

## CHANGING PROFILE OF CRIME IN INDIA

(A Daily news papers based survey)

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### Abstract :

*This Paper is based on a sample survey of different types of 25 Daily News Papers articles about Cyber Crimes are increasing in the India its very harmful for the common people. The paper also concludes impact of the crime on society.*

**Key Word :** Cyber Crime, Changing profile.

### Introduction –

Computer crime or Cybercrime, refers to any crime that involves a computer and a network. The computer may have been used in the commission of a crime, or it may be the target. Netcrime is criminal exploitation of the Internet. Dr. Debarati Halder and Dr. K. Jaishankar (2011) define Cybercrimes as: "Offences that are committed against individuals or groups of individuals with a criminal motive to intentionally harm the reputation of the victim or cause physical or mental harm to the victim directly or indirectly, using modern telecommunication networks such as Internet (Chat rooms, emails, notice boards and groups) and mobile phones (SMS/MMS)". Such crimes may threaten a nation's security and financial health.<sup>[5]</sup> Issues surrounding these types of crimes have become high-profile, particularly those surrounding cracking, copyright infringement, child pornography, and child grooming. There are also problems of privacy when confidential information is lost or intercepted, lawfully or otherwise.

### Defination of Crime –

#### 1. C. Darrow -

Crime is an act forbidden by the law of the land and for which penalty is prescribed.

#### 2. Barnete and Teelers –

The term crime technically means a form of anti social behaviour that has violated public sentiments to such an extent as to be forbidden by the state.

3. Cyber Crime is a term for any illegal activities that uses a computer as its primary means of commission. The U. S. department of justice expands the definition of cyber crime to include any illegal activity that uses a computer for the storage of evidence.
4. Cyber Crime is criminal activity done using computers and the internet. This includes anything from downloading illegal music files to stealing millions of dollars from online bank account.

#### **Crimes that primarily target computer networks or devices include -**

- Computer viruses
- Denial-of-service attacks
- Malware (malicious code)

#### **Crimes that use computer networks or devices to advance other ends include -**

- Cyberstalking
- Fraud and identity theft
- Information warfare
- Phishing scams
- Spam

The unsolicited sending of bulk email for commercial purposes, is un-lawful in some jurisdictions. While anti-spam laws are relatively new, limits on unsolicited electronic communications have existed for some time. Another cyber crime that's kind of new is called phishing. Which is mostly propagated via email. Phishing emails may contain links to other websites that are affected by malware. Sometimes can be used in online banking when the site reports that the account number is incorrect. One is then redirected to the page again and usually there is a small change to the screen, but it is hard to recognize. If one re-enters the personal information again, the phishers have the private bank account information.

#### **Computer as tool -**

When the individual is the main target of Cybercrime, the computer can be considered as the tool rather than the target. These crimes generally involve less technical expertise as the damage done manifests itself in the real world. Human weaknesses are generally exploited. The damage dealt is largely psychological and intangible, making legal action against the variants more difficult. These are the crimes which have existed for centuries in the offline.

Scams, theft, and the likes have existed even before the development in high-tech equipment. The same criminal has simply been given a tool which increases his potential pool of victims and makes him all the harder to trace and apprehend.

### **Computer as a target -**

These crimes are committed by a selected group of criminals. Unlike crimes using the computer as a tool, these crimes requires the technical knowledge of the perpetrators. These crimes are relatively new, having been in existence for only as long as computers have - which explains how unprepared society and the world in general is towards combating these crimes. There are numerous crimes of this nature committed daily on the internet.

### **Fraud and financial crimes -**

Computer fraud is any dishonest misrepresentation of fact intended to let another to do or refrain from doing something which causes loss. In this context, the fraud will result in obtaining a benefit by :

- Altering in an unauthorized way. This requires little technical expertise and is common form of theft by employees altering the data before entry or entering false data, or by entering unauthorized instructions or using unauthorized processes;
- Altering, destroying, suppressing, or stealing output, usually to conceal unauthorized transactions. This is difficult to detect;
- Altering or deleting stored data;
- Altering or misusing existing system tools or software packages, or altering or writing code for fraudulent purposes.

Other forms of fraud may be facilitated using computer systems, including bank fraud, identity theft, extortion, and theft of classified information.

### **Obscene or offensive content -**

The content of websites and other electronic communications may be distasteful, obscene or offensive for a variety of reasons. In some instances these communications may be illegal. The extent to which these communications are unlawful varies greatly between countries, and even within nations. It is a sensitive area in which the courts can become involved in arbitrating between groups with strong beliefs. One area of Internet pornography that has been the target of the strongest efforts at curtailment is child pornography.

### **Suggestion –**

To access an online computer service provider (ISP) one needs both a user name and password. ISPs typically select a user name that is the same as the last name of the subscriber. This means that user name are easy to guess therefore are must especially careful with the password.

1. Your name] your home telephone no. having chosen a good password do not write it down and do not tell any one what it is.
2. It is good practice to correct a 'Firewall' between parts of a computer system that an external user can access and parts that or supposedly accessible only by a local user.
3. If the hacker finds a port that is open, the hacker might be able to access that computer and view later / delete files on the computer.
4. Use a social networking sites be careful it takes advantages not take disadvantage because it affects to people.
5. First log our your Id and do not spread your personal information to unknown person because we don't who is this and misuse our personal information be careful.

As we all know that everything have two sites so social networking also has it two sites advantages and disadvantages and now – a – day many people took the disadvantage of social networking which affects the other people life.

### **Conclusion –**

In today's world when the technology is increasing day – by – day for the betterment and development of the country one can also see misuse of such technology which is not only disturbing an individual but the society as well. Many secreted crimes have increased through computerization and internet facility. One can also say this is due to media influence, but at the same time too much exposure to the outside world and the sex related information has led to such crimes. Not only sex related crime but there is crime related to educational system, maintaining company secrets, bank accounts, pornography etc. People misuse computer as per their need and which is known as cyber crime. Though it is difficult to stop such crime at one level, several precautions have to be taken to control such kind of criminal activity.

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