

Cybercrime Prevention against Women and Children (CCPWC) Scheme

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In news— Under the CCPWC Scheme, financial assistance has been provided to all State/UTs for setting up of cyber forensic cum training laboratories, capacity building of Law Enforcement Agencies (LEAs), public prosecutors and judicial officers.

About the CCPWC Scheme-

This scheme was **formulated by the Ministry of Home Affairs** to have an effective mechanism to handle cybercrimes against women and children in the country.

Components under the scheme are-

- Online Cyber Crime reporting Unit.
- Forensic Unit.
- Capacity Building Unit.
- Research & development Unit.
- Awareness Creation Unit.

Online Cybercrime Reporting Unit-

- It is a central **citizen portal of the Crime and Criminal Tracking Network & Systems (CCTNS) project**.
- Using this portal, **an online cyber-crime complaint can be made by the victims of cyber-crime**.
- It provides a **central repository for all such crimes**, which will be used for publishing an annual analytical report regarding cyber-crimes, their trends and remedial measures etc.
- It **provides a central repository for reference to law**

enforcement and regulatory agencies at the national, state and local level for cyber-crime related information.

- It is **responsible for development of an online cyber-crime reporting platform**, publishing periodic analytical reports covering trends of cyber-crime, defining process flows for handling online complaints field by citizens and also responsible for assigning such complaints to the appropriate law enforcement agencies based on jurisdiction in the states/ UTs or to any central agency having jurisdiction for criminal investigation.
- **It works closely with the forensic unit for all digital investigations** at the centre as well as at designated state forensic laboratories.

Forensic Unit-

- **Proper collection and preserving of evidence related to cyber-crime** and its analysis in line with the provisions of the IT Act and evidence Act is of utmost importance.
- This unit includes a **team of cyber security professionals** to carry out vivid types of electronics forensic analysis and assist the law enforcement agencies in electronic forensic analysis across the country.

Capacity Building Unit-

- This unit **supports capacity building of Central and State Police Forces, Prosecutors, Judicial officers** and all other concerned stakeholders for all required capabilities like detection, investigations, forensic etc.
- This unit also **assists the state/ UTs officials in taking up long term courses** to enhance the expertise in this area.

Research and Development Unit-

- In order to develop effective tools to detect obscene and objectionable content in the cyber space, a continuous refining is needed.
- As part of research and development activities multiple Centres of Excellence (COE) will be developed in the country.

Awareness Creation Unit-

- Awareness about cybercrime and cyber hygiene is introduced in schools in the early stages of education as a component of school curriculum.
- These awareness communications are delivered via a web portal and mobile apps.