NIELIT's 3rd National Conference on Cyber Security and Forensics

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News

The National Institute of Electronics and Information Technology (NIELIT), under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), is holding the '3rd National Conference on Cyber Security, Digital Forensics and Intelligence' (NCCDFI 2026) on 16–17 November 2026 at the Dr Ambedkar International Centre, Janpath, New Delhi. The theme is 'Cyber Secure Bharat: Fortifying India's Digital Future'. Government departments, law-enforcement agencies, the defence forces, the judiciary, industry and academia are taking part. Sessions run in 10 tracks, including AI security, critical infrastructure, blockchain and crypto, drone and IoT forensics, digital evidence, cyber law and cloud security. There is also an industry exhibition, MoUs with industry partners and the 'Cyber Kushti 2026' cyber-security and AI hackathon (1,031 teams and 3,093 participants registered; 10 teams in the final level). The first edition was held in Kohima, Nagaland in 2024 and the second at Gauhati University, Assam in 2025.

Key facts for the exam

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Event	NCCDFI 2026 – 3rd National Conference
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Venue	Dr Ambedkar International Centre, Janpath, New Delhi
Organiser	NIELIT – autonomous body under MeitY

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Earlier editions	2024 – Kohima (25–26 July, Capital Convention Centre); 2025 – Gauhati University, Guwahati
NIELIT	Formerly DOEACC Society; centres across India incl. Chennai

Background

- Law – IT Act, 2000: India's first cyber law, based on the UNCITRAL Model Law on Electronic Commerce (1996). The 2008 amendment added Section 66F (cyber terrorism), 70A (NCIIPC for critical information infrastructure) and 70B (CERT-In, the national agency for cyber incidents). Section 66A, added by the same amendment, was struck down in 2015 in the Shreya Singhal case for violating free speech.
- Data protection: The Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023 (DPDP) sets the duties of entities handling personal data; it creates the Data Protection Board of India to hear complaints and impose penalties, with appeals to TDSAT. Its backdrop is the Puttaswamy judgment (2017), which declared privacy a fundamental right.
- Digital evidence: From 1 July 2024 the Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam, 2023 replaced the Indian Evidence Act, 1872; it accepts electronic records as documentary evidence. Digital forensics is the extraction and analysis of evidence from computers, phones and other devices without altering it; a 'hash value' is used to prove the evidence is unchanged.
- Institutions: CERT-In (MeitY) responds to cyber attacks. The Home Ministry's Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C), launched in January 2020, runs the 1930 helpline for financial fraud and the cybercrime.gov.in portal. NIELIT, earlier called the DOEACC Society, offers computer education, certificate courses and skill training.

Tamil Nadu link: No direct Tamil Nadu link to this conference has been announced. NIELIT has a centre in Chennai, so its cyber-security and forensics certificate courses are open to Tamil Nadu students. In Tamil Nadu too, the national helpline 1930 and cybercrime.gov.in are used for cyber-crime complaints, and the State police has a separate cyber-crime wing.

Frequently asked questions

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What are the key facts to remember for the exam?

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Practice questions (with answers)

1. Which Section of the IT Act, 2000 makes CERT-In the national agency for cyber-security incidents?

A) Section 66F

B) Section 69A

C) Section 70B

D) Section 79

Answer: C – Explanation: Section 70B (2008 amendment). 66F – cyber terrorism; 69A – blocking websites; 79 – intermediary safe harbour; 70A – NCIIPC.

2. In which case did the Supreme Court strike down Section 66A of the IT Act in 2015?

A) K.S. Puttaswamy

B) Shreya Singhal

C) Anuradha Bhasin

D) Navtej Johar

Answer: B – Explanation: Shreya Singhal v. Union of India (24 March 2015) – void for violating free speech (Article 19(1)(a)). Puttaswamy (2017) – privacy.

3. Which body hears complaints and imposes penalties under the Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023?

A) Data Protection Board

B) TRAI

C) NCIIPC

D) Cyber Appellate Tribunal

Answer: A – Explanation: The Data Protection Board of India; appeals against it go to TDSAT. The Cyber Appellate Tribunal was merged into TDSAT in 2017.

4. Which law replaced the Indian Evidence Act, 1872 from 1 July 2024, and also governs electronic evidence?

A) Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita

B) Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita

C) IT Act, 2000

D) Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam

Answer: D – Explanation: Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam, 2023 – it accepts electronic records as documentary evidence. BNS replaced the IPC; BNSS replaced the CrPC.

5. The Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C), which runs the 1930 helpline, is under which ministry?

A) Home Affairs

B) Electronics & IT

C) Defence

D) Law & Justice

Answer: A – Explanation: Ministry of Home Affairs – launched in January 2020; complaint portal cybercrime.gov.in. NIELIT and CERT-In are under MeitY.

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