

## **Computer Security Day Programme – 2018 at Chennai.**

The Computer Security Day Programme was held on 30 11 2018 by the Cyber Society of India (CySI) along with the Voice of Voiceless (VoV) at the Commissioner of Police Office Chennai.

- The Programme started at 09.30 AM with the Invocation Song “Tamil Thai Vazthu” rendered by Mr.M.P.R.Khader Mohideen.
- Dignitaries were then welcomed with Flower Bouquets.
- ‘Cyber Security Day Pledge’ was administered by Mr. Justice K. N. Basha which was followed by all the participants reaffirming to be a responsible Netizen
- Mr. Balu Swaminathan, President, CySI welcomed the dignitaries on the dais, the guests and invitees present. In his welcome address, he briefed about CySI and said that Computer Security Day Programme will create awareness amongst the citizens about the security aspects to be adopted by them and protect themselves from cyber-attacks and stressed the need for individual policing in Cyber Crime. He encouraged the attendees to understand the Caricature presented on Computer Security Day and made a special mention about the excellent support received from the Commissioner of Police and other Officers of the COP Office in conducting this Programme and thanked them profusely for the same. He then elaborated on the programme for the day and also appreciated the Speakers for readily accepting the invitation without any hesitation.
- Mr. R Ramamurthy, Chairman, Cyber Security and Privacy Foundation delivered the Key Note address. He underlined the need for such programs, which will create awareness about the Cyber threats faced by the citizens and empower them to protect themselves from such attacks. He also emphasized that there should be no loopholes in the software and urged the need for strong and periodical software audits. He spoke about the dearth of Cyber Security professionals in our Country as we at present have only around 60,000 Cyber Security Professionals against the requirement of around 4,00,000 Professionals and suggested formation of a Council for Cyber Society Professionals like the BAR Council etc.
- Dr. A K Viswanathan, IPS, Commissioner of Police, Chennai in his Inaugural Address very impressively walked the audience through the Cyber Crimes taking place in the recent times. He made a mention of growing Cyber Related Bank Frauds and wanted

citizens to protect themselves from fraudsters by following precautions. He wanted citizens to identify fraudulent websites, protect children by educating them and urged parents to periodically check their smart phones whether any unusual incidents are noticed. He also spoke about the fraudulent Job Rackets, Online shopping websites, the need to keep the passwords as secret and cited instances of persons impersonating as Bank Executives and seeking details. He then explained about various steps taken by the Police in Colleges and other Institutions about Cyber Security Awareness. He also cautioned citizens about hurting others in social media and concluded his address by saying that Computer Security Day will be useful in combating cybercrimes and creating greater awareness.

- Dr. Santhosh Babu, I.A.S., I.T. Secretary, Secretary to Govt. I. T. Department, TN in his Presidential Address expressed happiness about CySI & VoV joining hands to observe the International Computer Security Day with a pledge and informed that he would recommend to the Government to introduce Computer Security Day Pledge also among the other Pledges we take during the year. He suggested that citizens should watch some of the films of recent times { like Irumbuthirai } which centers around about cybercrimes, to improve awareness He briefed about the I.T Security Policy being introduced by the Government and stressed the need for Cyber Security Information officer. He also elaborated on the C-DAC & CERT-IN and about commencing of CERT-TN by the Government of Tamilnadu and stressed that Cyber Security is National Security.
- Mr. Justice (Retd) K N Basha, in his Special Address expressed happiness that a large number of Women Advocates are participating in the Programme and recalled that more than 10000 cases are registered on cyber related cases which shows the increasing awareness regarding cybercrimes. Stressing the need to update Computers with Anti-Virus software, he briefed the audience with specific cases of people being victimized after luring them to reveal the password /OTP etc., He stressed the need for keeping password as secret and not to share the OTP with unknown persons. He made specific mention of the case of the State of Tamil Nadu Vs Suhas Katti, which is known for the first conviction under IT Act 2000 in India achieved successfully within a relatively quick time of seven months from the filing of the FIR in the year 2004 and went on to

appreciate Mr. S Balu, the President, CySI, who was the investigating officer handling that case then.

- Mr. Nanda Kumar, Secretary, Voice of Voiceless (VoV) briefed the audience about VoV and its activities and also its association with Cyber Society of India. He gave details of the number of cases registered with reference to cyber Crimes.
- The Inaugural Session came to an end with the singing of National Anthem.
- Then the program of day started after Tea break.
- Mr. Nagarjoun, B.E. a budding Artist of Independent Artists Show rendered a song regarding Cyber Crime, which was well appreciated by the audience.
- Mr. S R Senthil Kumar, DC-CCB, Chennai gave a detailed presentation on the Cyber Crime scenario and advised that all the information on cybercrime should percolate to friends and relatives and touched on Skimmers, Google Map (Bug) Fraud and warned the citizens to be alert. He briefed the audience about the App “KAVALAN SOS” launched by Chennai Police and impressed upon the Citizens to make the best use of it by downloading in their smart phones.
- Mr. Na Vijaya Shankar narrated the various laws and legal aspects relating to Information Technology. He highlighted the role of Police Officers and Software Professionals in combating cybercrime. He touched upon Cyber Stone Pelters, Right to Privacy, Artificial Intelligence (AI) and touched upon Bitcoins, terming it as Currency of the Criminals.
- Mr. N Karthikeyan, Cyber Law Advocate and Life member of CySI, in his address informed that anyone can be a victim if proper cyber security precaution is not taken. He spoke about Cyber Civilization, Cyber Criminals and various solutions available for the users. He also took the audience through how Google works and touched upon Data Technology and emphasized not to get addicted to social media and allow it to decide our activities. He also briefed the audience about Digital Banking and its benefits.
- The brief Interaction session that followed witnessed active exchange of information and the audience well utilized the occasion to pick the brains of the learned dignitaries as many questions were responded well by the learned speakers.
- Dr. Kala Bhaskar, Director in Charge, Center for Cyber Forensics and Information Security, University of Madras, in her presentation touched upon Digital Forensics, Dark Web, Digital Evidence, various forms of Cyber-attacks, Bit Coins etc. She also

elaborated on Computer Crimes, Computer Forensics, various devices used by fraudsters for committing cybercrime and discussed with the help of case studies. She also presented the Fire Eye Cyber Threat Map for the benefit of the participants.

- The last session was by Mr. V Balu, Advocate, who explained to the receptive audience on such topics as Digital Slavery, Origin of Social Media Crimes, dangers of Smart phones, Dangers of Social Media, Dangers of WhatsApp, Face Book and emphasized the need to go through the Privacy Agreement before accepting the same and improve awareness on Technology.
- Certificates to all the participants were distributed by Mr. R. Dhinakaran, Addl. CoP, L&O (North).
- Journal representative of the International Journal of Innovative Technology and Creative Engineering, United Kingdom, sponsors of the certificates, informed that the event would be covered in the next issue of their Journal, which is being distributed worldwide.
- Mr. C Badri, Joint Secretary, CySI summed up the day's proceedings and the event concluded with Mr. Prem Anand, Secretary, CySI proposing the Vote of Thanks.

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