

**REPORT**  
**WEBINAR SESSION ON CYBER CRIMES DURING COVID-19 ORGANIZED BY**  
**CENTRE FOR SPECIALIZATION IN CYBER LAW STUDIES SLS-H ON 5<sup>TH</sup>**  
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Centre for Specialization in Cyber Law studies (CSCLS) is an in-house Centre established to focus on different aspects of cyber law through research, events and workshops. The Centre works to propagate the knowledge of rights and duties that a person needs to be aware of while navigating through the cyberspace. The main focus of the Centre is to help the stakeholders have a better understanding of the nuances of this field and keep them abreast with the current cyber scenario, which changes notoriously fast.

The Centre for Specialization in Cyber Law Studies of Symbiosis Law School, Hyderabad, conducted its first Webinar Session on **Cyber Crimes during COVID-19** on 5th of May 2020 (Tuesday). The speaker of this webinar was Mr.Ritesh Bhatia, he is a well-known Cybercrime Investigator and Cybersecurity and Data Privacy Consultant also is the Founding Director of V4WEB Cybersecurity. He is a TEDx speaker and also has been a distinguished speaker at many national and international conferences and organizations. The main objective of this webinar was to alert the attendees of the possible cyber-attacks and crimes that are prevalent during this time of lockdown. The webinar witnessed participation from students of all batches and faculty members too. The webinar started with the welcome address given by Ms.Anuradha Binnuri, Deputy Director of Symbiosis Law School, Hyderabad.

The cybercrimes emerging during the COVID-19 period was addressed by Mr Ritesh Bhatia by means of real-life case studies, making it interesting and contemporary. He spoke about the use of cousin domains, which are look-like domains of trusted websites and companies, being used extensively for committing fraud and money theft. With respect to online money scams, Mr Bhatia instructed

Further, he also addressed possible solutions to deal with email scams which extort the person for money in exchange for sensitive information. He advised the frequent change of passwords and also emphasised on never keeping the same password for multiple accounts. The next cybercrime which Mr Ritesh Bhatia discussed was sextortion, a practice of extorting money or sexual favours

from someone by threatening to reveal evidence of their sexual activity. He advised the attendees to be cautious while giving permission to various apps as the app might act like spyware and attain personal information from the person's phone. He also explained the improper use of Artificial Intelligence that is taking place at this time of age.

Mr Ritish Bhatia emphasised on the need to sanitise each person's phone, by revoking unnecessary permissions, uninstalling unwanted apps and deleting sensitive information to ensure that a step is being taken for protection against the ocean of new-age cybercrimes.

Finally, the discussion was routed to a Q&A session wherein students put forward their queries and each of their queries was extensively deliberated upon. The session ended on a high note with Mr. Pankaj Umbarkar, Faculty Head of Centre for Specialization in Cyber Law Studies, giving the vote-of-thanks to the guest, and to Prof (Dr) Sarfaraz Ahemad Khan Director SLS-H for his permission to the webinar , to all faculty members who joined the webinar . He also offered his thanks to all participants in this webinar.

# !;--have i been pwned?

Check if you have an account that has been compromised in a data breach

riteshb2@gmail.com pwned

Oh no — pwned!

Pwned on 6 breached sites and found no pastes (subscribe to search sensitive breaches)

 3 Steps to better security

Start using 1Password

Participants



Ritesh Bhatia

 Pankaj Umbarkar (me)  

 SLS Hyderabad (Host)

 Ritesh Bhatia 

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Attendees: 82