HQ IDS-CENJOWS Seminar on Cyber-Enabled Cognitive Warfare Commences in New Delhi

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A two-day seminar on “Cyber-Enabled Cognitive Warfare”, organised by the Centre for Joint Warfare Studies (CENJOWS) under the aegis of Headquarters Integrated Defence Staff (HQ IDS), commenced in New Delhi on November 02, 2026. The seminar aims to deliberate on the emerging security challenges arising from the convergence of cyber operations, Artificial Intelligence (AI), information influence and human cognition, with particular focus on India's evolving threat landscape.

The sessions focused on the cyber-enabled cognitive battlefield and India's evolving threat landscape, the anatomy of influence operations, including the actors, vectors and narratives shaping the information environment. The deliberations also addressed the targeting of military personnel, veterans and their families, alongside the growing convergence of cyber technologies, Artificial Intelligence and digital manipulation. The discussions highlighted the need for a comprehensive understanding of emerging threats, extending beyond their technological dimensions to encompass their psychological, institutional and societal implications.

The seminar brings together senior military leaders, government officials, strategic affairs experts, diplomats, representatives from academia, technology specialists and media representatives, providing a multidisciplinary platform for deliberations on the challenges and implications of cyber-enabled cognitive warfare.

The inaugural session was attended by Rear Admiral Sanjay Sachdeva, Director General, Defence Cyber Agency, Major General Ashok Kumar (Retd), Director General, CENJOWS, Shri Navin Kumar Singh, National Cyber Security Coordinator, Vice Admiral A N Pramod, Deputy Chief of the Naval Staff, and Air Marshal Tejinder Singh, Chief of Integrated Defence Staff to the Chairman, Chiefs of Staff Committee (CISC).

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