

ON A MISSION TO PROMOTE 'TECHNOLOGY FOR GOOD' BEYOND BORDERS

Founder's Engagement

05 Aug - 1st Special Course for Diplomats North & East Africa (Eritrea, Libya, Somalia, South Sudan) hosted by the Sushma Swaraj Institute of Foreign Service on 'Geopolitics of Emerging Tech'.

At the first Special Course for Diplomats, Major Vineet Kumar shared his expertise on the evolving dynamics of cyberspace. He reflected on how digital threats like cybercrime and AI warfare had impacted nations, economies, and diplomacy itself. The session inspired diplomats to view cybersecurity not only as a technical issue, but as a cornerstone of peace and international cooperation.



09 Aug - Podcast - Inside Cyber Warfare with The Viral Company

In this thought-provoking podcast, Major Vineet Kumar, Founder & Global President of CyberPeace, talks about the hidden world of cybercrime, the rise of AI warfare, and the urgent need to restore peace in our digital lives. With decades of experience in building cyber resilience and leading global cyber peace initiatives, Major Vineet Kumar shares powerful insights on how the battles of tomorrow are already being fought today, in the digital realm.



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18 Aug - UPSIF International Summit, Lucknow

Major Vineet Kumar, Founder & Global President of CyberPeace joined the Summit and spoke about the hidden world of cybercrime and AI warfare. He shared how these threats had already begun shaping our digital future. The conversation reminded the audience why restoring peace in cyberspace had never been more urgent.



CYBER NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

- My ex stalked me, so I joined a 'dating safety' app. Then my address was leaked
- Fashion giant Chanel hit in wave of Salesforce data theft attacks
- Leading phone repair and insurance firm collapses after paying crippling ransomware demand — Cutting 100+ employees to just eight wasn't enough
- African authorities dismantle massive cybercrime and fraud networks, recover millions
- Cybercrime wave sweeps Canada with 12 billion attacks in first half of 2025
- A hacker used AI to automate an 'unprecedented' cybercrime spree, Anthropic says
- India-US cybercrime crackdown: \$40M tech-support scam dismantled under Operation Chakra



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STUDY WARNS OF RISING CYBER THREATS TO INDIA'S HIGHER EDUCATION SECTOR

CyberPeace, a non-profit headquartered in India focused on collective resilience against cyber threats, has released a research report titled Exploring Cyber Threats and Digital Risks to Indian Educational Institutions alongside a Cyber First Responder initiative, during an event on cyber resilience and AI safety in collaboration with DELNET. The pilot study, conducted with CyberPeace Centres of Excellence (CCoE), Resecurity and Autobot Infosec, highlights a growing cybersecurity crisis facing India's higher education institutions.



EXPERTS HAIL GEN-AI LEARNING SURGE IN INDIA AS KEY TO FUTURE-READY WORKFORCE, GLOBAL COMPETITIVENESS



In a conversation with ETV Bharat, Vineet Kumar, Founder and Global President of CyberPeace, said, "It should not come as a surprise, the talent in India with Generative AI is tremendous, and AI upskilling is a necessary component of a world that is now a global village."



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INTERVIEW OF MAJOR VINEET KUMAR, Founder of CyberPeace, where he talked of Cybercrimes in India and need for cybersecurity awareness



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TEENS TURN TO AI CHATBOTS FOR EMOTIONAL SUPPORT, EXPERTS URGE DIGITAL LITERACY BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE

In a conversation with ETV Bharat, Vineet Kumar, Founder of CyberPeace Foundation, said, "AI chatbots are becoming a part of everyday digital life, especially among teenagers, and we must address the growing concerns around emotional dependency and online safety. These tools are innovative, but are not designed to offer real companionship or psychological guidance. Young users often turn to chatbots for help with homework, managing exam stress, or navigating relationships. These are areas where emotional nuance and trust matter deeply."



#FactCheck: A viral claim suggests that by turn on Advance Chat Privacy, Meta AI can avoid reading

Executive Summary:

A viral social media video falsely claims that Meta AI reads all WhatsApp group and individual chats by default, and that enabling "Advanced Chat Privacy" can stop this. On performing reverse image search we found a blog post of WhatsApp which was posted in the month of April 2025 which claims that all personal and group chats remain protected with end to end (E2E) encryption, accessible only to the sender and recipient. Meta AI can interact only with messages explicitly sent to it or tagged with @MetaAI. The "Advanced Chat Privacy" feature is designed to prevent external sharing of chats, not to restrict Meta AI access. Therefore, the viral claim is misleading and factually incorrect, aimed at creating unnecessary fear among users.

Claim:

A viral social media video [archived link] alleges that Meta AI is actively accessing private conversations on WhatsApp, including both group and individual chats, due to the current default settings. The video further claims that users can safeguard their privacy by enabling the "Advanced Chat Privacy" feature, which purportedly prevents such access.

Fact Check:

Upon doing reverse image search from the keyframe of the viral video, we found a WhatsApp blog post from April 2025 that explains new privacy features to help users control their chats and data. It states that Meta AI can only see messages directly sent to it or tagged with @Meta AI. All personal and group chats are secured with end-to-end encryption, so only the sender and receiver can read them. The "Advanced Chat Privacy" setting helps stop chats from being shared outside WhatsApp, like blocking exports or auto-downloads, but it doesn't affect Meta AI since it's already blocked from reading chats. This shows the viral claim is false and meant to confuse people.

Conclusion:

The claim that Meta AI is reading WhatsApp Group Chats and that enabling the "Advance Chat Privacy" setting can prevent this is false and misleading. WhatsApp has officially confirmed that Meta AI only accesses messages explicitly shared with it, and all chats remain protected by end-to-end encryption, ensuring privacy. The "Advanced Chat Privacy" setting does not relate to Meta AI access, as it is already restricted by default.



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SEXTORTION IN THE ERA OF DIGITAL VULNERABILITY

Legal Mechanism and Challenges

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Introduction

We inhabit an era where digital connectivity, while empowering, has also unleashed a relentless tide of cyber vulnerabilities, where personal privacy is constantly threatened, and crimes like sextortion are the perfect example of the sinister side of our hyperconnected world. Social media platforms, instant messaging apps, and digital content-sharing tools have all grown rapidly, changing how people communicate with one another and making it harder to distinguish between the private and public domains. The rise of sophisticated cyber-crimes that use the very tools meant to connect us is the price paid for this unparalleled convenience. Sextortion, a portmanteau of “sex” and “extortion”, stands out among them as a particularly pernicious kind of internet exploitation. Under the threat of disclosing their private information, photos, or videos, people are forced to engage in sexual behaviours or provide intimate content. Sextortion’s psychological component is what makes it particularly harmful, it feeds on social stigma, shame, and fear, which discourage victims from reporting the crime and feed the cycle of victimisation and silence. This cyber-crime targets vulnerable people from all socioeconomic backgrounds and is not limited by age, gender, or location.

The Economy of Shame: Sextortion as a Cyber-crime Industry

A news report from June 03, 2025, reveals a sextortion racket busted in Delhi, where a money trail of over Rs. 5 crore was identified by different teams of the Crime branch. From synthetic financial identities to sextortion and other cyber frauds, a recipe for a sophisticated cybercrime chain was found. To believe this is an aberration is to overlook the reality that it is symptomatic of a much wider and largely uncharted criminal framework. According to the FBI’s 2024 IC3 report, “extortion (including sextortion)” has skyrocketed to 86,415 complaints with losses of \$143 million reported in the United States (US) alone. This indicates that coercive image-based threats are no longer an isolated cyber-crime but an everyday occurrence. Sextortion is no longer an isolated cybercrime; it has metamorphosed into a systematic, industrialised criminal enterprise. Another news report dated 19th July, 2025, where Delhi Police has detained four people suspected of participating in a sextortion scheme that targeted a resident of the Bhagwanpur Khara neighbourhood of Shahdara. The suspected people were allegedly arrested on a complaint wherein the victim was manipulated and fell prey to a dating site.



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1ST AUGUST 2025 - CYBER AWARENESS SESSION AT GHATSHILA BLOCK OFFICE, EAST SINGHBHUM WITH JAMSHEDPUR CYBER CELL & DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION

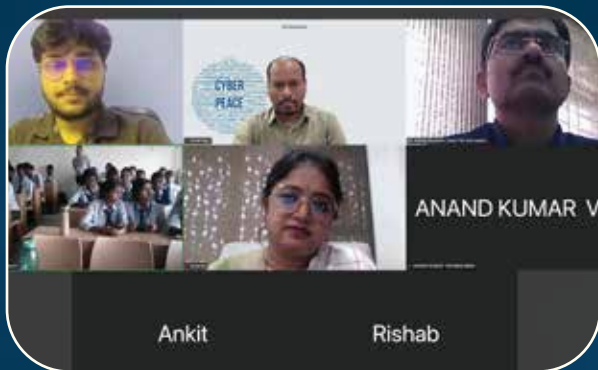


6TH AUGUST 2025 - CYBER AWARENESS SESSION AT GOVERNMENT SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL, RAWLA MANDI, GANGAPUR



8TH AUGUST 2025 - CYBER AWARENESS SESSION AT NAMO ELIBRARY, RANCHI

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12TH AUGUST 2025 - VIRTUAL TECHNICAL SESSION ON DEEPFAKE AND AI AT SARLA BIRLA UNIVERSITY



13TH AUGUST 2025 - CYBER AWARENESS SESSION AT ST. XAVIER COLLEGE, RANCHI



14TH AUGUST 2025 - CYBER AWARENESS SESSION FOR 3 GIRLS BATTALION, DELHI

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18TH AUGUST 2025 - VIRTUAL CYBERSAFETY AWARENESS & LEGAL RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE DIGITAL AGE SESSION AT THAKUR COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY



19TH AUGUST 2025 - CYBER AWARENESS SESSION AT JAMSHEDPUR PUBLIC SCHOOL WITH JAMSHEDPUR CYBER CELL & DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION



22ND AUGUST 2025 - CYBER AWARENESS SESSION AT GOVERNMENT SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL, RAWLA MANDI WITH RAWLA MANDI POLICE STATION

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23RD AUGUST 2025 - CYBER AWARENESS SESSION AT NAMO ELIBRARY, RANCHI WITH BJP MAHILA MORCHA WORKERS



23RD AUGUST 2025 - CYBER AWARENESS SESSION AT SHRI SWAMI VIVEKANAND COLLEGE, RAWLA MANDI WITH RAWLA MANDI POLICE STATION



23RD AUGUST 2025 - CYBER AWARENESS SESSION AT CHOUDHARY KASHIRAM SIKSHAN SANSTHAN SR. SEC. SCHOOL, RAWLA MANDI WITH RAWLA MANDI POLICE STATION

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25TH AUGUST 2025 - CYBER AWARENESS SESSION AT ARKA JAIN UNIVERSITY, JAMSHEDPUR



25TH AUGUST 2025 - VIRTUAL CYBER AWARENESS SESSION FOR CISF UNIT, BURNPUR



28TH AUGUST 2025 - CYBER AWARENESS SESSION FOR NCC CADETS (USI, 13 PUNJAB BN NCC FEROZEPUR & 7 J&K BN NCC UDHAMPUR)

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The seminar also marked the launch of the Cyber First Responder Initiative (CFRI), a capacity-building program aimed at equipping institutions and individuals with the skills to respond swiftly and effectively to cyber threats.



TIPS FROM THE HELPLINE

Q1. WHAT WAS THE GAMING BILL?

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Q2. DID SEBI CHANGE THE RULES FOR INVESTMENT?

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Q3. IS MY LIFE INSURANCE PROVIDER SAFE?

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Q4. I HAVE A PROFILE ON A MATRIMONIAL SITE, WHAT PRECAUTIONS SHOULD I TAKE?

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