



Project eSaksham

A Joint Initiative of Ministry of Education, AICTE, and CyberPeace Foundation

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PROBLEM STATEMENT



The global demand for cyber security experts reached six million in 2019. According to NASSCOM, India had a shortage of one million cyber security professionals in 2020. The labour crunch for the same is expected to hit approximately 3.5 million unfilled jobs by 2021.

Technological advancements and the internet have had a tremendously positive impact on innovation and opened doors for unlimited opportunities. But at the same time, it has also exposed humankind to unprecedented challenges. This new virtual space has become a breeding ground for criminals to jeopardize national interests and security of the citizens owing to anonymity guaranteed to users. The lack of digital literacy, often results in people becoming easy targets of crimes, especially harassment, abuse & frauds.

GOALS & OBJECTIVES



Project eSaksham, launched on 17th May 2021, aims to bridge the gap in digital literacy and cyber security skills, through capacity building and outreach activities.

- To build a community where :
 - the internet strengthens, rather than become a liability or weakness;
 - the youth are skilled and industry ready;
 - resources are used to create a secure ecosystem where we can translate research into market ready products through a plug and play model of research and innovation.



OBJECTIVES



**Train 5 LAKH
Students and Educators**



**Create 25,000
CYBERPEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS
and
500 CyberPeace Fellows**



**Set up 50
CYBERPEACE CLUBS**



Over the course of 1 year, we aim to :



- Strengthen cybersecurity skills by working with the community to explain processes and technology
- Fill the skill gap in the cyber security space in India
- Make masses aware of :
 - Data Privacy and Digital Footprint
 - CyberEthics - Responsible Online Behaviour
 - Cyber Crime and Reporting
- Ease the process of reporting instances of online harassment and frauds
- Mentor and convert skills into start-ups through incubation
- Create a pool of 25,000 CyberPeaceKeepers
- Set up 50 CyberPeace Clubs across the Country
- Create 500 Industry ready CyberPeace Fellows



The major outcomes of this joint initiative include :



- Enabling the youth to understand the importance of engaging responsibly in cyberspace
- Incubating innovative ideas and startups and create hubs for innovation and invention
- Assessing the vulnerabilities in online spaces and identifying strategies
- Making Cyber Range and Simulation Labs accessible

TRAINING AT FOUR LEVELS



Level 1 Training

- 2-hour long online workshop on basic concepts of online safety and cybersecurity, netiquette and introduction to new technologies
- Training will be for Students and Educators in batches of 6000 – 10000 participants
- A total of 5,00,000 participants will be trained through Level 1 training workshops

Level 2 Training

- A 4-day long training session for 25,000 participants, shortlisted through an online assessment
- Training will focus on enhancing CyberSecurity Skills of the participants in batches of 1000
- An assessment Test will be conducted at the end of each session
- The participants will be enrolled in the CyberPeace Corps Volunteer program and will work on ongoing as well as independent projects

Level 3 Training

- 5,000 participants will be shortlisted for the Level 3 through an assessment test
- 5-Day long customised training sessions will be conducted for the participants suited to their areas of interest
- This level training will be focusing on specialized verticals as IoT Security, Cloud Security, Blockchain, Infrastructure Security, etc.

Level 4 Training

- 500 participants will be shortlisted for this level through a series of assessments, and also a psychometric test.
- A 30-Day intensive training session will be conducted depending on their skillset for the participants
- The participants will get an opportunity to work on Capstone Projects with different partners from Government, Academia, Industry, LEAs etc.
- They will be connected with mentors and subject matter experts from the industry
- Access to labs, cyber ranges etc. will be provided
- On successful completion, participants will be awarded a certificate by AICTE & CyberPeace Foundation

Other Activities :



Online safety competitions for the participants, encouraging the positive use of online space will also be conducted throughout the course of the initiative.



GLOBAL CYBERPEACE CHALLENGE



RESEARCH CONCLAVE



SYMPOSIUM



eRAKSHA COMPETITION

About Clubs:

CyberPeace clubs are the community interfacing endpoints for executing collaborative initiatives with multiple stakeholders. The clubs will be nurtured eminent and experienced personalities from the advisory board & team from CPF. The clubs will engage in various activities outlined below. The activities are not exhaustive and we will add more based on the capabilities and enthusiasm from the members. It's a bottom-up approach of influencing and contributing towards effective policies, initiative, research etc. to build a peaceful and stable cyber space.



The club members would be participating or contributing to some of the below mentioned Internet Governance and Cyber Security working Groups through their activities

- Cyber Law
- Child and Women online safety
- Inclusion and Capacity Building - Specially abled
- Community Networks
- Entrepreneurship
- Critical Information Infrastructure
- Cyber Crime, Forensics and Law Enforcement
- IoT Security
- Trust on Internet (Blockchains)
- Innovations
- Ransomware & Malware Research



PARTNERS



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Ministry of Education : The Ministry of Education (MoE), formerly the Ministry of Human Resource Development (1985–2020), is a Ministry of Government of India responsible for the implementation of the National Policy on Education. The Ministry is further divided into two departments: the Department of School Education and Literacy, which deals with primary, secondary and higher secondary education, adult education and literacy, and the Department of Higher Education, which deals with university level education, technical education, scholarships, etc.



AICTE : The All-India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) is a statutory body, and a national-level council for technical education, under the Department of Higher Education. Established in November 1945 first as an advisory body and later in 1987 given statutory status by an Act of Parliament, AICTE is responsible for proper planning and coordinated development of the technical education and management education system in India.



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CyberPeace Foundation : CyberPeace Foundation [CPF] is an award-winning non-partisan civil society organization, think tank of cyber security and policy experts with the vision of pioneering CyberPeace Initiatives to build collective resiliency against cybercrimes & global threats of cyber warfare. CPF is involved in Policy Advocacy, Research and Training related to all aspects of CyberPeace and Cyber Security

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Public Information Registry : Based in Reston, Virginia, Public Interest Registry is a not-for-profit organization created by the Internet Society (ISOC), originally to manage the .ORG domain. They operate and manage the .ORG domain, and are also very active participants with the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN), and within the global domain community.



AIU : Association of Indian Universities (AIU), one of the premier apex higher education institutions of the Country established in 1925, is a research-based policy advice institution to the Government of India in the field of Higher Education, Sports & Culture and internationalisation. Since its inception, it has been playing a vital role in shaping Indian higher education. Most importantly, AIU is vested with the power for according equivalence to Degrees/Qualifications offered by the universities across the world with those offered in India. Being an apex institution it constitutes an integral part of all major decision-making committees and commissions in the country and facilitates cooperation and coordination among Indian universities and liaise between the universities and the Government (Central as well as the State Governments) and also national and International bodies of higher education in other countries in the matters of common interest. As a National Sports Promotion Organization (NSPO) it promotes sports among Member-Universities.



Autobot Infosec : Autobot Infosec is an India based global cyber security services firm providing a full range of data security services. The firm works with corporations and Governments in areas of Homeland / National Security, Enterprise Security; including policy and strategy development, product / solution based professional services.



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