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## **CYBER CRIMES AGAINST WOMEN IN INDIA**

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### **CHAPTER -1: INTRODUCTION**

Cyber law is the branch of law in which we cover the legal aspects of Cyber world. Cyber world is a very broad area which is evolving very fast. Hence, we need a dynamic framework to cope up with the evolving cyber space<sup>1</sup>. Most important aspect of Cyber law is it's unawareness among the internet users. They are using internet but are not aware of the laws which are binding on them. Though we follow the policy of no knowledge of law is not an excuse in the eyes of law but cyber law is something which is very much less known by the people's and the users of internet is increasing ever at a very fast pace.

Criminals use cyber space to gain access to personal information, to steal intellectual property from businesses and to gain knowledge of sensitive information for financial or political gains or for other evil purposes. Actually, the threat of cybercrime exponentially increases.<sup>2</sup> According to Indian police statistics, cybercrime has outstripped drug trafficking as the most lucrative crime, with 70% of commercial crime cases classified as cybercrime. ICT dependency increases the number of Internet users every day, which also contributes greatly to the changes in India's cyber-threat landscape

Before we analyze what cybercrime is, we must look at the word ' cyber' and its different dimensions<sup>3</sup>. The word cyber means computer or network. Everything related to the computer is simply categorized by the word cyber. The term' cyber' comes from the termcybernetic originating from the Greek word ' kybernetes.' It may be based on the French cybertechnique "the art of governing "of the 1830s. The term was introduced in 1948 by U.S. mathematician Norbert Wiener in his book "Cybernetics "to explain the existing theory of message transmission by incorporating his idea that people send messages within a system in order to control their surrounding environment.

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<sup>1</sup>Paul Ganley, "The Internet Creativity and Copyright Incentives," *J I P R*, 10, (2006)

<sup>2</sup>M. Dasgupta , *Cyber Crime in India*, (Eastern Law House, 4<sup>th</sup> edn Kolkata 2009)

<sup>3</sup> The New Encyclopedia Britannica: Micropaedia, 15th Ed., 2002

Thomas and Loader<sup>4</sup> define cybercrime as any computer-mediated activity that is either illegal or deemed illegal by some parties and can be carried out via global electronic networks. Based on this definition, Cyber crimes can be classified in different categories. Computer-assisted crimes such as: fraud, robbery, money laundering, sexual harassment, speech hate and pornography. Computer-focused crimes are another classification. These types of crimes came into existence after the internet was introduced. They are hacking, viral attacks, website breakdown and so on. Society and cybercrime, 2006<sup>5</sup>)

In every fraction of a second, a cybercrime occurs. The aim of the present study is to raise public legal awareness of these crimes. The familiarity of people with cyber law in India needs to be monitored. The IT Act<sup>6</sup> is completing its 18th year of implementation. It is therefore important to find out whether the citizens of India are familiar with this act. The success of an act depends on its familiarity with ordinary people in the country. The cyber space is one of the places in which people are easily trapped. As regular visitors to the online world, it is therefore necessary to check the familiarity of users with legal measures in the world. In other words, it is important to check the familiarity of the Indians with the IT Act 2000 in cyberspace. The present study seeks to raise awareness of cyber law among young people.

Generally, there are three major categories of cyber laws that you need to know about. These categories include:

- **Crimes against People.**
- **Crimes against Property.**
- **Crimes against Government.**

Nature has gifted human beings with, mind and brainpower, which distinguishes them from other creatures and makes man superior among other living creatures of the universe. The progress of human civilization eventually led to the discovery and inventions of new ideas beginning from the need for survival to luxuries of modern life<sup>7</sup>

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<sup>4</sup>BARRETT .”Cybercrime: Law enforcement, security and surveillance in the information age”, *RLJSP*, 30(1), 149-188.(2001)

<sup>5</sup> Krishna Kumar *Cyber Laws*(Dominant publisher 2<sup>nd</sup> ed New Delh 2000)

<sup>6</sup> INFORMTAION TECHNOLOGY ACT 2005 (ACT No. 52 of 2002)

<sup>7</sup>Jerry Kag: "Cyber Race," *H L R*, Vol. 113, March (2000).

## **Evolution of cyber law land**

After this there was an effective change indeed a revolt in the cyber system. Cyber law is a very essential; and a vital form of legislation in regard for having a effective governed on internet and technology<sup>8</sup>. Thus the various phase of developments of cyber laws was in a very affluent manner which has the following phases:-

1. January 1997 General assembly of the united states adopted the MODEL law for electronic commerce
2. JULY 1998 Department of Electronics drafted a bill followed by which the Information technology Minister was formed by 1999
3. The ministry of law, and company affairs then vetted a joined draft with the IT ministry with the introduction of committee in regard to information technology.
4. On may 13 2000 the bill was approved followed by on 17 may 2000 both houses had the passed the information technology Bill.
5. Thus with consent of the present on 9<sup>th</sup>june 2000 the information technology act 200 came into effect on 17 October 2000
6. Futher to which there was various amendments to the bill in 2005 and than on 2008

Lastly the latest amendment to the act was on 2015.

The IT Act is the result of a resolution of 30 January 1997 of the United Nations General Assembly, which adopted the Model Law on Electronic Commerce, adopted the Model Law on Electronic Commerce on International Trade Law<sup>9</sup>. This resolution recommended, inter alia, that all states give favorable consideration to the said model law during the revision of the new law, so that uniformity in the laws of the various cyber nations applicable to alternatives to paper-based methods of communication and information storage can be observed.

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<sup>8</sup><https://www.britannica.com/topic/modus-operandi> ( last visited 20 FEBURARY 2019)

<sup>9</sup>Cassim Fawzia, "Formulating Specialized Legislation to Address the Growing Spectre of Cybercrime:A Comparative Study" *PELJ*, vol. 12 4(2009)

The Department of Electronics (DoE) drafted the bill in July 1998. It could, however, only be introduced in the House on 16 December 1999 (after a gap of almost a year and a half) when the new IT ministry was formed. It has been substantially altered by the Commerce Ministry making suggestions concerning e-commerce and matters relating to the obligations of the World Trade Organization (WTO). The Law and Company Ministry then rejected this joint draft.

Following the requests of the Members, the bill was referred to the 42-member Parliamentary Standing Committee after its introduction in the House<sup>10</sup>. The Standing Committee made a number of suggestions to the bill. However, only the suggestions approved by the information technology ministry have been incorporated. One of the highly debated suggestions was that a cyber café owner should keep a register to record the names and addresses of all visitors to his café, as well as a list of the websites he surfed. This suggestion was made to try to curb cyber crime and facilitate the rapid location of a cybercrime. At the same time, however, it was ridiculed, as it would invade the privacy of a net surfer and would not be economically viable. Finally, this suggestion was dropped in the final draft by the IT Ministry.

The Union cabinet approved the bill on 13 May 2000 and the information technology bill was passed on 17 May 2000 by both houses of the Indian parliament. On 9 June 2000, the Bill was approved by the President and became known as the Information Technology Act 2000. On 17 October 2000, the act came into force.

As time went by, as technology developed further and new methods of crime using the Internet and computers emerged, it became necessary to amend the IT Act, 2000, to introduce new types of cyber offences and to tackle other loopholes that posed obstacles to the effective enforcement of the IT Act 2000.

## **COMPREHENSION OF VARIOUS LAW WITH CRIMINAL JURISPRUDENTIAL APPROACH SPECIFIC TO WOMEN IN INDIA**

Cybercrime refers to a crime where a computer is the object of a crime (hacking, phishing, spamming) or used as an instrument to commit an offense such as child pornography, hate crimes, etc. Cyber criminals may use a computer to access personal data, trade secrets or other

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<sup>10</sup>Hardy Trotter: *The Proper Regime for Cyberspace*, 656 Faculty Publication 12 th edn Pittsburg University (1994)

malevolent purposes<sup>11</sup>. Furthermore, the abuse of computer systems has resulted in a series of new age crimes that could be addressed by the Information Technology Act, 2000. Cybercrime can be discussed with offenses including infringement of information, content and copyright, fraud, unauthorized access, child pornography, and cyber-stalking.

Also, the woman will not be aware in some cases of the law being committed. Despite the fact that facilities for reporting cybercrime incidents have been advancing in recent years, due to embarrassment, many victims remain reluctant

### **Cyber Crime journey in India and against women**

In our online world today, there are a lot of annoying things happening. It is viable to interact with impunity in an expansion of criminal activity because of the anonymous nature of the internet, and those with intelligence have misused this element of the internet to sustain criminal activity in our online world.<sup>12</sup> Cyber law is crucial as it affects nearly every aspect of internet transactions and sports, the vast network and cyberspace in the world. First of all, a cyber law may seem to be a completely technical area and has no bearing on maximum cyberspace activity. But the fact is that apart from the reality there can be nothing. Whether we recognize it or not, in every action and reaction in our online world, there are a few criminals and cyber legal views. Information technology has been developed for the duration of the arena.

Cyber crime is not a victimless crime and is taken with the useful resource of regulatory enforcement particularly critically. Teens that develop to be concerned in cyber crime normally have a set of potential that would be used effectively. Coding, gaming, pc programming, cyber security or something it is associated with is in immoderate demand and we all have numerous careers and possibilities with a pastime in these areas. The Information Technology (Security Procedure) Rules, 2004 came into force on 29th October 2004. They prescribe provisions relating to secure digital signatures and secure electronic records. Also relevant are the Information Technology (Other Standards) Rules, 2003. An important order relating to blocking of websites was passed on 27th February, 2003. Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-IND) can instruct Department of Telecommunications (DOT) to block a website

### **Cyber Attack Threat to women in India**

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<sup>11</sup> Wengui Liu, "A Critical Review of China's approach to Limitation of the Internet Service Provider's Liability: A Comparative Perspective," *IPRLJ* 16 (2011)

<sup>12</sup> Adv Prashant Mali, *Cyber Laws & Cyber Crimes Simplified*, (Cyber Informedia 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed Mumbai: 2018)

Threat 1: One or more outsider (worthless persons) looking out for get proper of entry to base or constrained location or below covering an unauthorized act like demolition or theft.

Threat 2: In order to steal or forged off an item of authorized property from the installation, the special group licensed and get right of entry to a base or limited neighborhood or asset.

Threat 3: A anonymous individual in search of sabotage, archives manipulation, or wrongful destruction or in any other case destruction of authorities property or impairment of mission performance.

Threat 4: An nameless personality or crew in search of to make a political assertion (anti-military, anti-defense, anti-nuclear, etc., with the aid of causing adverse, generally non-violent, broadcasting to grip the army service)

Threat 5: An nameless man or woman in theorizing action in search of get proper of entry to a naval facility to commit an act of violence (sabotage, bombing, abduction of hostages, murder, arson or theft of sensitive matter, inclusive of nuclear weapons, ammunition and explosives, etc.)

### **Focusing on data privacy:**

Focusing on Information Security Defining cyber café Making digital signature technology neutral Defining reasonable security practices to be followed by corporate Redefining the role of intermediaries

Recognizing the role of Indian Computer Emergency Response Team Inclusion of some additional cyber crimes like child and pornography and cyberterrorism authorizing an Inspector to investigate cyber offences (as against the DSP earlier)

. "Sec. 67, Publishing Obscene Information."

. "Sec. 70, Unauthorized Access of Protected Systems."

. "Sec. 72, Breach of Confidentiality and Privacy."

. "Sec. 73, Publishing False Digital Signature Certificates."

**Special Laws and Cyber crimes under the IPC include:**

"Sending Threatening Messages by Email, Indian Penal Code (IPC)

Sec. 503." "Sending Defamatory Messages by Email, Indian Penal Code (IPC)

Sec. 499""Forgery of Electronic Records, Indian Penal Code (IPC)

Sec. 463". "Bogus Websites & Cyber Fraud, Indian Penal Code (IPC)

Sec. 420""Email Spoofing, Indian Penal Code (IPC)

Sec. 463". "Web-Jacking, Indian Penal Code (IPC) Sec. 383"

**National Cyber Security Policy 2013**

National Cyber Security Policy 2013 as released on July 2, 2013 by the Government of India. The purpose of this framework document is to ensure a secure and resilient cyberspace for citizens, businesses and the government. With rapid information flow and transactions occurring via cyberspace, a national policy was much needed. The Cyber Security Policy aims at protection of information infrastructure in cyberspace, reduce vulnerabilities, build capabilities to prevent and respond to cyber threats and minimize damage from cyber incidents through a combination of institutional structures, people, process, technology and cooperation.

The objective of this policy in broad terms is to create a secure cyberspace ecosystem and strengthen the regulatory framework. A National and sectoral 24X7 mechanisms has been envisaged to deal with cyber threats through National Critical Information Infrastructure Protection Centre (NCIIPC). Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) has been designated to act as a nodal agency for coordination of crisis management efforts. CERT-In will also act as umbrella organization for coordination actions and operationalization of sectoral CERTs The information technology act 2000 consist of the following

- V13 chapters
- 91 section
- 91 to 94 sections deals with amendments

Further the civil offences and the data theft is adjusted in regard to appellate procedure and the others have described. Then the concept of due diligence role of intermediaries and some

miscellaneous provisions have been scribed. the Central Government in January 2013, which said no arrests under 66A were to be made without prior approval of an officer not below the rank of Inspector General of Police.

However, the advisory was mostly ignored by authorities since it was issued by the Central Government while law and order is for the State Governments to administer. Apart from Section 66A, the Information Technology (Intermediaries Guidelines) Rules, 2011 have also seen their fair share of criticism. While Section 79 exempts intermediaries from liability in certain cases, the Rules water down these exemptions and force intermediaries to screen content and exercise on-line censorship.

The Cyber Swachhta Kendra is a step in the direction of creating a secure cyber ecosystem in the country as envisaged under the National Cyber Security Policy in India. This centre operates in close coordination and collaboration with Internet Service Providers and Product/Anti virus companies to notify the end users regarding infection of their system and providing them assistance to clean their systems, as well as industry and academia to detect both infected systems.

The center strives to increase awareness of common users regarding both net, malware infections and measures to be taken to prevent malware infections and secure their computers, systems and devices adopted by the Policy include Creating a secure cyber ecosystem through measures such as a national nodal agency, encouraging organizations to designate a member of senior management as the Chief Information and develop information security policies Creating an assurance framework Encouraging open standards.

Strengthening the regulatory framework coupled with periodic reviews, harmonization with international standards, and spreading awareness about the legal framework,. Creating mechanisms for security threats and responses to the same through national systems and processes. National Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-in) functions as the nodal agency for coordination of all cyber security efforts, emergency responses and crisis management. Securing e-governance by implementing global best practices, and wider use of Public Key Infrastructure:

Protection and resilience of critical information infrastructure with the National Critical Information Infrastructure Protection Centre operating as the nodal agency. To promote cutting edge research and development of cyber security technology



Human Resource Development through education and training programs to build capacity. Experts have suggested the setting up of a National Cyber Security Agency (NCSA) to address cyber security issues and improve implementation at national level. Such an agency is suggested to be equipped with staff that is technically proficient in both defensive and offensive cyber operations, to encrypt platforms and collect intelligence. Another proposed measure is setting up of a National Cyber Coordination Centre (NCCC) as a cyber security and e-surveillance agency, to screen communication metadata and co-ordinate the intelligence gathering activities of other agencies. NCCC received prima facie approval in May 2013 to operate under the National Information Board.<sup>[11]</sup> In November 2014, Rs. 800 crore out of 1,000 crore allotted to improve Indian cyber security would be utilized for NCCC Purpose,

However, establishing an NCCC like body would require compliance and adherence to international privacy law standards. It is hoped that the Government's initiatives can keep pace with the rapidly changing nature of cyber attacks<sup>30</sup>.

## RELEVANT CASES

### **Shreya Singhal v. Union of India<sup>13</sup>**

Concerned by the continual arrests created underneath Section 66A, this petition was filed in public interest before the Supreme Court to challenge the constitutionality of 66A. The petitioner argues that the impugned Section is just too broad in its sweep and contains many vague words/terms, creating it at risk of wanton abuse. This creates a 'chilling impact' wherever voters square measure severely disincentivized from physical exercise their constitutionally protected right to free speech for concern of idle prosecution. Thus, Section 66A is violative of Articles 14, 19 and 21 of the Constitution of India that guarantee citizens the Fundamental Rights to equality, free speech and life respectively.

In addition to declaring Section 66A as unconstitutional, the petitioner urges the Court to issue a suggestion stipulating the treatment of all offences involving free speech issues as non-cognizable. In the course of proceedings, the Supreme Court through its interim order directed the State Governments to confirm compliance with the Central guidelines issued in August 2013, thereby guaranteeing that no arrests underneath Section 66A square measure created while not previous approval.

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<sup>13</sup>AIR 2015 SC 1523

**MouthShut.com (India) Pvt. Ltd. v. Union of India<sup>14</sup> –**

This petition was filed in before the Supreme Court towards quashing the Intermediaries Guidelines Rules. They force intermediaries to screen content and exercise on-line censorship. While a private party may allege that certain content is defamatory or infringes copyright, such determinations are usually made by judges and involve factual inquiry and careful balancing of competing interests and factors, which the intermediaries are not equipped to make. Thus, it is argued that the Rules liable to be set aside as they contain arbitrary provisions which place unreasonable restrictions on the exercise of free speech and expression, as well as the freedom to practice any profession, or to carry out any occupation, trade or business as guaranteed by Articles 19(1)(a) and 19(1)(g) of the Constitution. They are also liable to be struck down because of their failure to conform to the Statute under which they are made and exceeding the limits of authority conferred by the enabling IT A.

**Dilipkumar Tulsidas v. Union of India<sup>15</sup> –**

This petition was filed before the Supreme Court in public interest, based on the lack of a regulatory framework for the effective investigation of cyber crimes, coupled with a lack of awareness regarding cyber crimes on the part of police authorities. In the absence of proper procedures for investigation and safeguards, citizens are vulnerable to police harassment. There is also no uniformity in cyber security control and enforcement practices. While the IT Act has provided that any police officer of the rank of sub-inspector can investigate cyber offences, there are no provisions for training or knowledge for such officers in order to properly equip them to handle cyber crimes.

The petitioner thus prays that the Supreme Court formulate, and also direct the respondents to formulate an appropriate regulatory framework of Rules, regulations and guidelines for the effective investigation of cyber crimes, keeping in mind the Fundamental Rights of citizens. He also prays that the Court direct the respondents to carry out awareness campaigns particularly for investigating agencies, intermediaries and the judiciary regarding the various forms of cyber crimes sought to be penalized.

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<sup>14</sup>W.P. (C) 217/2013

<sup>15</sup> W.P (C).NO.97 OF 2013

## CHAPTER 4 - ANALYSIS OF CYBER CRIME AGAINST WOMEN

Laws of India, United States of America and United Kingdom have not defined the term “cybercrimes” yet while the various authors in the respective countries have attempted to define it. Cybercrime is not an skill oriented crime to the world. It is defined as any unlawful activity which takes place on or over the medium of computers or internet or other technology.

The term cyber crime may be judicially interpreted in some judgments passed by courts, however it is not defined in any act or statute passed by the Legislature. Cybercrime is a non preventable evil having its base in the misuse of growing dependence on machines in modern life<sup>16</sup>. Usage of computer and other allied technology in daily life is growing rapidly and has become an urge which facilitates user convenience. It is a medium which is infinite and immeasurable. Whatsoever the good internet does to us, it has its dark side’s too. Some of the newly emerged cybercrimes are cyber-stalking, cyber-terrorism, e-mail spoofing, e-mail bombing, cyber pornography, cyber defamation etc. Some conventional crimes may also come under the category of cybercrimes if they are committed through the medium of computer or Internet.

### According to various authors and dictionaries :-

According to Dr. Debarati Halder and Dr. K. Jaishankar define cybercrimes as:

“Cyber Offences that are committed against a person or groups of persons with a criminal motive in order to intending harm the reputation of the victim or cause physical or mental harm, or damages, to the victim directly or indirectly, using modern telecommunication networks such as Internet (groups) and mobile phones ”<sup>17</sup>

The **oxford Dictionary** defined the term cyber crime “*Criminal activities carried out by means of computers or the Internet.*”<sup>18</sup>

“Cyber crime may be said to be those species, of which, genus is the conventional crime, and where either the computer is an object or subject of the conduct constituting crime”

“Cyber crime means any criminal or other offence that is facilitated by or involves the use of

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<sup>16</sup> SUPRA

<sup>17</sup> Halder D Child Sexual Abuse and Protection Laws in India. : SAGE . (July 2018).

<sup>18</sup> A.S. Hornby, Oxford Advanced Learner's Dictionary, 4<sup>th</sup> ed., Oxford University Press, Great Britain, 2002.

electronic communications or information systems, including any device or the Internet or any one or more of them”<sup>19</sup>

Professor S.T. Viswanathan has given 3 definitions in his book *The Indian Cyber Laws with Cyber gloss* is as follows –

1. Any felonious action during which a pc is that the tool or object of the crime i.e. any crime, the suggests that or purpose of that is to influence the perform of a pc
2. Any incident related to technology during which a victim suffered or may have suffered loss and a offender, by intention, created or may have created a gain,
3. Computer abuse is taken into account as any felonious, unethical or unauthorized behavior regarding the automated process and transmission of data<sup>20</sup>

From the parse definition it may be conclusively presumed and stated that cyber crime are those crimes with are constituted by the following:-

1. All crimes made through the medium of computer
2. Done in the medium of internet
3. Has the skill and knowledge of computers
4. Learned the pros and cons of computing system
5. has the data system debugging engaging in offences that cause damage to person or cluster enacting maladies Damages
6. Breach of protocol in the system
7. Utilization of unauthorized knowledge
8. Misuse of data
9. Causing damage to person and damages

Lastly cyber crimes might not solely have impact on the person’s mental or physical state of affairs however it's going to transfer as Associate in nursing terribly important for of espionages to the folks close to him. It conjointly has terribly significances within the rate within the countries however the standard crime rates are higher these rates and action.

## **IMPOTANCE OF MENSREA AND ACTUSRES IN CYBER CRIME**

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<sup>20</sup> S.T. Viswanathan, *The Indian Cyber Laws with Cyber Glossary*, 2001,

As way as ancient Crime thinks about provision and wrongful conduct as the 2 most significant components to crime. Wrongful conduct means that “Such results of human conduct because the law seeks to prevent” There should be commission or omission to represent against the law. As way as mensrea thinks about, it means that “A guilty state of mind” The mental component forms the opposite vital ingredient of crime. The act remains an equivalent whereas the state of mind makes the act ‘reus’ Associate in Nursing thence an offence. the majority the crime needs proof of mental component of some sort. As way cyber crime goes it's terribly troublesome to see the mensrea in cybercrimes<sup>21</sup>.

In Cyber crimes, one ought to see what the state of mind of hacker was which the hacker knew that the access was unauthorized. Thus, a “Particular Computer” wants to not be supposed by the hacker, it's enough if the unauthorized access was to “any computer”. Awareness on the a part of the hacker becomes easier to prove wherever he's Associate in Nursing outsider and

has no authority to access. However wherever hacker is already has restricted authority as particle the case of the worker of a corporation, it becomes troublesome establish that he exceeded his limits and was even attentive to the very fact that he's prodigious it.

Actus Reus in cybercrimes has become a challenge because the entire act is committed in intangible surroundings. The wrongdoer might leave some footmarks within the machine itself though' it becomes a herculean task for the enforcement machinery to prove it within the courts, because it is needed to be in physical type or at least in such a type wherever it becomes admissible in evidence.

The interest of actusrea and menses in cyber crime is as regards’;

When there's a term crime used there should be Associate in Nursing absolute supply by that the reason for action could also be determined so the principles of actusreas and menrea resolve to obey the such acts . By demining the men’s res the necessity of committing such against the law could also be deterred and so afterwards proving the act done.

Hence by the principles of actusreaandmenrea in cyber crime the particular reason for action and the assorted issue concerned within the crime could also be determined .cyber law wants Associate in Nursing absolute talent and experience which can rendered by cyber science and forensics. However such proof could also be of primary evidences within the court of law .but

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<sup>21</sup> Dasgupta , M., Cyber Crime in India, ( Eastern Law House, Kolkatta 2<sup>nd</sup> edn 2009).

once it's involved to prima facie facts of the case the means that re andactusrea hare to bestowed before the court for justice .

### **Test of Obscenity and smut**

To understand the gravity and result of smut and obscenity on society, we'd like to grasp these terms in their widest doable amplitude. The Word smut has not been outlined lawfully in any a part of the any statutes. the fundamental reason behind this can be terribly simple; neither we have a tendency to do have any uniform normal of ethical cultural, values and ethics and nor we've any uniform normal of law.

The term obscene means that about materials which will be regulated or criminalized as a result of their depiction of status, sex, or excretion is plainly offensive and while not inventive or scientific worth.

The take a look at of obscenity was initial set down within the case of provincial capital V. Hicklin<sup>12</sup> because the tendency “to debase and corrupt those whose minds are receptive such influences and into whose hands a publication of this kind might fall”, and it absolutely was understood that this take a look at would apply solely to the isolated passage of the work

in Miller v. California<sup>13</sup>, the Supreme Court of us in landmark judgment gave the fundamental pointers and 3 purpose tests to see obscenity within the work that:

1. An average person, applying modern “social community standards”, would realize that the work, took as an entire, appeals to the sexy interest.
2. That the work depicts or describes, in Associate in Nursing offensive manner, sexual conduct or expelling functions, as specifically outlined by applicable state law or applicable law
3. If the work, taken whole, lacks serious literature, artist, political, or scientific value.

### **Roth v. United States**

The Supreme Court of u. s. in landmark case command that “obscene material wasn't protected by the primary change and will be regulated by the States instead of by a singular, Federal customary and additionally a brand new judicial customary for outlining obscenity that invoked the typical person’s application of up to date community standards to gauge whether or not or

not the dominant theme of the fabric taken as a full appeals to lustful interest. further command that “to decide obscenity derived we want to contemplate the subsequent five-part structure:

- (1) the angle of valuation was that of a normal, affordable person.
- (2) Community standards of accepted were to be used to calculate obscenity.
- (3) Obscenity can solely apply to the works whose theme is in questionable.
- (4) A work, so as to be evaluated for obscenity.
- (5) Associate in nursing obscene work that aimed to excited individuals’ lustful interest.”

In India, section 292 to 294 of IPC contained the Indian law of obscenity<sup>22</sup>. However, the IT Act, 2000 was deficient in addressing obscenity before change by IT change Act, 2008. It’s reformed the Indian law of obscenity to a larger extent. Now, the knowledge Technology Act, 2000 when change states that storing or non-public viewing of creation is legal because it doesn't specifically prohibit it. On the opposite hand transferring or publish the sexy material is prohibited.

There square measure some sections of knowledge Technology Act, 2000 that require cyber creation with bound exceptions to Section sixty seven & 67A As regards the Cyber creation, most of the according Indian Cases square measure disposed of within the judicature at the magisterial level<sup>23</sup>.

However, the case of State of Madras v. Suhas<sup>24</sup> during this case, some designative, obscene and annoying messages were denote regarding the victim on a yahoo electronic communication cluster that resulted in annoying phone calls to her. She filed the FIR and also the suspect was found guilty below the investigation and was condemned below section 469, 509 of IPC and section sixty seven of knowledge Technology Act.

In U.K legislation, historically, it's not associate in Nursing offence to possess obscene material in camera as long as there's no conceive to publish, distribute or show it to others. As in regards, kiddy porn possession also as circulation has been criminalized. Section a hundred and sixty of the Criminal Justice Act, 1988 makes it Associate in nursing offence for someone to own any

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<sup>22</sup> Rattan Lai, *The Indian Penal Code*, (Wadhwa Publishers, New Delhi 2<sup>nd</sup> edn; 2002).

<sup>23</sup> Mittal, D.P., “*Law of Information Technology*”, (Taxman Allied Services Pvt. Ltd., Mumbai 4<sup>rd</sup> edn 2000).

<sup>24</sup> AIR 547 2010

indecent photograph of a baby in his possession. In u.k, creation has been divided into 3 components, soft-core creation, hardcore creation and extreme creation. Extreme creation is prohibited to even possess as on Gregorian calendar month 2009 and carries a 3 year imprisonment.

In *R. v. Bowden*<sup>25</sup> case, the court command that downloading and printing pictures from the web fell among the construct of 'making' and command liable below the Act.

Similar issue came up before the court in *R v. Westgarth and Jayson*<sup>19\*</sup> case. during this case the prosecution was ready to prove that the suspect was alert to the caching operate among his browser software package and also the court command that the mere act of voluntarily downloading Associate in Nursing indecent image from a webpage on to monitor is Associate in Nursing act of 'making.'

The Communication Decency Act, 1996 America and also the Obscene Publications Act, 1959 of uk each differentiates between thought creation Associate in Nursing kiddy porn whereas in Asian nation no such distinction exists below section 292 of IPC although the IT Act when change in 2008 has regarded obscenity as an offence however one by one outlined kiddy porn with penalization below section 67B.

In America possession of obscene material isn't Associate in Nursing offence however business or transmission of obscene material is Associate in Nursing offence whereas in uk and Asian nation, mere possession of obscene material isn't Associate in Nursing offence. In u. s. of America, kid accessibility to pornography sites is prohibited whereas in Asian nation browsing and downloading kid pornography pictures square measure punishable offence

The legislation on cyber stalking square measure varies from country to country. In India, there have been no laws that directly regulate cyber stalking previous Feb 2013 it absolutely was coated below section 66A,72 and seventy two A of IT Act, 2000. In 2013, Indian parliament created amendments in Indian legal code, 1860 by introducing cyber stalking as criminal offence by passing legal code (Amendment) Act, 201

### **Cyber Stalking**

The legislation on cyber stalking square measure varies from country to country. In India, there

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<sup>25</sup>BMLR 508



have been no laws that directly regulate cyber stalking previous Feb 2013 it absolutely was coated below section 66A, 72 and seventy two A of IT Act, 2000. In 2013, Indian parliament created amendments in Indian legal code, 1860 by introducing cyber stalking as criminal offence by passing legal code (Amendment) Act, 2013 Cyber stalking isn't directly recognized cyber crimes in Asian nation below Section sixty six A by the knowledge Technology (Amendment) Act 2008 and below section seventy two, 72A. Section sixty six A provides penalization for causing offensive messages through communication service etc and section seventy two provides for breach of confidentiality and privacy<sup>26</sup>. In u. s., cyber stalking may be a criminal offense below yanked anti-stalking, slander, and harassment laws. A conviction may result in an exceedingly restraining order, probation, or criminal penalties against offender, as well as jail. RituKohli's case was the India's initial case of cyber stalking that was registered by Economic offences Wing of Old Delhi Police below section 509 IPC for outraging the modesty of a girl. Section 503 Of IPC provides for stalking and additionally harassment. Further, section 504 provides a remedy to be used of abusive and insulting language. This can be another kind within which cyber stalking takes place wherever abusive words etc. square measure sent through e-mail. Cyber stalking specifically has been addressed in recent U.S. federal law<sup>27</sup>.

for instance, the Violence against girls Act passed in 2000, created cyber stalking a vicinity of the federal interstate stalking statute. Still, there remains a insufficiency of federal legislation to specifically address cyber stalking, exploit the bulk of legislative at the state level. a couple of states have each stalking and harassment statutes that criminalize threatening and unwanted electronic communications<sup>20</sup>. The initial anti-stalking law was enacted in Golden State in 1990, and whereas all fifty states shortly passed ant-stalking laws, by 2009 solely fourteen of them had laws specifically addressing "high-tech stalking

In America virtually each state has laws addressing cyber stalking. United States federal Code eighteen below section 2261 A (2) states that whoever with the intent uses the mail, any interactive pc service, or any facility of interstate of foreign commerce to own interaction throughout a course of conduct that causes substantial emotional distress thereto person.

New Jersey v. Dharun Ravi, may be a case of cyber stalking within which a university student named Ravi on the Q.T. created a movie of his roommate's sexual intimation with another

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<sup>26</sup> Kumar, Krishna, *Cyber Laws*, (Dominant publishers, Delhi 5<sup>th</sup> edn; 2000).

<sup>27</sup>I. Trotter Hardy, "The Proper Regime for Cyberspace", 55 U. Pitt. L. Rev J. 993 (1994)

woman and so denote this on-line. By this act of Ravi, she committed suicide and Ravi was condemned for bias intimidation and invasion of her privacy. In 2012, the judges dominated that they believe Ravi was acted out of stupendous insensitiveness, not hate and sentenced him for thirty days in jail and additionally with fine. On December nine, 2015, it absolutely was proclaimed through promulgation by the u. Department of Justice that a former u. s. Department worker pleaded guilty and charged for internationally intensive cyber stalking, e-mail phishing, pc hacking, and extortion theme against many victims within the u. s.. In u.k, there square measure varied laws that upset stalking and cyber stalking. The Protection of Freedoms Act, 2012 has been passed that created 2 new offences of stalking by inserting sections 2A and 4A into the Protection from Harassment Act (PHA), 1997. Section 2A creates a selected offence of stalking and someone guilty of it shall be answerable for a imprisonment not extraordinary fifty one weeks or with fine not extraordinary level five of ordinary scale or each. Section four A creates the offence of stalking involving a concern of violence or serious alarm or distress and someone guilty of it shall be answerable for a imprisonment not extraordinary five years or with fine or each on indictment or a imprisonment not extraordinary twelve month or fine not extraordinary statutory most or each on outline conviction. Below this Act, stalking part is outlined as those acts that embody watching someone on-line, contacting someone, loitering in an exceedingly public or non-public place, busy with property or spying.

In *R v. Curtis*<sup>28</sup> case, the Hon'ble Court command that it's necessary to prove that the conduct is unacceptable to a degree which might sustain criminal liability, and additionally it should be oppressive in nature.

The court earlier command within the case of *C v. CPS*<sup>29</sup> that it's vital to notice that matters to represent the course of conduct amounting to harassment should be properly particularized within the info set or within the indictment. However, the humblecourt has earlier dominated that the incident may be accepted only if it amounting to a course of conduct as set down in *Pratt v. DPP*

Cyber stalking among the gift days have a awfully importantrelevancy and need for higher laws as a result of the social media h aver higher access to people's knowledge and so through the

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are possibilities of being harassed and complied to several different distress thereby the importance of cyber stalking in Asian nation and different countries {are also square measure are} to be resulted as cybercrimes and therefore it's additionally to be considered that there as not several cases in regard to Asian nation within which cyber stalking as concerned however in relation to us and o.k. there square measure several cases in relation to stalking and cyber stalking. Therefore the penalization for such crimes square measure of significance as its of inflicting bodily and mental damage to a person.

## **CHAPTER FIVE - SUGGESTION AND CONCLUSION:**

Based on the study's overall findings and therefore the analysis of the inputs provided by crime consultants there are few suggestions which will facilitate all potential victims to guard themselves from cybercrimes.

1. Web users are currently as young as eight years getting on. It's thus vital to teach them right from the varsity. Workshops on web ' Safe aquatics ' will be conducted in colleges for each kids and fogeys.
2. It's attainable to adopt an equivalent strategy even in schools. Schools ought to take a special initiative to include a course work or paper for knowledgeable outlook on "Cyber Crimes and Security" and will assign credits to clear an equivalent outlook.
3. Workshops and orientation ought to be inspired by consultants and moral hackers.
4. Web site owner ought to have a through traffic watch & check for any web site irregularities to avoid the extent of malfunctions.
5. Web site house owners ought to be created responsive to their minimum responsibilities to adopt some crime bar policy as no web user is growing day by day.
6. Purposeful open internet server sites should be physically protected on an individual basis from internal company network. The company authorities will use refined security programs to guard data and knowledge on sites.
7. Government ought to raise awareness campaigns in numerous places wherever potential web users are high.
8. Thought media like TV, newspapers, radio and new media platforms like Face book will be wont to the fullest to lift awareness of various styles of cybercrimes among all the netizens.
9. Government will work with moral hackers to return up with a lot of sensible solutions to the issues that prevail.

10. Rules and laws managing cybercrimes ought to be strictly enforced to make sure that the protection problems aren't taken without any consideration by anyone. Strict governance is needed so the habit of gratification in unlawful downloading and knowledge thieving isn't inculcated by anyone.

11. it's attainable to extend the amount of cyber cells even in little cities. to succeed in these cyber cells, their roles and responsibilities, every organization ought to be created responsive to the procedure.

12. Complete justice should run to crime victims through antagonistic remedies and offenders to be punished with the very best form of social control so as to anticipate crime criminals.

13. Only if crime is AN internationally threatening issue and there's a lot of scope for cross - border crime, some steps ought to be taken on the earth even to forestall crime and encourage coordination among governments

In view of the increasing dimensions of computer-related crimes, there's would like for adopting applicable regulative legal measures and gear train up the enforcement mechanism to tackle the matter of crime with stern hands. Even a brief delay in investigation could permit cyber criminals enough time to delete or erase the vital knowledge to evade detection, which can cause immense loss to the net user or the victim. That apart, the peculiar nature of cybercrimes is specified the bad person and therefore the women don't return face to face, that facilitates the criminals to hold on their criminal activities with ample sophistication while not the concern of being understood or prosecuted. it's for this reason that a multi-pronged approach and joint efforts of all the enforcement functionaries is far a lot of required for effective handling of crime cases. a typical crime regulative law universally acceptable to any or all the countries would maybe offer a viable answer to forestall and management cyber guiltiness.

The process of crime bar primarily needs co-operation and active support of voters, establishments, industries and therefore the Government alike. Therefore, a sound strategy for bar of cybercrimes necessitates mobilization of community participation in combating this menace. This involves participative role of all those that understand that the growing incidence of crime could be a potential danger to society as an entire. It additionally involves self-protection initiatives by the that ar at risk of cybercrimes. They need to have adequate data and awareness concerning the character and gravity of those crimes and therefore the dangers fraught by them. Obviously, media has a crucial role to play in warning folks against the

attainable dangers and evil effects of cybercrimes on women as additionally the state and therefore the safety measures that are necessary to combat this sophisticated guiltiness.

Cyber criminals typically furnish fictitious info whereas registering themselves for associate e-mail address with a web site as a result of the e-mail suppliers refuse to produce 2 ID's to identical person. This false and dishonest info on the web helps the criminal to suppress his real identity and mislead the investigation authorities in reaching the \$64000 offender. There being no provision within the info Technology Act to stop registration of someone for associate e-mail address with a web site by providing false info, someone will establish false e-mail identity with a fictitious information processing address and misuse identical for commission of a crime. This lacunae within the Act has been taken care of by inserting a replacement Section 66A within the principal Act by the I.T. (Amendment) Act, 2008 (10 of 2009), that provides that associate false e-mail identity registration with a web site are an offence punishable upto 3 years of imprisonment. It's actually a success towards the bar and management of cybercrimes.

The study shows that India net users aren't absolutely awake to the prevailing cybercrimes. In countries like India, a growing web addiction is visible. Smartphone and net convergence square measure on the move and quite widespread. This suggests that cybercrimes have a lot of scope. whereas several net users claim to bear in mind of such crimes, the bulk still regard crime as politically driven hi-fi attacks on giant organizations. They fail to know that any women are often affected. A quiet majority of users, aside from hacking, square measure unaware of crimes like cyber stalking, mobile hacking, TOR and Deep internet crimes, violation, cyber bullying, phishing, kid solicitation and abuse, sharing erotica content, distinguishing thieving, etc. an outsized range of net users don't even recognize WHO to contact or report on any crime grievances. what is more, the dearth of awareness is drastically determined just in case of protection towards their personal PCs and laptops, as half the respondents square measure still victims of assorted viruses, don't update their passwords from time to time, and have a tendency to share their personal data with others. As way as illegal downloads square measure involved, though net users square measure awake to the results, they still take this activity as a right and simply transfer movies, games and music from totally different torrents. Cognitive content on this issue might still increase if the govt. doesn't create serious makes an attempt to implement the principles and laws.

Cybercrime being world in character typically affects the person secluded from the place of offence, might it's within the same country or another country. It thus, needs policing at

international level as conjointly the active cooperation of the international community. the eu Convention on crime was so a worthy try because it arranged down pointers to be followed by the member States in combating crime. The Convention recommended measures to be initiated by the states for restructuring their cyber laws to fulfill the new challenges. The Convention not solely prohibited the changes and enhancements within the substantive a part of legal code however conjointly observed the procedural side that should be taken into thought whereas restructuring the present law to fulfill this desires of developing technology. it's been typically accepted that procedural side of legal code is that the main hurdle in attempt the matter of crime effectively however at constant time, the substantive a part of crime conjointly has to be redefined to fight against in progress cyber guiltiness. Out of a range of cybercrimes, the eu Convention has chosen 10 specific cybercrimes and urged the member States to incorporate them in their data technology laws and supply a concrete mechanism to fight against them. However it's rather unfortunate that several cybercrimes of a specific country aren't treated as crime beneath the legal code of different countries that extremely poses a haul once race cybercrimes square measure concerned. The answer to this drawback lies in enacting a worldwide cyber law uniformly applicable to all or any the countries of the globe. The crux of the matter is that universally accepted normal crime preventive laws shouldn't vary from place to position. In different words, uniformity be ensured with relevance substantive cyber laws of assorted nations.

The legal challenge emerges from the actual fact that cyber guiltiness isn't any longer confined to the developed countries alone however it's assumed world dimensions in recent decades. The standard legal techniques of investigation of cybercrimes square measure inadequate notably, just in case of cross-country crimes. The matter becomes a lot of advanced thanks to lack of any universally accepted definition of crime. Therefore, a crime in a very country might not necessary be against the law in another country.

There are hardly twenty countries within the world that have enacted comprehensive cyber laws. Within the absence of AN adequate crime laws, the cyber criminals stick with it their illegal activities resolute. Therefore, effective handling of cybercrimes needs a legal framework that is equally applicable to all or any the countries. The cyber laws ought to even be aware of the quick developing data technology. the net has enabled the cyber offenders to focus on most range of individuals at a borderline value just at the press of a button. Therefore, cyber security assumes utmost importance.

The operational challenges faced by the enforcement agencies thanks to lack of adequate cyber rhetorical technology for coping with crimes represent another in-road that renders it tough to gather and preserve enough proof against the person suspect of cybercrime, thereby leading to his/her final decision by the court. the standard modes of procuring proof square measure mismatched just in case of crime investigation as a result of most of the proof exists in electronic kind. Therefore, there's dire ought to develop appropriate pc rhetorical mechanism for effective handling by crime investigation. Attack against our infrastructure. Securing our computers, data, and communications networks secure our economy and our country. a worldwide strategy and policy for combating this kind of act of terrorism is would like currently.

In order to combat this kind of act of terrorism tons of effort ought to be done at the private level, as well because the international level to fight against this international kind of crime. As we tend to build a lot of and a lot of technology into our civilization, we tend to should make sure that there's enough human oversight and intervention to safeguard those whom technology serves.

The territorial challenges clogging the economical handling of crime investigation result out of widespread inter-connectivity of the pc networks and therefore the supporting infrastructure like tele- communication, data dissemination on web site etc. In fact, jurisdiction could be a broad idea that refers as to if a court has the ability to adjudicate, i.e., whether or not it's personal jurisdiction to do the case and territorial jurisdiction over the placement or place wherever the crime is committed or the parties involved reside. just in case of cross-country cyber dispute or crime, the matter typically arises on the law of that country would be applicable to the case in hand.