

**Seminar on “Cyber Security : Threats Towards Corporates”
on Friday, 20 April 2018 at 4:30 PM at MCCI Conference Hall**

PRESS RELEASE

Merchants’ Chamber of Commerce & Industry organized a Seminar on “**Cyber Security : Threats Towards Corporates**” today at its premises. The Seminar was addressed by

- Shri Santanu Chattopadhyay, Officer-in-Charge, Cyber Police Station, Kolkata Police, Lalbazar;
- Shri Sandeep Sengupta, Cyber Audit Expert & Director, ISOAH Data Securities Pvt. Ltd. &
- Smt. Sanghita Mukherjee, Lawyer, Cyber Crime,

Addressing the members, **Shri Santanu Chattopadhyay** said that “Cyber Crime is a business for the perpetrators and we are only creating vulnerabilities for the perpetrators”. He said that in 2017, one cyber attack was reported every 10 minutes. In India, 27,000 cases were recorded. He pointed out that the Cyber Police Station had been recording increasing number of cases, which increased from 6 in 2010 to 156 in 2016 and 148 in 2017.

He recommended that every business entity should go for cyber audit every year. He said that importance should be given to cyber awareness measures, cyber risk awareness and investment in technology.

Shri Sandeep Sengupta pointed out that the level of hackers would depend upon the asset level of the organization to be hacked, a person who intends to hack Microsoft, will never go for smaller companies. He cited the common attacks as Ransomware, phishing, identity theft, attack on mobiles, banking theft, Xerox and stage fright.

He said that Google covers only 5% of internet, the rest is Dark Net/ Deep web, which is the market place to sell data.

He said that wifi, CCTV, network devices and others as common target of cyber attack. And recommended all to change passwords once every month, if not at least once in 3 months.

Smt. Sanghita Mukherjee focused on legal implications.

Earlier, in his Welcome Address, Shri V K Bha **Shri Vishnu Kumar Bhandari** Chairman, Standing Committee on IT & Communication, MCCI said that India ranked third worldwide, next to US and China, as a source of malicious activities, according to a 2016 Report by Symantec Corp. He said that West Bengal ranked 8th in 2016 with 3.9 p.c. share of incidence of cyber crime, on a pan India level, the 1st 3 states being Uttar Pradesh (21.4 p.c. share of cyber crime), followed by Maharashtra (19.3 p.c.) and Karnataka ((8.9 p.c.). The demographic pattern shows that in almost 80–85 p.c cases, people involved belong to the age bracket of 18–35 years, he added.
