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Chandigarh, June 24:- As another pioneering event in Chandigarh a symposium on cyber-security awareness was held on June 23, 2007, organized by Cyber Security Research Centre, PEC at Hotel Mountview under the aegis of Department of Information technology, Chandigarh Administration and NASSCOM. This cyber Security Research Centre has been established in Punjab Engineering College in collaboration with Chandigarh Administration and NASSCOM. As per the MOU signed by the three parties, the technical support is being provided by NASSCOM and the funding to the project has been provided by Department of Information Technology, Chandigarh Administration. The Centre was inaugurated on 19th march, 07 and has been set up with the mission to encourage, promote, facilitate and execute interdisciplinary research in areas related to cyber security.

The symposium had a full spectrum of Speakers of high repute from industry, CERT-IN, and academia visiting from all over India. The symposium was inaugurated by H.E. GEN. (Retd) S.F. Rodrigues, Governor of Punjab and Administrator, UT Chandigarh. Dr. Prem Chand, Vice President & CIO, Tech Mahindra gave the Key Note Address. Amongst the speakers the symposium had Mr. Akhilesh Tuteja, Executive Director – Advisory Services, KPMG, Dr A.M. Pedgaonkar, Chief General Manager, IT, RBI, Mumbai, Dr. Sundeep Oberoi, Principal Consultant, Information Security, TCS, Mr. Nandkumar Saravade, Director Cyber Security & Compliance, NASSCOM, and Prof. Dheeraj Sanghi, Professor, CSE, IIT Kanpur. Sh. S.K. Sandhu, Finance Secretary cum Secretary I.T. Chandigarh Administration, delivered the welcome address.

The Symposium on Cyber Security awareness established a dialogue between crime-fighting agencies, the security industry, and experts to create a platform from which information security can be examined from several global perspectives. The symposia also helped to foster cooperation and exchange of ideas with other reputed attendees from industry, government and academia.

Mr. Nandkumar Saravade, Director Cyber Security & Compliance, NASSCOM spoke about cyber crimes happening in India and around the world. He shared several case studies on

cyber crime with the audience. He spoke about the present trends in IT industry, IT usage in the country which leads to increase in online transactions. He also spoke about how industry is susceptible to data security and emphasized on measures to taken in this field. He also spoke about initiatives taken by NASSCOM in the field of cyber security.

Mr. Akhilesh Tuteja, Executive Director – Advisory Services, KPMG, spoke about security, privacy and data protection implementations among organizations in India. He also emphasized on creation of infrastructure education and awareness as some of strategies against cyber threat. He gave some of the characteristics that make a secure systems. Mr. Ponnurangam Kumaraguru, Ph.D student, CMU, USA spoke on international perspective of cyber security.

Mr. A.M Pedgaonkar, Chief General Manager, IT,RBI, Mumbai spoke about safe online banking and steps taken by financial institutions to protect consumer information.

Prof Dheeraj Sanghi, Professor, CSE, IIT Kanpur spoke about current status and challenges of cyber security education and research in India. He emphasized on security education and to improve the research scenario on cyber security in India.

The Symposium was well received by the audience comprising of police officers, the judiciary, and people from the academia and industry professionals.