



“Navigating the Intellectual Property Landscape in Cyber Security Research: Challenges, Strategies, and Implications”

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Abstract: The Information Technology Act of 2000 contains no mention of intellectual property protection, despite the fact that infringement of intellectual property rights (IPRs) is one of the most difficult online issues. Just as there are instances of copyright and domain name infringement on the internet, the Trade Mark Act of 1999 and the Copy Right Act of 1957 remain silent on the matter and do not address it directly. The term "cyberlaw" refers to the collection of legal problems that arise when communication technologies, such as the internet, are used. These concerns include free speech, security, protected invention (mostly copyright and trademarks), and the appropriate role of location and expertise over online exchanges and interchanges. The persistent drive to implement present law has given rise to cyberlaw and Internet law. and acceptable guidelines to practise on the Internet. There is no universal, worldwide law that governs online activities, even though web addresses and content can originate and reside anywhere on the earth. When users of the Internet and the PC server that facilitates their communication are located in different countries, problems arising from that interaction typically include legal disputes. This is also evident when a website's contents are allowed in the country in which it is hosted but prohibited in a country that claims exclusive access to the website. Therefore, to understand the various aspects of cyber law, students interested in the subject should enrol in online and general IP courses as well as Conflicts of Law and Universal Law courses. valid structures that could manage this area.

Key Words: Software piracy, IPR, cyber space, infringement, punishments. Cyber law, Copyright infringement, Domain names, Cybersquatting, IPR issues & challenges involved.

I. INTRODUCTION

In the world where most of the population finds it convenient to download software, movies, music etc. for free on the internet rather than purchasing the original version, it gets very easy for the hackers to gain access to our private information. After the emergence of Social media, people don't even think twice before opening and sharing links. This lack of after math has led to loss of confidentiality over their personal data. According to WIPO (World Intellectual Property Organization) Intellectual property refers to creations of the mind – inventions, literary and artistic works and symbols, names and images used in commerce. In today's cutting edge time, the world has been confronting a lot of flood in the Cyber Crime with Globalization being the primary factor behind it. Digital Crimes can be through Bullying over online networking, Cyber Stalking, Spamming, Trojan Attacks and so forth. In the lawful system of our nation, till date just the Information Technology Act, 2000 has been instituted so as to direct cybercrime. Nonetheless, time has fundamentally changed from where everything began; in like way the demonstration needs to experience many further changes to conform to the present day circumstance. To cut down the cybercrime rate, reasonable estimates should be taken at both Legislative and Judiciary levels to shield the blameworthy gatherings from encroaching upon the law.[1]

1.1 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

Intellectual property rights are like any other property right. They allow creators, or owners, of patents, trademarks or copyrighted works to benefit from their own work or investment in a creation. These rights are outlined in Article 27 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which provides for the right to benefit from the protection of moral and material interests resulting from authorship of scientific, literary or artistic productions.

The importance of IP was for the very first time discussed in the Paris Convention, 1883 for protection of Industrial Property and then later on in the Berne Convention, 1886 for the protection of Literary and Artistic Works. Both of these are regulated by WIPO (World Intellectual Property Organization) is an international organization that administers a number of international agreements that deal partly or entirely with the protection of geographical indications (in particular, the Paris Convention and the Lisbon Agreement).



The following are the list of activities covered by the intellectual property rights, laid down by the WIPO –

- Industrial designs
- Inventions possible in human venture
- Trademarks, service marks, designations etc.
- Scientific Inventions
- Literary, artistic, and scientific works
- Unhealthy competition
- Performances of performing artists, phonograms, and broadcasts
- All other rights intellect
- Intellectual property in industrial, scientific, literary, or artistic fields

1.2 CYBER CRIME

Cybercrime is characterized by the felonious usage of computer and theft. It has been growing ever since such as viruses, spam, breaking into a server or a network, theft of data thereby breaking its confidentiality, stalking someone and using their information to further bully them, fraudulent activity and so on.

Unfortunately, it won't just stop here as there is advancement in the technology more or less there has been a drastic increase in cybercrime.[4]

Things highly affecting cyber security

1. Web servers: There are attacks on these web applications to take out data or to pass out the nasty code that exists. Attackers often pass out their nasty code through these web servers that they have already hacked. Henceforth we need something big that protects our web servers and web applications to the core. Web servers have now become one of the most convenient platforms for the attackers to steal data.

2. Cloud computing and its services: Nowadays every small or large scale company is adopting and working with the cloud and utilizing its services. The world is gradually propelling towards the clouds. This newest technology shows even bigger challenge for cyber security Moreover, as the number of web applications available in the cloud increases, there should also be a huge change in the policy controls for web applications and cloud services so that the valuable information is protected. Cloud may provide many facilities but it should also be considered that as the cloud grows care the security is not compromised.

3. Advanced Persistent Threat: Advanced Persistent Threat, is a completely different kind of a cybercrime. As attackers grow stronger and incorporate ambiguous techniques, network security must develop other security services to detect attacks. Hence one should improve our security techniques to prevent threats coming in the near future.

4. Mobile Networks: We can connect to anyone in any part of the world we wish to through these networks. It is undeniable that these mobile networks need a high end security and it is a major concern. Now a days we can observe that firewalls and other security measures have become way more permeable as we are using devices like mobile phones, tablets, PCs, and so on, all of them need extra security apart from those which are being used in the applications. We must always consider the security that could easily beat stake, with these mobile networks. Mobile networks are easily attacked and they are largely open to these cyber-crimes henceforth a lot of care must be taken.

5. IPv6 - New Internet Protocol: IPv6 - New Internet Protocol is the new internet protocol that is taking over IPv4 which is the older version of it that has been a support for our entire networks and the Internet as a whole. While IPv6 is a whole new substitute in making more IP addresses available, there are some basic changes to the protocol that should be taken care of in the security policy. It is better to switch to IPv6 as it is more secure and the cybercrime can be much reduced this way.

6. Encryption of the code: Encryption is characterized as encoding messages or the given data in a way that nobody else can understand or read except for the concerned user. The message or data is encrypted using different algorithms, converting them it into an unreadable cipher text. There is an encryption key that shows how the message is to be converted or say encoded. Encryption helps in protecting data privacy and its integrity. Encryption protects data in transit, like when data is being transferred through networks like, mobile telephones or wireless. So by encrypting the given or sent code we can discover if there is any leakage of data or the relevant information.

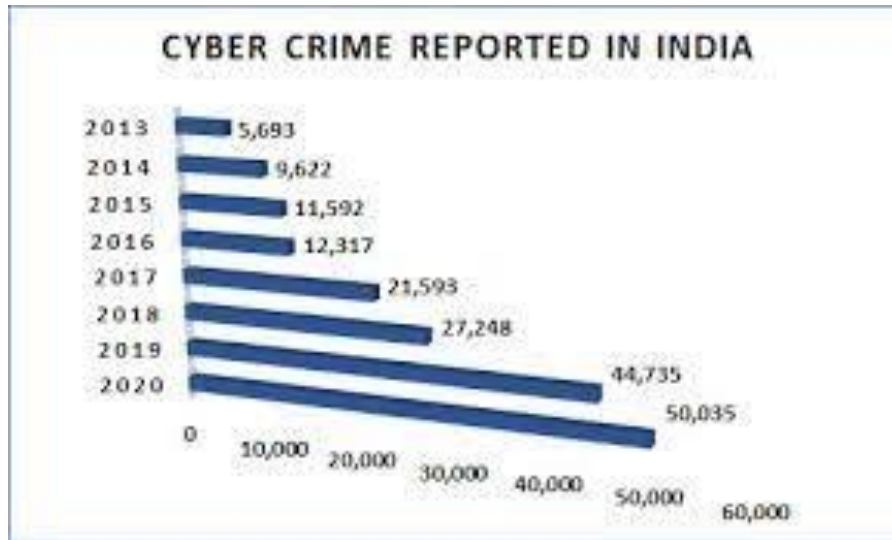


Figure 1: Illustrate the Numerals of cyber crime reported in India during 2013-2020

1.3 CYBER SECURITY

Security is the preeminent direness in each part of our lives. There has been a broad development of digital security in the product business. These dangers have ascended to an entire diverse level. We face a daily reality such that our private data is as vital as it has ever been. With the rising programming enterprises, it has gotten genuinely essential to explicitly plan something with a structure that holds the uprightness and classification of the framework all in all. Everything comes in question once the extirpation of security happens. Digital security is portrayed as offering insurance to the system, interface and the framework all in all. It shields the whole system from the vindictive and unapproved get to. Data theft is the forbidden shift or storage of any information that is confidential, personal, or financial in nature, including passwords, software code, or algorithms, proprietary process-oriented information, or technologies. Some common modes of data theft are- USB drive, portable hard drive, devices using memory cards and PDAs, Emails, Printing, Remote sharing, and Malware attacks.

1.4 SOCIAL MEDIA IN CYBER SECURITY

Organizations and companies should find new ways to secure personal information as the social media and sharing of information has grown up to a whole next level. Social media is a great deal in cyber security and will invite many personal cyber threats. As social media and social networking sites are used by all of us every day and night it has eventually become a major platform for the attackers for hacking and misusing the private information and stealing our most valuable data.

We see that people are rapidly attracted by the schemes of the social media thereby the hackers or attackers utilize them to gather the valuable information and everything that they need. So, we should take very accurate and appropriate measures in coping up with social media so that we can help secure it and prevent all kind of valuable data loss and theft. With giving someone the authority to broadcast delicate data or information, it also gives the same authority to transmit the bad or false information, which could get equally damaging. The quick transmission of this false information via social media comes under the arising risks identified in Global Risks 2013 report.

A few international cyber-attack examples are as follows-

North Korea 'stole \$2bn for weapons via cyber-attacks' - North Korea has stolen \$2bn (£1.6bn) to fund its weapons program using cyber-attacks, a leaked United Nations report says. The confidential report says Pyongyang has targeted banks and crypto-currency exchanges to collect cash. Sources confirmed to the BBC that the UN was investigating 35 cyber-attacks. It follows a string of missile launches by North Korea in recent weeks, with the country's leader Kim Jong-un saying the launches were a warning against joint military exercises being carried out by the US and South Korea.

British Airways faces record £183m fine for data breach – The incident took place after users of British Airways' website were diverted to a fraudulent site. Through this false site, details of about 500,000 customers were harvested by the attackers, the ICO said.

Information Commissioner Elizabeth Denham said: "People's personal data is just that - personal. When an organization fails to protect it from loss, damage or theft, it is more than an inconvenience. That's why the law is clear - when you are entrusted with personal data, you must look after it. Those that don't will face scrutiny from my office to check they have taken appropriate steps to protect fundamental privacy rights."

The incident was first disclosed on 6 September 2018 and BA had initially said approximately 380,000 transactions were affected, but the stolen data did not include travel or passport details.

CYBER SECURITY TECHNIQUES

- The Access control and password security: We all know generating user names and passwords have always been basic ways of securing our valuable information or data. It might be one of the first acts regarding cyber security.
- Authentication of the data: The documents and files that we get should always be authenticated even before downloading them it should be seen whether or not it has originated from a trusted and a more reliable source and that they are not at all changed or disturbed in any way. Authenticating documents is done by the anti-virus software which is present there in the device itself. Thus, a solid anti-virus software is also important to secure the devices from malicious codes also known as viruses.[18]
- The Malware scanners: It is software which regularly scans all the files and documents which are located in the system for the bad code or harmful viruses. Viruses or worms or Trojan horses are such examples of malicious software which are frequently clubbed together and known as malware.[19]
- Firewall: A firewall is basically a software program which helps in identifying hackers, worms, Trojans, viruses, and so on, which try to get our computers infected or attacked. All the texts entering or leaving the internet go through the firewall which is located there, which analyses each text and then blocks those messages which do not fit in the required security criteria.
- Anti-virus software: Antivirus is a basically a computer program which identifies, rules out, and intervenes to eliminate pernicious software programs, like, viruses and worms. Most antivirus programs constitute of an auto-update feature that calls attention to. It helps enable the program to download profiles of the newly detected. Anti-virus software is a basic requirement for every single system.[20]

Challenges of IPR in Cyber Crime

Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) play a crucial role in protecting innovations and creations in the digital realm, particularly in the field of cybersecurity. However, the dynamic nature of cyberspace presents unique challenges to the effective enforcement and protection of IPR. This research explores the multifaceted challenges faced by IPR in the context of cybersecurity and proposes potential solutions to address these issues.

1. Rapid Evolution of Technology:

Cybersecurity technologies evolve at an unprecedented pace, making it challenging for traditional IPR frameworks to keep up. This rapid evolution often outpaces the ability of legal systems to adapt and create effective protection mechanisms for new innovations, leaving potential gaps in safeguarding intellectual property.

2. Global Nature of Cyber Threats:

Cyber threats transcend national borders, making it difficult to enforce IPR on a global scale. Inconsistencies in international laws and regulations regarding intellectual property create challenges in pursuing legal action against infringing parties operating in different jurisdictions. The lack of a standardized global framework for IPR in cybersecurity hampers effective enforcement.

3. Anonymity and Attribution Issues:

Cybercriminals often operate under the cover of anonymity, complicating the identification and attribution of intellectual property violations. The difficulty in tracing the source of cyberattacks and unauthorized access to proprietary information poses a significant hurdle to holding perpetrators accountable for their actions.

4. Reverse Engineering and Code Obfuscation:

In the realm of cybersecurity, reverse engineering is a common practice for analyzing and understanding the functionality of software. This poses challenges for IPR protection, as it becomes challenging to differentiate between legitimate security research and unauthorized attempts to replicate or exploit proprietary technologies. Code obfuscation techniques further complicate the identification and protection of intellectual property.

**5. Inadequate Legal Frameworks:**

Existing legal frameworks may not be comprehensive enough to address the intricacies of intellectual property in cybersecurity. The lack of specific legislation tailored to the digital domain can result in ambiguity and challenges in applying traditional IPR concepts to emerging technologies, leaving intellectual property vulnerable to exploitation.

6. Collaborative Development and Open Source Culture:

The collaborative nature of cybersecurity research often involves open-source contributions and shared development efforts. While this fosters innovation, it can create uncertainties regarding the ownership and protection of intellectual property. Balancing the collaborative spirit with the need for effective IPR protection poses a delicate challenge.

II. INTERCONNECTION BETWEEN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS AND CYBER-SECURITY

The main objective of this article is to enlighten the readers and the creators of cyber content, about the rights available to them, so as to protect their innovation to be used without their prior permission over the internet.[5,6]

Various Intellectual Property Rights protecting the data, software and contents available in cyber space are as following

a. COPYRIGHT – With reference to Section 13 of the Indian Copyright Act, 1957 it can be stated that, copyright shall subsist throughout India in the following classes of works –

- Original literary, dramatic, musical and artistic works
- Cinematograph films
- Sound recording

Copyright is basically a legal device which gives the creator of the given classes of work, the sole right to sell and publish his work. In the meantime, copyright law has been incorporated and implemented to secure the content available on net. It provides protection to authentic work which is presented in substantial manner. In spite of the fact that the present copyright laws do give security to copyright proprietors, but it can't be ignored that they contain few deficiencies with regards to the adequacy of copyright insurance being authorized on the general population. To overcome these hindrances, we require a more grounded and mightier relationship in different wards along with close participation of various global associations. It is therefore the duty of the society to spread awareness about the need of copyright protection in order to control and prevent unauthorized usage of original work.

So far international copyright law was based upon the Berne Convention for the protection of literary and artistic works and the T.R.I.P.S (Trade Related aspects of Intellectual Property Right) of 1995. Since 1974, the international copyright instruments have been managed by a special United Nations Agency by name W.I.P.O (World Intellectual Property Organization).

W.I.P.O's objective as per the treaty is to promote the protection of intellectual property throughout the World through cooperation among the states and where appropriate, in collaboration with other international organizations. Currently W.I.P.O consists of 180 member states. W.I.P.O administers six copyright treaties and aims at "homogenizing national intellectual property protections with an ultimate eye towards the creation of a unified, cohesive body worldwide international law."

Database - The term database can be defined as compilation of a particular set of data stored in a computer system. This term was for the very first time mentioned in the Information Technology Act, 2000. "The Indian Copyright Act 1957 includes and protects Databases as a part of "Literary Works" under Section 13(1)." Also, section 43 and section 66 of the IT Act, 2000 provides for penal liabilities against the person who infringes a copyrighted database and entitles the owner of the copyrighted database, which has been violated for compensation up to one crore rupees.

The T.R.I.P.S (Trade Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights) Agreement[16]

The General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (G.A.T.T) has also addressed copyright issues, in parallel to W.I.P.O. The goal of G.A.T.T is to promote the reduction of tariff barriers to the international movement of goods. In 1994, the Uruguay round of G.A.T.T produced T.R.I.P.S. The same round also instituted the W.T.O (World Trade Organization). The T.R.I.P.S Agreement adopts portions of the Berne, Rome and Paris Conventions in enunciating norms for intellectual property laws.

**W.I.P.O (World Intellectual Property Organization)**

W.I.P.O is an organization of the United Nations (U.N). W.I.P.O's activities are of four kinds:-

Registration, promotion of inter-governmental cooperation in the administration of intellectual property rights, specialized programmed activities and lastly dispute resolution facilities. In 1996, member countries found it necessary to form a treaty to deal with the protection of copyright evolution of new technology.

W.I.P.O and Digital Copyrights

The Copyright Treaty 1996 and Performances and Phonograms Treaty 1996 are the two major international legal instruments relating to cyberspace created under the auspices of W.I.P.O. A close analysis of W.I.P.O Copyrights Treaty would reveal the scope and limitations of protection related to digital copyrights. However these sole rights given to the proprietor of the copyright are subject to the doctrine of 'Fair Use' [8]

W.I.P.O Copyright Treaty addresses these specific rights namely the rights of distribution, rental and communication to the public. The Treaty also interestingly addresses the issue of Rights Management Information (R.M.I) which is relevant to the popular Digital Rights Management (D.R.M).

Fair Use - The doctrine of fair use allows in person to copy or use a copyrighted material for limited and transformative purposes such as to criticize, comment or parody a copyrighted work. Fair use can act as a defense against a claim of copyright infringement if your use qualifies fair use, else it will be an illegal infringement.

Copyright and Cyberspace

Copyright protection gives the author of work a certain "bundle of rights", including the exclusive right to reproduce the work in copies, to prepare derivative works based on the copyright work and to perform or display the work publicly.

Public Performance and Display Rights

The right that does get affected is that of display. Display of the work is also done by making copies, which are then retailed or lent out. This also falls under the right to display, which the holder of the copyright has.

Distribution Rights

Copyright Law grants the holder of the copyright the exclusive right to distribute copies of the work to the public by sale or by the transfer of the ownership.

Caching (Mirroring)

It is a violation on the internet. Caching may be local caching and proxy caching. In addition, proxy caching may give rise to infringement of the right of public distribution, public policy, public performance and digital performance.

Electronic Copyright Management System - The copyright proprietors have an alternative to utilize the technology security measures. E.C.M.S is a legislative framework to ensure against outsiders evading these systems. [9]

Different kinds of technology protection measures are as following –

1. Access control measures - These kinds of measures prevent outsiders from gaining access to the copyrighted contents. For e.g. Setting up of passwords, encryption etc.
2. Duplicate control measures – These kinds on measures prevent copyrighted content from being copied by the third parties. For e.g. Disabling right click, Installing piracy protector on movie, CDs etc.

b. PATENT LAW - A Patent is basically a government license or permit providing a privilege or title for a set period, particularly to the sole holder of the patent to reject others from making, utilizing, or selling a creation. However, according to the section 3(d) of the Patent Act, 1970. "The mere discovery of a new form of a known substance which does not result in the enhancement of the known efficacy of that substance or the mere discovery of any new property or new use for a known substance or of the mere use of a known process, machine or apparatus unless such known process results in a new product or employs at least one new reactant, is not patentable." [9]

c. TRADE MARK - Trademark is defined under Section 2 (zb) of the Trade Marks Act, 1999 as, "trade mark means a mark capable of being represented graphically and which is capable of distinguishing the goods or services of one person from those of others and may include shape of goods, their packaging and combination of colors." A mark can include a device, brand, heading, label, ticket, name, signature, word, letter, numeral, shape of goods, packaging or combination of colors or any such combinations.[10]



Strategies in Cyber Crime

This research explores proactive strategies to fortify Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) against cyber crimes. Recognizing the evolving landscape of digital threats, the study aims to propose comprehensive measures that organizations and legal systems can adopt to enhance the protection of intellectual property in the face of cybercriminal activities.

1. Adaptive Legal Frameworks:

Developing and continuously updating legal frameworks that specifically address cyber threats to intellectual property is essential. These frameworks should be agile enough to accommodate technological advancements and provide clarity on legal recourse for victims of cyber crimes. Regular legislative reviews and amendments can ensure that IPR laws remain effective in the rapidly changing digital environment.

2. International Collaboration and Harmonization:

Foster international cooperation to create harmonized standards for IPR protection in cyberspace. Establishing treaties and agreements that facilitate information sharing, cross-border investigations, and consistent enforcement mechanisms can help combat cyber crimes globally. Collaboration between governments, law enforcement agencies, and private sector entities is crucial in developing a united front against intellectual property infringement.

3. Enhanced Cybersecurity Education and Awareness:

Promoting awareness among individuals, businesses, and legal professionals about the importance of intellectual property protection in the digital realm is vital. Investing in cybersecurity education programs can empower stakeholders to recognize and report potential cyber threats, contributing to a more resilient IPR ecosystem.

4. Technological Solutions for Attribution:

Develop and implement advanced technological solutions to enhance attribution capabilities. Technologies such as digital forensics, blockchain, and machine learning can aid in tracing and identifying cybercriminals involved in intellectual property theft. Strengthening the technical aspects of investigation and attribution is crucial for holding perpetrators accountable.

5. Strategic Partnerships with Tech Industry:

Collaboration between IPR entities and the technology industry can lead to the development of proactive measures to safeguard intellectual property. Engaging with tech companies to integrate security features, encryption mechanisms, and anti-reverse engineering tools into digital products can act as a deterrent to potential cyber criminals.

6. Encouraging Responsible Disclosure and Bug Bounty Programs:

Establish mechanisms that encourage ethical hacking and responsible disclosure. By incentivizing security researchers to report vulnerabilities and intellectual property issues, organizations can proactively address potential threats before they are exploited by malicious actors. Implementing bug bounty programs can create a mutually beneficial environment between researchers and intellectual property owners.

7. Regular Training for Legal Professionals:

Provide ongoing training for legal professionals to stay abreast of the latest developments in cyber threats and technological advancements. This ensures that legal practitioners are well-equipped to navigate the complexities of prosecuting cyber crimes related to intellectual property and can effectively represent the interests of victims.

Intellectual Property Rights in Cyberspace -

Each new innovation in the field of innovation encounters an assortment of dangers. Web is one such risk, which has caught the physical commercial center and have changed over it into a virtual commercial center. To defend the business intrigue, it is essential to make a powerful property administration and insurance instrument remembering the extensive measure of business and trade occurring in the Cyberspace. Today it is basic for each business to build up a compelling and community IP administration system and insurance procedure. The regularly approaching dangers in the robotic world would thus be able to be checked and kept. Different methodologies and enactments have been outlined by the administrators to raise the stakes in conveying a safe arrangement against such digital dangers. Anyway it is the obligation of the licensed innovation right (IPR) proprietor to refute and lessen such mala fide demonstrations of hoodlums by taking proactive measures.

To plan and actualize a protected the internet, some stringent methodologies have been set up. This part clarifies the significant procedures utilized to guarantee cybersecurity, which incorporate the accompanying –



- Making a Secure Cyber Ecosystem
- Making an Assurance Framework
- Empowering Open Standards
- Fortifying the Regulatory Framework
- Making Mechanisms for IT Security
- Securing E-administration Services
- Ensuring Critical Information Infrastructure

Strategy 1 - Creating a Secure Cyber Ecosystem

The digital environment includes an extensive variety of shifted substances like gadgets (correspondence advancements and PCs), people, governments, private associations, and so on, which communicate with each other for various reasons. This system investigates having a solid and vigorous digital biological community where the digital gadgets can work with each other later on to avoid digital assaults, decrease their adequacy, or discover answers for recuperate from a digital assault.

Such a digital biological system would have the capacity incorporated with its digital gadgets to allow secured methods for activity to be composed inside and among gatherings of gadgets. This digital environment can be regulated by exhibit observing systems where programming items are utilised to identify and report security shortcomings.

A solid digital biological system has three harmonious structures – Automation, Interoperability, and Authentication.

Mechanisation – It facilitates the usage of cutting edge safety efforts, upgrades the quickness, and advances the basic leadership forms.

Interoperability – It toughens the shared activities, enhances mindfulness, and quickens the learning methodology. There are three sorts of interoperability –

Semantic (i.e., shared dictionary in light of basic comprehension)

Specialised Approach – Important in absorbing diverse supporters into a comprehensive digital resistance structure.

Confirmation – It enhances the recognisable proof and check innovations that work keeping in mind the end goal to give:

- Security
- Reasonableness
- Usability and organisation
- Adaptability
- Interoperability

Strategy 2 - Creating an Assurance Framework

The target of this methodology is to plan a diagram in consistence with the worldwide security gauges through conventional items, procedures, individuals, and innovation.

To take into account the national security necessities, a national structure known as the Cybersecurity Assurance Framework was created. It obliges basic framework associations and the legislatures through "Empowering and Endorsing" activities. Empowering activities are performed by government elements that are self- ruling bodies free from business interests. The distribution of "National Security Policy Compliance Requirements" and IT security rules and archives to empower IT security execution and consistency are finished by these specialists.

Supporting activities are associated with gainful administrations in the wake of meeting the compulsory capability measures and they incorporate the accompanying. Indian IT/ITES/BPOs need to consent to the universal benchmarks and best practices on security and protection with the advancement of the outsourcing market. ISO 9000, CMM, Six Sigma, Total Quality Management, ISO 27001 and so forth., are a portion of the confirmations.

Existing models, for example, SEI CMM levels are only implied for programming improvement forms and don't address security issues. Subsequently, a few endeavors are made to make a model in view of self- accreditation idea and on the lines of Software Capability Maturity Model (SW- CMM) of CMU, USA.

The structure that has been created through such relationship amongst industry and government, includes the accompanying –



- guidelines
- rules
- hones

These parameters encourage the proprietors and administrators of basic framework to oversee cybersecurity-related dangers.

Strategy 3 – Strengthening the Regulatory Framework

The target of this technique is to make a protected the internet biological system and reinforce the administrative structure. A 24X7 system has been imagined to manage digital dangers through National Critical Information Infrastructure Protection Center (NCIIPC). The Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) has been assigned to go about as a nodal organization for emergency administration. A few features of this system are as per the following –

- Advancement of innovative work in cybersecurity.
- Creating human asset through instruction and preparing programs.

Empowering all associations, regardless of whether open or private, to assign a man to fill in as Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) will's identity in charge of cybersecurity activities.

Indian Armed Forces are building up a digital summon as a piece of fortifying the cybersecurity of protection system and establishments.

Compelling execution of open private association is in pipeline that will go far in making answers for the constantly changing risk scene.

Strategy 4– Creating Mechanisms for IT Security

Some fundamental components that are set up for guaranteeing IT security are – connect arranged safety efforts, end-to-end safety efforts, affiliation situated measures, and information encryption. These strategies contrast in their inside application highlights and furthermore in the qualities of the security they give. Give us a chance to talk about them in a word.

- Connection Oriented Measures - It is a medium for transporting Protocol Data Units (PDUs) in a shielded way from source to goal such that disturbance of any of their correspondence joins does not abuse security.
- Affiliation Oriented Measures - Affiliation situated measures are an adjusted arrangement of end-to-end measures that ensure each affiliation independently.
- Information Encryption - It characterizes some broad highlights of ordinary figures and the as of late created class of open key figures. It encodes data in a way that exclusive the approved staff can unscramble them.

Strategy 5– Securing E-Governance Services

Electronic administration (e-administration) is the most cherished instrument with the legislature to give open administrations in a responsible way. Tragically, in the present situation, there is no committed lawful structure for e-administration in India.

So also, there is no law for required e-conveyance of open administrations in India. What's more, nothing is more unsafe and troublesome than executing e- administration ventures without adequate cybersecurity. Henceforth, securing the e-administration administrations has turned into a pivotal errand, particularly when the country is making every day exchanges through cards.

Luckily, the Reserve Bank of India has executed security and hazard moderation measures for card exchanges in India enforceable from first October, 2013. It has put the obligation of guaranteeing secured card exchanges upon banks as opposed to on clients.

"E-government" or electronic government alludes to the utilization of Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) by government bodies for the accompanying –

- Effective conveyance of open administrations
- Refining inner productivity
- Simple data trade among natives, associations, and government bodies
- Re-organizing of managerial procedures.

Strategy 6– Protecting Critical Information Infrastructure

Basic data framework is the foundation of a nation's national and monetary security. It incorporates control plants, interstates, spans, compound plants, systems, and additionally the structures where a huge number of individuals work each day. These can be secured with stringent cooperation designs and trained usage.

Defending basic framework against creating digital dangers needs an organised approach. It is required that the legislature forcefully works together with open and private parts all the time to avoid, react to, and organise moderation endeavours against endeavoured disturbances and unfavourable effects to the country's basic framework.

It is sought after that the administration works with entrepreneurs and administrators to strengthen their administrations and gatherings by sharing digital and other danger data.

A typical stage ought to be imparted to the clients to submit remarks and thoughts, which can be cooperated to manufacture a harder establishment for securing and ensuring basic foundations.

The legislature of USA has passed an official request "Enhancing Critical Infrastructure Cybersecurity" in 2013 that organizes the administration of cybersecurity chance engaged with the conveyance of basic framework administrations.

This Framework gives a typical grouping and component for associations to:

- Characterise their current cybersecurity bearing,
- Characterise their destinations for cybersecurity,
- Sort and organise chances for improvement inside the system of a consistent procedure, and
- Speak with every one of the speculators about cybersecurity.

Section	Offence	Punishment	Bailability and Congizability
65	Tampering with Computer Source Code	Imprisonment up to 3 years or fine up to Rs 2 lakhs	Offence is Bailable, Cognizable and triable by Court of JMFC.
66	Computer Related Offences	Imprisonment up to 3 years or fine up to Rs 5 lakhs	Offence is Bailable, Cognizable and
66-A	Sending offensive messages through Communication service, etc...	Imprisonment up to 3 years and fine	Offence is Bailable, Cognizable and triable by Court of JMFC
66-B	Dishonestly receiving stolen computer resource or communication device	Imprisonment up to 3 years and/or fine up to Rs. 1 lakh	Offence is Bailable, Cognizable and triable by Court of JMFC
66-C	Identity Theft	Imprisonment of either description up to 3 years and/or fine up to Rs. 1 lakh	Offence is Bailable, Cognizable and triable by Court of JMFC
66-D	Cheating by Personation by using computer resource	Imprisonment of either description up to 3 years and /or fine up to Rs. 1 lakh	Offence is Bailable, Cognizable and triable by Court of JMFC
66-E	Violation of Privacy	Imprisonment up to 3 years and /or fine up to Rs. 2 lakh	Offence is Bailable, Cognizable and triable by Court of JMFC
66-F	Cyber Terrorism	Imprisonment extend to imprisonment for Life	Offence is Non- Bailable, Cognizable and triable by Court of Sessions
67	Publishing or transmitting obscene material in electronic form	On first Conviction, imprisonment up to 3 years and/or fine up to Rs. 5 lakh On Subsequent Conviction imprisonment up to 5 years and/or fine up to Rs. 10 lakh	Offence is Bailable, Cognizable and triable by Court of JMFC



67-A	Publishing or transmitting of material containing sexually explicit act, etc... in electronic form	On first Conviction imprisonment up to 5 years and/or fine up to Rs. 10 lakh On Subsequent Conviction imprisonment up to 7 years and/or fine up to Rs. 10 lakh	Offence is Non- Bailable, Cognizable and triable by Court of JMFC
67-B	Publishing or transmitting of material depicting children in sexually explicit act etc., in electronic form	On first Conviction imprisonment of either description up to 5 years and/or fine up to Rs. 10 lakh On Subsequent Conviction imprisonment of either description up to 7 years and/or fine up to Rs. 10 lakh	Offence is Non Bailable, Cognizable and triable by Court of JMFC
67-C	Intermediary intentionally or knowingly contravening the directions about Preservation and retention of information	Imprisonment up to 3 years and fine	Offence is Bailable, Cognizable.
68	Failure to comply with the directions given by Controller	Imprisonment up to 2 years and/or fine up to Rs. 1 lakh	Offence is Bailable, Non-Cognizable.
69	Failure to assist the agency referred to in sub section (3) in regard interception or monitoring or decryption of any information through any computer resource	Imprisonment up to 7 years and fine	Offence is Non- Bailable, Cognizable.
69-A	Failure of the intermediary to comply with the direction issued for blocking for public access of any information through any computer resource	Imprisonment up to 7 years and fine	Offence is Non- Bailable, Cognizable.
69-B	Intermediary who intentionally or knowingly contravenes the provisions of sub-section (2) in regard monitor and collect traffic data or information through any computer resource for Cybersecurity	Imprisonment up to 3 years and fine	Offence is Bailable, Cognizable.
70	Any person who secures access or attempts to secure access to the protected system in contravention of provision of Sec. 70	Imprisonment of either description up to 10 years and fine	Offence is Non- Bailable, Cognizable.
70-B	Indian Computer Emergency Response Team to serve as national agency for incident response. Any service provider, intermediaries, data centres, etc., who fails to provide the information called for or comply with the direction issued by the ICERT.	Imprisonment up to 1 year and/or fine up to Rs. 1 lakh	Offence is Bailable, Non-Cognizable
71	Misrepresentation to the Controller to the Certifying Authority	Imprisonment up to 2 years and/ or fine up to Rs. 1 lakh.	Offence is Bailable, Non-Cognizable.
72	Breach of Confidentiality and privacy	Imprisonment up to 2 years and/or fine up to Rs. 1 lakh.	Offence is Bailable, Non-Cognizable.
72-A	Disclosure of information in breach of lawful contract	Imprisonment up to 3 years and/or fine up to Rs. 5 lakh.	Offence is Cognizable, Bailable
73	Publishing electronic Signature Certificate false in certain particulars	Imprisonment up to 2 years and/or fine up to Rs. 1 lakh	Offence is Bailable, Non-Cognizable.
74	Publication for fraudulent purpose	Imprisonment up to 2 years and/or fine up to Rs. 1 Lakh	Offence is Bailable, Non-Cognizable.

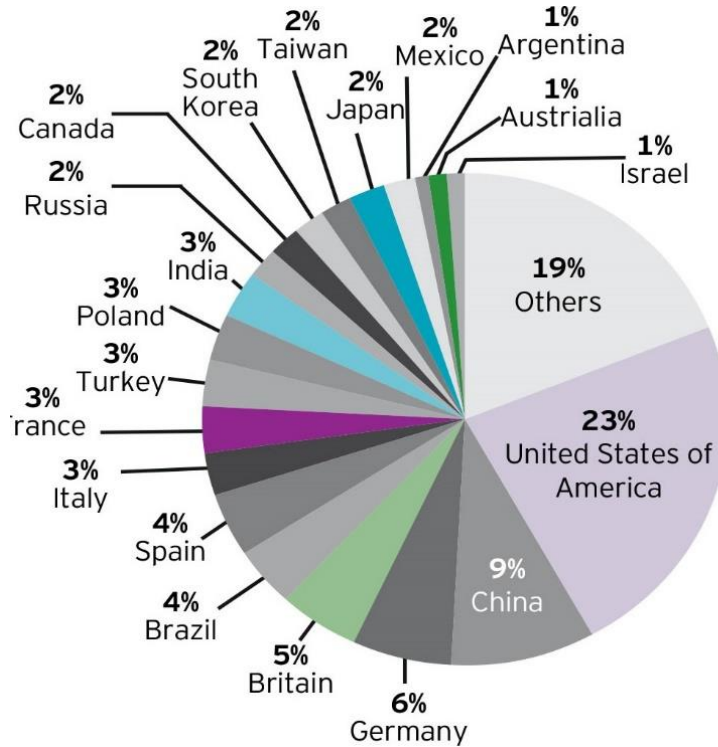


Figure 2 : Derives the overall percentage all the world depicting the upsurging cyber crime .

Infringement of Copyright in Cyberspace

Taking content from one site, modifying it or just reproducing it on another site has been made possible by digital technology and this has posed new challenges for the traditional interpretation of individual rights and protection. Any person with a PC (Personal Computers) and a modem can become a publisher. Downloading, uploading saving transforming or crating a derivative work is just a mouse click away. A web page is not much different than a book or a magazine or a multimedia CD-ROM and will be eligible for copyright protection, as it contains text graphics and even audio and videos. Copyright law grants the owner exclusive right to authorize reproduction of the copy righted works preparation of derivative works, distribution etc.[11]

Copyright in a work shall be deemed to be infringed

a) when any person, without a license granted by the owner of the copyright or the Registrar of copyrights under this Act, or in contravention of the conditions of a license so granted or of any condition imposed by a competent authority under this Act-

- i) does anything, the exclusive right to do which is by this Act conferred upon the owner of the copyright;
- ii) permits for profit any place to be used for the communication of the work to the public where such communication constitutes an infringement of copyright in the work, unless he was not aware and had no reasonable ground for believing that such communication to the public would be an infringement of copyright or

b) when any person

- i)makes or sale or hire, or sells or lets for hire, or by way of trade displays or offers for sale or hire or
- ii)distributes either for the purpose of trade or to such an extent as to affect prejudicially the owner of the copyright; or
- iii)by way of trade exhibits in public; or
- iv)imports into India

Various Forms of Infringement of Trademark through Cyberspace

A. Cybersquatting

Various types of domain names disputes come for consideration before the courts all over world. One of the most serious kinds of disputes has been about ‘Cybersquatting’ which involves the use of a domain name by a person with neither registration nor any inherent rights to the name. Trademarks and domain names being similar, have been exploited by

some people who register trademarks of others as domain names and sell those domain names back to the trademarks owners or third parties at a high profit. This is known as 'cybersquatting' which means some person sitting on the property of another person. The practice of 'cybersquatting' is abusive whereby one entity registers a domain name that includes the name or the trademarks of another. This practice shows the importance of the role played by domain names in establishing online identity. This practice is usually famous in order to either block the legitimate user registering its most sought after domain name or hoping to sell the names for profit in the market. Such a trend of cybersquatting has led the courts to consider the relationship between trademarks and domain names. To file a complaint to prevent cybersquatting, the complainant will have to prove the dishonest intention, lack of legitimate rights and interests and similarity of domain name with the trademark.[12,17]

B. Reverse domain name hijacking

It is also known as reverse cybersquatting. It happens when a trademark owner tries to secure a domain name by making false cybersquatting claims against a domain name's rightful owner through legal action. Sometimes, domain names owner has to transfer ownership of the domain name to the trademark owners to avoid legal action and costly expenses, particularly when the domain names belong to the smaller organisations or individual who are not economically sound to fight the case. Reverse domain name hijacking is most commonly done by larger corporations and famous wealthy individuals.

C. Meta tags

Meta tag is an element of web pages that is also known as Meta elements. Meta tags provide information about page descriptions, key words and other relevant data. Originally, Meta tags were used in search engines to define what the page was about when the internet was in the early stages, Meta tags were used to help the place web pages in the correct categories. Nowadays, people began abusing Meta tags to build false page rankings for web pages that were poorly constructed. Meta tags can be categorised into title, description and keywords.

Landmark Judgments on Trademark and Domain Names Issues

1) Yahoo! Inc. v. Akash Arora and another, 1999 Arb. L. R. 620 (Delhi High Court)

The first case in India with regard to cyber squatting was Yahoo Inc. v. Aakash Arora & Anr., where the defendant launched a website nearly identical to the plaintiff's renowned website and also provided similar services. Here the court ruled in favour of trademark rights of U.S. based Yahoo. Inc (the Plaintiff) and against the defendant, that had registered itself as YahooIndia.com. The Court observed, "It was an effort to trade on the fame of yahoo's trademark. A domain name registrant does not obtain any legal right to use that particular domain name simply because he has registered the domain name, he could still be liable for trademark infringement."

2) Tata Sons Ltd & Anr. v. Arno Palmen & Anr 563/2005, (Delhi High Court)

The Delhi High Court, in its recent judgment dealt with trademark protection for domain names. The suit was instituted by the plaintiffs against the defendants seeking permanent injunction against the defendants from using the trademark/domain name "WWW.TATAINFOTECH.IN" or any other mark/domain name which is identical with or deceptively similar to the plaintiffs' trademarks – "TATA" and "TATA INFOTECH".[13]

III. IMPLICATIONS OF IPR IN CYBER SECURITY

INTERNET PROTECTION IN INDIA

The internet challenge for the protection of internet is the protection of intellectual property. It is still unclear as to how copyright law governs or will govern these materials (literary works, pictures and other creative works) as they appear on the internet. Section 79 of the I.T. Act 2000 provides for the liability of I.S.P's "Network Service Providers not to be liable in certain case."

Section 79 of the I.T. Act exempts I.S.P's from liability for third party information.

INDIAN CYBER JURISDICTION

Though it is in the nascent stage as of now, Jurisprudential development would become essential in the near future; as the internet and e-commerce shall shrink borders and merge geographical and territorial restrictions on jurisdiction. There are two dimensions to deal with.

- Manner in which foreign courts assume jurisdiction over the internet and relative issues.
- The consequences of decree passed by a foreign court.

Brief facts of the case -



The suit was filed by Tata Sons Ltd (plaintiff no.1) and its subsidiary, Tata Infotech Ltd (plaintiff no. 2). It was submitted that the mark “TATA” is derived from the surname of its founder Mr. Jamsetji Nusserwanji Tata. It was submitted that “the mark “TATA” has consistently been associated with and exclusively denotes the conglomeration of companies forming the Tata group, which is known for high quality of products manufactured and/or services rendered by it under the trademark/name TATA”. [14]

It was also submitted that the House of Tata’s comprises over 50 companies which use “TATA” as a key and essential part of their corporate name. Further, plaintiff no. 1 is the registered proprietor of the trademarks pertaining to and/or comprising the word “TATA” in relation to various goods falling across various classes of the Fourth Schedule of the Trade Mark Rules, 2002. It was, therefore, contended that plaintiff no. 1 has the exclusive right in the said trademark. The plaintiff no. 2 submitted that it is a pioneer in the field of information technology and has been using the trade name and service mark “TATA INFOTECH” since the year 1997. It was also submitted that the company enjoys high reputation in the market.

The plaintiffs contended that they came to know about the registration of the domain name www.tatainfotech.in by the defendant on 21 February 2005 when the said defendant sent an email to the plaintiff no. 2 informing them about the registration he held over the impugned domain name. It was also contended that the defendant in the said email had claimed that he had supposedly received an offer for purchase of this domain name for a “large sum of money” and that he wanted to inform the plaintiff about this. The plaintiffs contended that “this clearly showed that the defendant no. 1 had registered the impugned domain name only with a view to make illegal gains out of selling this domain name either to the plaintiffs or to any third party who wished to acquire it to use it in an illegitimate and mala fide manner. And that this also showed that the defendant no. 1 was very well aware of the plaintiff’s rights over the trade name and service mark TATA INFOTECH.”

The impugned mark is identical in parts and deceptively similar as a whole to the plaintiffs’ reputed marks. Further, “if the defendant no. 1 or its transferee starts to use this domain name by resolving it to another website, the chances of a genuine customer of the plaintiffs reaching the defendant’s web page are highly likely, more so because the impugned domain name is identical to the plaintiff’s domain name i.e. www.tatainfotech.com. It is thus contended that anyone using the plaintiff’s marks on the internet can cause tremendous loss and damage to the business of the plaintiff by way of passing off and loss of the prestige and business attached to the mark/name TATA and TATA INFOTECH”.

Judgments

The Court relied upon the Supreme Court judgment in *Satyam Infoway Ltd. v. Sifynet Solutions Pvt. Ltd.*, (AIR 2004 SC 3540). In the instant case, the apex Court examined whether internet domain names are subject to the legal norms applicable to other intellectual properties such as trademarks and be regarded as trade names which are capable of distinguishing the subject of trade or service made available to potential users of the internet.

The Supreme Court held as follows: “The use of the same or similar domain name may lead to a diversion of users which could result from such users’ mistakenly accessing one domain name instead of another. This may occur in e-commerce with its rapid progress and instant accessibility to users and potential customers and particularly so in areas of specific overlap. It is apparent therefore, that a domain name may have all the characteristics of a trademark and could find an action for passing off.”

The Court noted that the domain name www.tatainfotech.in was created in favour of the defendant on 19 February 2005. However, the plaintiff was the prior user of the mark since 1997-98. The email correspondence between the contesting parties conclusively demonstrated that the defendant no. 1 knew about the plaintiff no. 2 being the legitimate owner and user of the trademark “TATA INFOTECH”. The impugned domain name was registered deliberately in bad faith with the objective of selling the domain name to the plaintiffs or taking unfair advantage of the distinctive character and repute of the plaintiff’s trademark.

The Court restrained the defendant, its employees, agents, assigns and all others acting on behalf of the defendant from conducting any business or dealing in any manner including using domain name www.tatainfotech.in or the word “TATA” or any name comprising of the same or deceptively/confusingly similar to it regarding any goods, services or domain. The defendant no. 2, Key-Systems GMBH, was directed to cancel theregistration of the impugned domain name in favour of the defendant. [15]

Loopholes under the IT, Trademark and Copyright Act



There is no provision in the current or proposed Information Technology Act in India to punish cyber-squatters, at best, the domain can be taken back. Though there is no legal compensation under the IT Act, .IN registry has taken proactive steps to grant compensation to victim companies to deter squatters from further stealing domains. Most squatters however operate under guise of obscure names. Under NIXI (National Internet Exchange of India), the .IN Registry functions as an autonomous body with primary responsibility for maintaining the .IN cc-TLD (country code top-level domain) and ensuring its operational stability, reliability, and security. It will implement the various elements of the new policy set out by the Government of India and its Ministry of Communications and Information Technology, Department of Information Technology.[14,15]. The Information technology Act lack somewhere in respect of jurisdiction issues, cybercrimes related to IPR, cyber stalking, cyber defamation etc. etc. Likewise, the Indian Trademark Act, 1999 and Copyright Act, 1957 are also silent on issues arising out of online Trademark and Copyright infringement. Though computer programmes are protected under the Copyright Act but it does not provide remedies for online software piracy.

IV. CONCLUSION

As Intellectual property is one of the valuable assets of any person, it should be protected at any cost since a person puts his skills and labour for creation of Intellectual Property. On the other hand, there is an urgent need for the strict laws in this field, so that these crimes related to IPR could be avoided in future. The new domain name dispute law should be intended to give trademark and service mark owners legal remedies against defendants who obtain domain names “in bad faith” that are identical or confusingly similar to a trademark. It should act as an important weapon for trademark holders in protecting their intellectual property in the online world. In United States, they have special legislation for prevention of cybersquatting i.e. “U.S. Anti-Cybersquatting Consumer Protection Act, 1999” which protects the interest of owners of both registered and unregistered trademarks against use of their marks within domain names and also safeguards living persons against use of their personal name under certain circumstances. So it’s a high time for India to enact such a suitable legislation which will protect the rights of copyright, trademark owners.

In conclusion, the intricate intersection of intellectual property (IP) and cybersecurity research presents both challenges and opportunities that demand a nuanced and strategic approach. The rapidly evolving nature of the cyber landscape requires researchers to navigate a complex web of legal, ethical, and practical considerations. One key challenge lies in striking a balance between fostering innovation and safeguarding intellectual property rights. The collaborative nature of cybersecurity research often blurs the lines between individual and collective contributions, necessitating a clear understanding of ownership and attribution. Researchers must be cognizant of existing patents, trademarks, and copyrights to avoid inadvertent infringement and proactively address potential conflicts. Strategies for successfully navigating the IP landscape in cybersecurity research involve establishing robust collaboration agreements, clearly defining ownership and usage rights, and staying informed about relevant legal developments. Open communication and transparency among researchers, institutions, and industry partners are essential to mitigate disputes and ensure the responsible dissemination of knowledge. The implications of effectively managing intellectual property in cybersecurity research extend beyond legal compliance. By fostering a culture of innovation that respects intellectual property rights, the research community can promote sustainable progress in developing cutting-edge solutions to combat cyber threats. Furthermore, a thoughtful and ethical approach to IP can enhance collaboration, attract investment, and ultimately contribute to the broader goal of creating a secure digital environment.

In essence, as the field of cybersecurity continues to evolve, researchers must remain vigilant in navigating the dynamic landscape of intellectual property. By addressing challenges head-on, implementing strategic measures, and embracing a collaborative ethos, the cybersecurity research community can forge a path towards innovation that is not only technologically advanced but also ethically sound and legally compliant.

V. RECOMMENDATION

Cybersecurity in India is still in its advancement organise. This is the best time to make mindfulness on issues identified with digital security. It is anything but difficult to make mindfulness from the grass-root level like schools where clients can be made mindful how Internet functions and what are its potential dangers. Each digital bistro, home/PCs, and office PCs ought to be secured through firewalls.

Clients ought to be told through their specialist organisations or entryways not to break unapproved systems. The dangers ought to be portrayed in strong and the effects ought to be featured. Subjects on cybersecurity mindfulness ought to be acquainted in schools and universities with make it a progressing procedure. The legislature must define solid laws to authorise cybersecurity and make adequate mindfulness by communicating the same through TV/radio/web ads.



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