

[CySI Report On Workshop]

[“Cyber Crimes: Prevention Methodologies”]

[25-June-2013 at Hotel Savera, Chennai]

Report on the Workshop on “Cyber Crimes: Prevention methodologies”

The workshop on “Cyber Crimes: Prevention Methodologies” organized by the Cyber Society of India was conducted at Hotel Savera, Chennai on the 25-June-2013.

Dr. C. Sylendra Babu, IPS, A.D.G.P., Coastal Security Group started the day’s proceedings with a well-narrated presentation, which was often mixed with anecdotes born out of his rich and varied experiences as a Police Officer. Though he initially mentioned that he could not stay for more than 45 minutes, his session was so absorbing to the audience and he got so involved that he could complete his session only by 11.30 AM, which enabled the other waiting dignitaries also to enjoy his speech.

Following a pleasing rendition by Geetha and Sudha invoking the Lord, CySI President Mr V. Rajendran, welcomed the gathering. On being formally introduced by Mr. K.Srinivasan, Past President of CySI, the Chairman & Managing Director of Indian Overseas Bank Dr. M. Narendra, delivered his inaugural address. Dr. Narendra emphasized the need for continuous vigil against cyber crimes and also underlined the efforts being made from banks in this regard. The real time experiences of an eminent Banker from a bank that works for the cause of people impressed one and all.

The keynote address, which was scheduled to be delivered by Dr. GulshanRai, Director General, CERT-In, had to be hastily rescheduled due to his official commitments. But Dr GulshanRai, was kind enough to depute Mr.Sanjay Bahl who described the global scenario of Cyber Crime incidences and a detailed account of the steps taken by the Government in combating the same.

Mr. V. Kapaleeswaran, Vice President, CySI explained the need for constant awareness from all netizens and narrated the initiative of CySI in introducing a programme for common man viz., “Cyber Security Awareness Programme (CSAP)”. CSAP programme was then declared open by Mr. Talwant Singh, Member (Judicial), e-Committee, Supreme Court of India.

After a brief introduction by Mr Rajendran, Mr Talwant Singh took the floor and kept the audience riveted narrating the judicial scene in India and how judiciary is striving towards improving the same on a day-to-day basis. His fluent statistics on the number of judges in India, number of cases handled by each judge vis-a-vis other nations, brought a clearer picture of reality to the audience. No doubt, his speech was received with a standing ovation and the participants were then allowed to munch over his oration along with the lunch.

The post lunch session started in right earnest to the resounding voice of Mr. Naavi, Techno Legal expert on Cyber crimes. He emphasized on the innocent looking traps that were strewn across and how people should exercise caution in skirting the same. Though brief, his session brought everyone back to attention after a sumptuous lunch.

The panel discussion on “Cyber Crimes Prevention- A 360 Degree overview”, that followed had a varied representation across the pillars of Cyber area viz., Banking, Software Design and Network Security.

Mr. Natarajan Raman, representing Patterns Software Designs Institute, explained the procedures on “ Enhancing Cyber Security through better software Design”.

Dr. B. Muthukumaran, Dy General Manager, Training, HTC-ITMR spoke eloquently on Enhanced Network Security to prevent Cyber crimes.

As Ms. Kanthimathy, General Manager (IT), IOB could not attend due to official exigencies, IOB was well represented by Mr. T.G.Viswanathan, Chief manager (Systems) who explained the practical issues form the Bank Management perspective.

The Panel discussion was well moderated by Mr. Natarajan Ramamurthy, Executive Committee member of CySI. Mr. Ramamurthy's rich and varied experience in financial and IT sector were well evidenced in his summing up speech.

The final session of the day, which was a thematic session on " Enhancement of Cyber Security through better e-records and Digital Forensics" was ably handled by Mr. S. Venkatesan of Lab Systems, Mumbai. He kept the audience interested with his well-narrated presentation and the audience interest was so intense and varied that the President had to intervene, as we were running behind schedule.

The programme concluded with Mr. Ramesh Bashyam, Secretary, CySI, thanking all the participants and others involved in the successful and fulfilling day working towards better Cyber Security.