



Cyber Society of India

Report on the Workshop on “Combating Cyber Crimes: Compliance and Evidence”

9th November 2013 at Anna University, Guindy, Chennai - 600032

The programme started with prayer song at 10.10 AM.

Shri V. Rajendran, President CySI in his welcome address spoke briefly on the need for the workshop, the significance of the contents and the choice of sessions. He welcomed the dignitaries underlining the need for such events adding that the presence of such dignitaries enhances the value of the event. He also welcomed the Press – from the print as well as the electronic media – who were present in large numbers.

Dr.C. Chellappan, Dean Anna University in his Special Address expressed happiness on the event being conducted in their premises. He said that Anna University would shortly be introducing certificate courses or diploma courses on Information Security, Digital Forensics and other related subjects.

Delivering the inaugural address, **Dr. Justice Jyothimani**, dwelt at length the strength of our Information Technology Act and emphasised how the stake holders in India (judiciary, legal fraternity, investigators and the litigant public) should endeavour to understand the nuances of the legislation and its amendments till date. Awareness should be spread among all the different echelons of the society and any lacunae in the legislation should be studied and the Act should be amended keeping in tune with the latest trends in cyber crimes to facilitate proper trial. He stressed upon the need for conducting more such workshops and conferences and even for a homogenous group of audiences like the lawyers, police and investigators, college students, tech-savvy youth etc separately.

Former President of CySI **Shri K. Srinivasan**, introduced the next speaker **Shri S.S. Ramasubbu**, Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha and said that **Shri Ramasubbu** always remains among the top 3 of parliamentarians on parameters like number of questions asked, number of days attended, etc. He was a member of technology committee of Parliament and is quite committed in areas like educational loans and very tech-savvy too.

Shri Ramasubbu in his key note address spoke on the need to conduct such courses and urged the users to be very careful in the upkeep of passwords, to have the latest anti virus and firewalls in place and to go in for licensed software. He urged upon NGOs like CySI to take upon the task of spreading awareness about cyber crimes and to assist the police wherever possible by sharing the technological know-how. Citing some of the recent cyber crime cases, he requested the police to view the victims of cyber crimes with compassion.

CySI Secretary **Shri Ramesh Bhasyam** proposed vote of thanks for the inaugural session.

After the tea break, the first thematic session was on “Cyber Law Compliance” handled by **Shri Naa Vijayashankar**, popularly known as Naavi. As one of the pioneers in I.T. Law, **Shri Naavi** presented the techno-legal issues in cyber law and the expectations from the

Banking and Financial Sector industries on the compliance with the various provisions of the I.T. Act 2000 and especially the IT Amendment Act 2008. Many bankers who were present, posed questions and sought clarifications from him on the responsibilities of a banker especially in Internet Banking, Electronic Signatures and related areas.

The second thematic session was on “Digital Evidence” in which Shri **V Rajendran** started with definition of cyber crimes and definition and significance of digital evidences. He spoke at length how cyber forensics as a subject of study is gaining in importance of late and how in future most of the evidences be it from a petty pickpocket kind of offences upto the most heinous offence of cyber terrorism killing hundreds, are going to be only in some kind of digital media like laptops, networks, servers of ISPs and NSPs etc.

The first session after lunch was a Panel Discussion with Shri **Sundaram Prabhu** (former Principal AG, Karnataka) chairing the session. He introduced the four speakers in the session, starting with Smt **Panchi Subramaniam** Senior Manager, Indian Overseas Bank Internet Banking Division, who made a presentation on the Dos and Donts on Internet Banking and the role of banks and the users. The second panelist Shri **A. Vijayakumar**, retired Asst General Manager, Karur Vysya Bank, spoke about the functioning of ATMs and the techno-legal issues involved in electronic records pertaining to ATMs. The next speaker Shri **C. Badri**, former General Manager and Chief Vigilance Office, Indian Overseas Bank, spoke about the important aspect ie the human element and the vigilance angle in cyber crimes, drawing from his vast experience as a senior executive in the major public sector bank. The last of the speakers was the young tech-savvy professional **Sukruti Vadula** who gave enormous statistics on the use and abuse of social networking sites and cautioned the youth to be careful while sharing any information in such sites. Shri S. Prabhu, summed up the entire discussion in a lucid and crisp manner giving his inputs on e-governance, cyber crimes and electronic records.

After the tea break, Shri **S.N. Ravichandran**, from Cyber Society of India Coimbatore Chapter spoke about the technicalities in a cyber crime investigation. He specifically spoke about how every cyber crime always leaves some trail, some log somewhere, through the fraudster may blissfully think that he has not left any trail and has deleted everything.

The last session was a presentation by research scholars from Anna University followed by a detailed talk of Digital Signals and Analog Signals by Dr **T.V. Gopal** Dept of Computer Science Anna University. He discussed the technicalities in the transmission of an analog signal vis a vis a digital signal, and how the bandwidth and communication of such signals greatly impact the overall cyberspace in a simple and easy to understand level.

Shri **N. Ramamurthy** from CySI was the anchor in the forenoon session, and the afternoon sessions were presented by Shri **Shanker Kumar**, Joint Secretary CySI.

The event was widely covered in the TV channels in Chennai like Sun News, Puthiya Thalaimurai, Thanthi TV and in the print media like The New Indian Express.

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