



National Conference on Cybercrime Investigation and Forensics

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Recently, the 1st National Conference on Cybercrime Investigation and Forensics was organised by the **Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI)** in New Delhi.

- The focus of the conference was to tackle cybercrime on a priority basis for the following reasons:
 - India has a huge population and **second-largest internet users** in the world.
 - Increasing the circulation of **fake videos** on social media.
 - **Digitization of Indian economy**, with measures like **Digital India**, Government e-marketplace (GeM), **Aadhar**, etc.
 - **Post-Article 370** abrogation scenario and fight against terrorism.
 - Cybercrime has become a global phenomenon.
 - Also strengthening cybersecurity infrastructure will help in intelligence exchange, obtaining digital evidence from abroad, Admissibility of Electronic Evidence, etc.
- **Centralised Technology Vertical (CTV)** to be set up within CBI.
It will help law enforcing agencies in getting **real-time information**, in tackling complex financial crimes, like 2G scam, coal block irregularities, Ponzi schemes and capital market scams.

Central Bureau of Investigation

- The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) was set up in 1963 on the recommendation of the **Santhanam Committee on Prevention of Corruption (1962-1964)**.
- It was set up by a resolution of the Ministry of Home Affairs but later **transferred to the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions**.
- The CBI is **not a statutory body**. It derives its powers from the **Delhi Special Police Establishment Act, 1946**.
- It is the main investigating agency of the Central Government. It also provides assistance to the Central Vigilance Commission and Lokpal.

- With the enactment of CVC Act, 2003, the superintendence of Delhi Special Police Establishment vests with the Central Government. However, **investigations of offences** under the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 the superintendence vests with the **Central Vigilance Commission**.
- The Director of CBI has been provided security of **two-year tenure** in office by the **CVC Act, 2003**.

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