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**Society and Internet Crimes**

The world of internet and technology has become a parallel form of life and living. Public are now capable of doing many things which were not imaginable few years ago. It is fast becoming a way of life for millions of people and also a way of living because of growing dependence and reliance of the mankind on these machines. Now we have come to the age where we called our society as a *Cybernetic society*. It is obvious that technology provides variety of educational, entertainment, communications, commerce etc needs but there is something which are very harmful and we are also experiencing in our life .Both are true, it is up to man how he uses it. Internet helps us in many fields and other way this same technology has also ushered in a new wave of criminal activity called *Internet crime.*

***Computer & Internet:***

Computer is a human made electronic device for storing and processing data. We can instruct computer to carry out many logical and arithmetic operations automatically with the help of computer programming.Computer has become very important in present time because it is very much accurate, fast and can accomplish many tasks easily in a very short time.

*Internet is a global computer network which provides a variety of information and communication facilities*. It is now used for sharing of Information and one-sided or interactive Communication.

There are many areas of society which are influenced and managed by the help of internet some of them are Educational Institutions Business and Marketing, Entertainment, Politics, Hospitals, Banking, Agriculture, etc.

***Advantages and Disadvantage:*** There are many advantages of internet in our society .It is useful in E-Communities, E-Services, Buy Or Sell Product, Conferencing, Online Lectures, social media ,Internet Banking, Agriculture, etc.

Beside a lot of advantages, it also has some disadvantages. It is very difficult for people who spend too much time sitting in the front of computer can easily gets ill, maintaining required Bandwidth for Internet, accessibility and affordability of Internet, duplication of online information and dealing with fake news etc.

***Society and Internet Crimes:***

Internet crime is emerging as a serious threat and many police departments, worldwide government also started to think about it. When we talk about society and internet many issues are arise related to internet crime, some of them includes unauthorized access to files, software piracy and value of privacy in the use of computers etc. When we study the value-oriented implications then we get to know that the conduct of computer users is enveloped in the value of privacy. Almost every person who use computer always wants to protect his identity but at all when need arises to track someone’s identity then it becomes an issue of technical proficiency.

***Internet Criminals and types of Attacks:***

The Internet criminals constitute of various groups or category. We may be justified this division on the basis of the motive that they have in their mind. A person who is responsible for internet crimes includes hacker, crackers, insiders, industrial spies, cyber criminals, cyber terrorists etc. Each type of criminals is willing to accept different levels of risk to fulfill their main objective.

***Hacker:*** A person who wants to test the limits of a system; ***Crackers:*** who want to cause system problems; ***Insiders:*** who are seeking financial gain; ***Industrial spies:*** who try to gain a competitive advantage, ***Cyber criminals:*** who look for financial gain, and ***cyber Terrorists:*** who seek to cause destruction to bring attention.

All internet crimes involve both the computer and the person behind it as victims. Generally it just depends on which of the two is the main target. Security incidents can take many forms. There are many types of attacks and new varieties are being invented all the time. But usually we see that one of the most frequent is an attack on a networked computer. Most attacks involve a virus. Viruses are programs that attach themselves to a computer or any file and then circulate themselves to other files and to other computers on a network. They generally affect the data or information available on a computer, either by altering or deleting it. Worms, unlike viruses they do not need the host computer to attach themselves to. They make functional copies of themselves and do this repeatedly till they eat up all the available space and information on a computer's memory.

***Use and Misuse of Computer and Internet:***

Computers are a central part of our everyday life. People use them to keep records, research, and improved communication, job-related knowledge, increased productivity, developed job skills, and find entertainment. Computers are working as vehicles for many forms of entertainment. Computer helps in Filling online forms, banking purpose, hospitals, in coding and programming, online learning, for getting information from internet etc. Computers have made our life easier with greater precision and accuracy and it takes less time to do many tworks while that task can take a lot of time while doing manually.

Misuse of computer and internet in the following way-

***Unauthorized access to computer systems****:* This kind of offence is normally referred as hacking in the generic sense.

***Theft of information contained*:** This includes information stored in computer hard disks, removable storage media etc.

***Violation of value of privacy:*** Obtaining the personal or financial information of another person with the purpose of misusing that person’s identity.

***Loss of person to person contact:*** In the age of computer and internet usually we spent our most of time on social media platform which is the cause of less personal to person interaction.

***Spread of worms and viruses:*** Viruses are programsthe programs which are badly affect our computer and its data. In today’s spread of worms and viruses are very dangerous.

***Computer User and Moral Responsibility:***

The increasing complexity of computer technology and the advances in Artificial Intelligence (AI), challenge the idea that human beings are the only entities to which moral responsibility can or should be ascribed. A computer user is expected to own moral responsibility for protection of their personal information and communication. Moral responsibility is a strong mental condition of owning other computer users’ claims on one’s shoulders to live a virtuous or good human life in a cybernetic society.

***Ethical Arguments against Internet Crimes:***

***Indian Ethics Based Arguments*:** We should understand and pursue ends of human life Artha, dharma, Kaama, Moksha .Our dharma not allowed to commit any crime because it is against the nature of human being.

***Utilitarian Arguments*:** This argument tells we should not commit crime because it is not permitting other people to live freely and it is generating more unhappiness by converting their happiness into unhappiness which is against the idea of living with harmonistic.

***Kantian Arguments*:** According to this argument We should *Always treat human being an end in itself never mere as means* and *act only according to that maxim by which we can at the same time will that it should become a universal law*. So criminal act cannot be permissible because we never want the same kind of thing will happen with us.

***Virtue-Theoretic Arguments***: It is our moral responsibility to emerge a strong mental condition such as truth, courage, fairness and compassion and live a virtuous life. We should try to cultivate values and corresponding virtues.

***Conclusion:***

Capacity of human mind is unfathomable. It is not possible to eliminate internet crime from the cyber space. It is quite possible to check them. Our history is the witness that no legislation has succeeded in totally eliminating crime from the world. The only possible step is to make people aware about their rights and duties. The value-oriented conduct of computer user, therefore, ought to be guided by a sense of respect for the dignity and well-being of other computer users especially in the context of online behavior.

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