

Dear Esteemed CySI Life Members,

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As we bid farewell to the remarkable year that was 2023, I am thrilled to extend my heartfelt greetings to each and every one of you as we embark on a brand-new chapter in 2024! Under the dynamic leadership of the current CySI Board and Office bearers, who assumed their roles on July 23, 2023, we have witnessed a year filled with significant milestones and achievements. Our collective commitment to spreading awareness about cybersecurity and crime through various channels has been unwavering, resulting in higher visibility and outreach among the general populace.

I am delighted to share that our CySI family has grown, with over 15 new members joining us since April 2023. We eagerly anticipate welcoming more deserving individuals who possess expertise, experience, and a dedication to contributing their time and efforts to fulfill CySI's mission.

In the past year, CySI successfully organized two physical workshops in collaboration with the Tamil Nadu Police Cyber Crime wing, addressing critical topics such as "Monetary Compensation to Cyber Victims – Adjudication under IT Act 2000" and "Panel Discussion on How to Combat Cyber Crime Scenarios." These workshops, attended by over 75 participants, including advocates, police officials, cybersecurity professionals, and students, were instrumental in fostering knowledge exchange and collaboration.

In addition to these workshops, our CySI Secretary, Thiru Balu Swaminathan, delivered an insightful speech on Cyber Crime at the Digital Society Day organized by FDPPI at Manipal Law School, MAHE Campus, Yelahanka, Bangalore, on October 17, 2023. A noteworthy seminar on "Cyber Crimes Impacting Youth" took place on November 16, 2023, at Sri Sairam Engineering College, West Tambaram, with around 100 students actively participating. Thiru Balu Swaminathan and Thiru V.N. Premanand

delivered engaging sessions on Cyber Crime and Cyber Security, leaving a lasting impact on the attendees.

Our commitment to transparency and accountability was evident through the Annual General Meeting held on July 23, 2023, where CySI Audited Accounts were filed promptly before the Registrar South Chennai. Timely ECM notices and EC Meetings held on August 6, 2023, October 22, 2023, and December 31, 2023, further showcased our dedication to efficient governance.

The Cyber Security Awareness month was marked with a series of initiatives, including President's desk messages, security guidelines, and DO's and DON'Ts, all shared with our life members under the themes of #SecureOurWorld, #BeCyberSmart, and #DoYourPart. Additionally, our office bearers actively participated in TV debates, providing expert views on various cyber topics, contributing to public awareness.

Our Chapter WhatsApp group continues to be a dynamic hub for sharing current cybercrime trends, incidents, and research articles on Cyber Security, fostering collective learning and knowledge exchange. The CySI website and YouTube channel remain vibrant platforms, constantly updated with program updates, photos, and awareness messages.

All these accomplishments are a testament to your active participation and support for the initiatives of the board. As we step into the New Year, I extend my sincere wishes for a Happy, Prosperous, and Secure 2024. To the Cybersecurity community, I envision a year ahead filled with impenetrable defenses, resilient networks, and triumphant threat mitigations. May your codes remain secure, your vigilance unwavering, and your contributions to a safer digital world be celebrated. Happy New Year, Cyber Defenders! 🌐 🎉

#HappyNewYear #CyberSecurityCommunity

Looking ahead, we have an exciting roadmap for 2024:

1. In celebration of "Data Privacy Day," we are planning a physical workshop in early February 2024, focusing on the Pros and Cons of freezing bank accounts suspected to be involved in Cyber Crime. Secretary Mr. Balu Swaminathan will share more details soon. CySI LMs can place their views on the above subject to Conduct the Programme, attracting netizens of India.
2. We will continue to host Cyber Security awareness programs every two months, covering topics pertinent to Cyber Security, Cyber Crime, and Cyber Law.
3. Discussions are underway for more awareness programs targeting colleges and monthly virtual awareness sessions. Stay tuned for further information.

Once again, on behalf of the board, I express my heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering support toward the progress of CySI activities. I urge you all to continue this support as we venture into exciting professional endeavors in the future.

Warm regards,

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