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India, British experts discuss cyber security

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New Delhi, March 26 (IANS) Top experts from India and Britain discussed cyber security and online security, a pressing international issue demanding global cooperation, an official release said Tuesday.

The discussions were part of a four-day workshop, which began on March 24 and has been jointly organised by Research Councils UK (RCUK) and India's department of science and technology, the Indraprastha Institute of Information Technology-Delhi (IIIT-D), and Britain's Science and Innovation Network (SIN), the release said.

Cyber crime, privacy and security in online social media, human factors and usable security, risk identification and monitoring of systems and networks were among the topics discussed at the workshop.

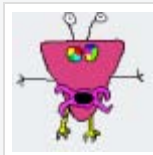
The world's increased reliance on electronic systems means that cyber attacks are likely to have significant damaging consequences, said the release.

"We need a clearer understanding of our current and future vulnerabilities and the inadequacies of current approaches, along with innovative solutions to tackle the important challenges," said RCUK deputy director Helen Bailey.

Ponnurangam Kumaraguru, a teacher at IIIT Delhi, added: "We are also exploring the strengths and complementarities of our respective research capabilities; and identifying key areas of research which may offer a great potential for international research collaboration for mutual benefit."

This workshop is part of the growing research relationship between Britain and India.

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