

Cyber Security & Proactive Measures in the age of pandemic

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EPCH organised an awareness webinar (virtually) on "Cyber Security & Proactive Measures in the age of pandemic" for member exporters. Mr. Ravi K Passi, immediate past Chairman, EPCH; Mr. Raj Kumar Malhotra, Chairman, EPCH; Mr. R K Verma, Executive Director, EPCH; and prominent exporters alongwith a large number of member exporters were present from PAN India like, Jaipur, Jodhpur, Moradabad, Mumbai, Saharanpur, North-East, Delhi NCR, Narsapur, Bangalore, etc.

ensure that we take proactive measures to secure our personal and professional data. Mr. Tandon mentioned that in this age of digitization, data and personally identifiable information are of great value to cybercriminals.

He suggested, using public wifi or an unsecured internet connection could leave data vulnerable to eavesdroppers and hackers, so it is safer to use a wireless connection with security. Further, he elaborated on related issues and cyber

security proactive measures like: Threats during pandemic, Introduction to cyber crimes, How to protect digital identity, Social media threats and securities, Digital Transactions & Securities, Business Email securities & threats, Cyber crime redressed & Cyber Laws.



Mr. Rakshit Tandon, Cyber Security Expert; Mr. Ravi K Passi, immediate past Chairman, EPCH; Mr. Ram Suresh Yadav, Superintendent of Police, Economic Offence Wing (EOW), Meerut Sector; Mr. R K Verma, Executive Director, EPCH; and Mr. Rajesh Rawat, Director, EPCH

Mr. Rakshit Tandon, Cyber Security Expert - the key speaker and Mr. Ram Suresh Yadav, Superintendent of Police, Economic Offence Wing (EOW), Meerut Sector, were guest faculty. They shared their vast experience in the field of cyber security measures.

Mr. Rakshit Tandon, Cyber Security Expert mentioned that from video calls to virtual events to contactless payments to online shopping more than ever before, the pandemic has spurred a greater dependence on technology. But with increased dependence comes increased risks. As we adapt to the new normal, it is important to not only understand the threats we could be exposed to in the digital world but also

than ever this past year in response to the Covid-19 pandemic, and as a consequence created a whole new layer of cybersecurity risks. He suggested that exporter members should safeguard their IT infrastructure and protect vital information in a remote workplace.

Mr. Ram Suresh Yadav, Superintendent of Police, Economic Offence Wing (EOW), Meerut Sector mentioned about necessary precautionary measures for cyber security like 'Protect networks against external and internal attack'; 'Manage the network primer; Filter out unauthorized access and malicious contents; and Monitor and test security controls. He stressed on the need to establish a monitoring

strategy and produce supporting policies, continuously monitor all IT system and networks in work place and analyse logs for unusual activity.

Mr. Raj Kumar Malhotra, Chairman, EPCH said, the surge in communications and the wholesale shift to operate export businesses online have at the same time increased the risk of cyberattacks by an order of magnitude and introduced a wide range of new risks. Organisations' perimeter security is at risk of being breached. They need always-on surveillance and real-time risk analysis for breaches at both physical and digital entry points. Necessary proactive measures need to be adopted by member exporters. **Mr. Ravi K Passi, immediate past Chairman, EPCH** added, the pandemic has ushered in a new era of cyber security. IT security professionals who raise their game and protect their companies' people, technology and data from new or heightened risks of more sophisticated cybercriminals will be crucial players in the economic turnaround. ■

