



India and Central Asian Countries conclude Strategic Cyber Exercise on Cyber Threat Hunting and Incident Response Management

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The National Security Council Secretariat, Government of India, in partnership with Ministry of External Affairs and National Critical Information Infrastructure Protection Centre, organized a three-day Strategic Cyber Exercise for Central Asian countries – Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan – from 12-14 November 2025 at New Delhi.

The Strategic Cyber Exercise marks the successful completion of one of the commitments made by India under the framework of the India-Central Asian Meeting of Secretaries of Security Councils/NSAs. Technical teams from the cyber security agencies, national Computer Emergency Response Teams and relevant security agencies of the Central Asian countries participated in the Exercise.

The Exercise focused on equipping technical teams with advanced skills to combat increasingly sophisticated transnational cyber threats targeting the region's critical infrastructure. It also successfully integrated intensive technical capacity building with skills for high-level strategic policy decision making and deliberations on future areas of collaboration.

The Heads of Cyber Security agencies from the region also engaged in discussions to explore mechanisms for enduring strategic cyber cooperation.

The successful conclusion of the exercise marks a significant milestone in the collective security journey of India and Central Asia, transitioning from individual national defenses to an interconnected and resilient cyber ecosystem.

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