

Role of Emerging Cyber Crime Trends and Cyber Security Challenges in Himachal Pradesh

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Abstract: *Cybercrime has emerged as a significant threat to governance, personal security, and economic growth across India, including in the hill state of Himachal Pradesh. This review explores emerging cybercrime trends and corresponding cyber security challenges within the state by synthesizing existing literature and primary survey findings from 400 key stakeholders comprising police officials, advocates, judges, academicians, and employees. The study identifies prevailing types of cybercrime, perceptions of risk, institutional readiness, and gaps in cyber security frameworks. The paper concludes with recommendations for policy, capacity building, and technology adoption.*

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