Need for Cybersecurity Awareness in Rural Communities: A Socio-Legal Perspective

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Abstract: *The cyberspace and its awareness have been expanding vastly since its entrance into the common world. There is now so much that can be done in the cyberspace and so many ways to use the Internet, wherein there have been rapidly increasing numbers of cyber-crimes and exploitations. Cyber-attacks are becoming more common and it is only the educated and urban communities who have information regarding how to prevent and/or face the attacks. There is an ever-growing need to push the concept of cyber-security to the rural regions in any country, there is a need to educate on the dangers of the cyber-world. As internet connectivity is reaching rural areas now, there is a higher risk of cyber-threats as well. The paper aims to enunciate the dangers of the cyber-space and the need for cyber-security in rural regions in India. It will layout the existing legal framework on cyber-security in India which the author will attempt to critically analyse. The paper will also contain recommendations on how to address the issue and aims to positively make a difference in the use of the cyber-space.*

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