Crime Branch CID in association with Lakshmi Vilas Bank. Besides assisting the police in cyber forensics and investigation, the laboratory will serve as a permanent training centre," Mr. Reddy told *The Hindu* here.

Apart from police personnel, other department officials and employees of corporate companies would be trained to enhance the overall cyber security environment.

"Police lack adequate technical expertise when it comes to cybercrime investigation. Trained personnel of NASSCOM will fill this gap. Similar laboratories have been set up in Mumbai, Thane, Bangalore and Pune. We hope to establish the facility in Chennai by March next year," he said.

Mr. Reddy was here to participate in a seminar on 'Cyber Safe Tamil Nadu 2009,' organised by the Tamil Nadu Police, DSCI and NASSCOM. Delegates from various police organisations, IT companies, educational institutions and banks are participating in the five-day programme.

Inaugurating the event, Director-General of Police K.P. Jain said IT had brought in a remarkable transformation in all walks of life.

However, increasing use of the Internet had simultaneously given birth to innovative ways of committing crimes that had no boundary. Many cybercrimes went unreported due to reluctance or ignorance on the part of the victims.

As a result, reliable statistics on crimes were not available for assessing the extent of the problem.

"The trend is changing from individuals operating for mischief or profit to international organised crime groups carrying out criminal activities such as terrorism, money laundering, drug trafficking, cyber-based extortion and fraud, child pornography and spreading hatred. Hence, understanding the changes in crime patterns is critical to take preventive steps."

R. Chandrasekharan, president and managing director, Cognizant, said a simple security violation could tarnish the hard-earned image and reputation of a company.

K.S.R. Anjaneyulu, Executive Director of Lakshmi Vilas Bank, Purushothaman, Regional Director of NASSCOM, highlighted aspects of cyber security.

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Tackling online crime: (From right) The President and Managing Director of Cognizant Technologies Mr R. Chandrasekaran; the Director General of Police, Tamil Nadu, Mr K.P. Jain, and the Executive Director of Lakshmi Vilas Bank, Mr K.S.R. Anjaneyulu; at the inaugural Cyber Safe Chennai 2009, on Thursday. - Bijoy Ghosh

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The office of the CB-CID in Chennai will have a 'cyber lab' to train police officials on cyber crimes. The Rs 50-lakh laboratory is being set up in partnership of the National Association of Software and Services Ltd (Nasscom), Data Security Council of India, and Lakshmi Vilas Bank. Chennai will be the fifth city to have such a lab, after Bangalore, Mumbai, Pune and Thane. The lab will begin operations in January, according to Mr Pratap Reddy, Director, Cyber Security, Nasscom. Mr Reddy is responsible for the implementation of the Cyber Security Initiatives of Nasscom. The Nasscom Regional Director, Mr R. Purushothaman, said the lab in Chennai will provide training on the latest case studies in cyber crime; provide various security tools for investigation, and highlight the frequent technological changes related to cyber crime. — Our Bureau