

'ISP easy target for terrorists'

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Dec. 6: The definition of terrorism has gained a wider meaning with inclusion of new threats like cyber terror. Though it may not kill or harm anyone directly, it has the potential to destabilise the functioning of a system or society in the tech-savvy world, said N. Vijayshankar, cyber law educationist. He was speaking at a round table discussion organised by a national cyber security forum in the city on Thursday. Experts from various fields felt that the common man has a vital role in combating cyber terrorism by giving information about suspicious activities.

Experts also said withholding information by private and IT companies on any possible attack on their domains is not in the

interests of national security. "But there should be proper guidelines on what information needs to be shared with intelligence agencies. There is also an urgent need for an agency to collect and disseminate information from the cyber world and ensure that it does not fall into the hands of anti-social elements," they said.

An amendment to Information Technology Act 2000 is a good move but it shouldn't stop at that. It should come up with new ideas and mechanisms to tackle the problem more effectively, experts added.

"Most websites, emails provided by Internet Service Providers (ISP) are vulnerable to attacks from terrorists. It should be a collective effort in fighting cyber terrorism by sharing information through IT, government and public," they said.