

Govt Finalising Cyber Security Standards for Mobiles Phones

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Prasad said while addressing an ASSOCHAM conference on Cyber and Network Security. He said the IT and electronics department already issued notice to most smart phone manufacturers asking them to furnish details related to cyber security.

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The IT ministry has sought data

security protocol details from around 30 smartphone makers, many of them Chinese. Most of the handset makers have already submitted their details, while some have sought an extension of the August 28 deadline, which has been granted.

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Highlighting various initiatives being undertaken by the Government with regards to cyber security Ravi Shankar Prasad said, "Every digitally connected industry must have cyber security officers who must be able to tell you what precautions you must take in an industry and business to keep cyber criminals at bay that is what we are insisting."

India's digital economy today is worth \$500 million.



Cyber security standards to be set up soon: Ravi Shankar Prasad

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"Let me tell all mobile manufacturing units that your product must be security-compliant, there shall be no compromise on that," said Prasad while addressing an ASSOCHAM conference on Cyber and Network Security. India has seen 93 mobile

manufacturing factories coming up in last three years, said Ravi Shankar Prasad. In India, Noida emerged as a big hub for mobile manufacturing where 32 such factories have come up.

"I have told the UP chief minister also that Noida and Greater Noida has great potential of becoming a centre of Software Park, educational and management hub and other commercial activity," said Prasad.

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"We are also insisting all banks to have cyber security auditors. We are unleashing a big challenge to have cyber security training, drills for officers, judges and policemen," he added. Talking about the need to create human resource in field of cy-

ber knowledge, he said that 44 universities and colleges have been identified in this regard.

"We are going to begin cyber security educational course as a big learning ground to make good graduates for future requirement," said Prasad adding that cyber security education is going to become a very good job giving education.

The union minister also said that there have been three phases of growth of India's IT industry, whereby in phase one Indian IT companies became the 'toast of the world' while in phase two international giants like Amazon, Google, Facebook, Twitter and others came to India considering it a huge market.

"The third phase is that of India's domestic IT initiative, startup movement which is growing very fast with 3-4 startups are coming up every day," said Prasad.

'National security overrides all'

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Union Minister Kiren Rijiju said national security and interest override everything while referring to the recent Supreme Court judgement that declared right to privacy as fundamental right.

"I am not here to criticise the Supreme Court judgement. It becomes law of the land. The primary responsibility of making law and policies rests with Parliament. We have been authorised by sovereign people of this nation. We have primary responsibility to frame laws," MoS for Home Kiren Rijiju said at Assocham event on cyber security. The SC on August 24 ruled that right to privacy is a fundamental right with some re-



FLAGGING CONCERN: Union MoS Home Affairs Kiren Rijiju addressing the Annual Summit on Cyber and Network Security.

strictions as enshrined in the part III of the constitution. He said privacy is very important and it is intrinsic part of the fundamental right.

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India's capability and capacity when it comes to cyber warfare and it is imperative to narrow down this difference to discourage cyber attackers, he said. "During the briefings and understanding

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— KIREN RIJIJU
UNION MINISTER

of how prepared we are, I realise that the more we are exposed to this world, the more vulnerable we have become. I am not discrediting our capability but the reality is what is India's capability and what is our capacity, there is a huge gap." PTI/IANS

Industry disappointed over weak GDP data

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Corporate India today expressed disappointment over the country's economic growth, which slipped to a three-year low of 5.7 per cent in April-June.

Industry chamber PHDCCI said ease of doing business remains a major concern as manufacturing firms, particularly labour intensive units, are impacted by various stringent laws and compliance costs.

"Going ahead, the breakthrough in GST should also be followed by reforms in labour laws such as a single uniform labour law across the country," PHDCCI president Gopal Jiwrajka said in a statement.

Growth of India's real GDP at 5.7 per cent in the first quarter is "disappointing" as the industry was in anticipation of rebound from low

growth in the last quarter of 2016-17, he added.

He also stressed that there is a need to focus on reforms to improve the ease of doing business scenario, particularly for MSMEs, in order to encourage setting up of more industries. Assocham suggested that policymakers should take urgent steps to revive private investments.

The chamber cautioned the government that further downward risks to the growth still prevail in the form of rising crude oil prices due to the Gulf crisis and inventory draw-down in the USA that will have its adverse effects on current account deficit and exchange rate.

"Continuous fall in fixed investments, unsolved problem of bank's NPAs, global policy and political risks, tightening financial conditions on account of deleveraging financial institutions and slowdown in real estate could

weigh negatively," it added.

India's GDP growth dropped to a three-year low of 5.7 per cent during April-June as manufacturing slowed ahead of the launch of GST and the impact of demonetisation lingered on.

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Industry chamber Ficci said the growth numbers indicate a moderation in agriculture and industrial sectors.

"The uncertainty surrounding implementation of GST did impact industrial production in the first quarter. However, we are confident that this effect will wane off in coming months," it said, adding a pickup in economic activity can be expected in the second half of this fiscal.

It said the persistent slack in private domestic investments remains a concern.

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