

National Cyber Security Coordinator

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In news– The National Cyber Security Coordinator has proposed a national cybersecurity strategy to address the gap in the security framework in India's cyberspace.

National Cyber Coordination Centre (NCCC)-

- It is an **operational cybersecurity and e-surveillance agency** in India.
- **Its purpose is to help the country deal with malicious cyber-activities by acting as an Internet traffic monitoring entity** that can fend off domestic or international attacks.
- It is intended to **screen communication metadata** and coordinate the intelligence gathering activities of other agencies.
- It has been set up to **generate necessary situational awareness of existing and potential cyber security threats and enable timely information sharing** for proactive, preventive and protective actions by individual entities.
- **Components of the NCCC include** a cybercrime prevention strategy, cybercrime investigation training and review of outdated laws.
- Although **NCCC is jurisdictionally under the Ministry of Home Affairs**, it coordinates with multiple security and surveillance agencies as well as with CERT-In of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.

Functions of NCCC-

- It acts as **India's first layer for cyber threat monitoring** and all communication with government and private service providers would be through this body

only.

- It will be in **virtual contact with the control room of all Internet service providers (ISPs)** to scan traffic within the country, flowing at the point of entry and exit, including international gateway.
- It would also **address the threats faced by the computer networks of government departments and organisations** handling sensitive government data and important websites.

NCSC and National Security Council (NSC)-

- **The National Security Council is an executive government agency** tasked with advising the Prime Minister's Office on matters of national security and strategic interest.
- It was **established by the former Prime Minister of India Atal Bihari Vajpayee on 19 November 1998**, with Brajesh Mishra as the first National Security Advisor.
- Prior to the formation of the NSC, these activities were overseen by the Principal Secretary to the preceding Prime Minister.
- National Cyber Security Coordinator (NCSC) under the National Security Council Secretariat (NSCS) coordinates with different agencies at the national level for cyber security matters.

Present NCSC is **Rajesh Pant**.