A black and white photograph of a man with dark hair, wearing a suit and tie, speaking into a microphone. He is looking slightly to the right with a slight smile. The background is dark and out of focus. The image is partially covered by an orange vertical bar on the left and a white rectangular box containing text.

# **Virtual World: It's not a game, it's your life, stay safe!**

**Rakshit Tandon**

# Rakshit Tandon

Rakshit Tandon born on the 10th of February is a name that speak volumes in the world of cyber security. He has created a revolution in the field of cyber security by going one notch above to make India less susceptible to cybercrimes and besides touching just keyboards and wires all the time, he has touched lives of millions of people in India and across. Apart from his permanent association with the various organizations, he on his own has undertaken the herculean task of travelling the nation and has spoken to more than **36.50 lacs children** (of schools and colleges) sensitizing them about various nuances of cyber-crimes, thus stressing on the need for online safety. He has a wonderful way of connecting to his audience, from 8 to 80, everyone can relate to his simple and touching manner of explaining the complications and implications of the cyber world.

## His key domains of work in the cyber world involves

- Crime Awareness and sensitization towards online safety.
- Parenting with Netizens
- Training of Law Enforcements Agencies (police and army officials)
- Cyber Crime Investigations
  - 1. Social Media Crimes and Investigations
  - 2. Online Frauds
  - 3. Online Crimes Against Women and Children and their prevention
- Dark Web Investigations
- Open Source Intelligence

- CDR/IPDR Analysis
- VOIP Calls Investigation
- Combatting Cyber Terrorism
- Investigations on Online Human Trafficking
- Cyber & Mobile Intelligence in Investigations
- Cyber & Mobile Forensics.

# The Journey So Far

## Roles Designated

- Director- HackDev Technology Pvt Ltd
- Cofounder- HACKERSHALA
- Cofounder- CODESNAG
- Consultant – Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI)
- Head - Capacity Building /Cyber Peace Corp
- Training Consultant -UNODC United Nations office of Drugs and Crime – Training officers of 6 countries on Cyber Enabled Trafficking in Persons- Bhutan, Nepal, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Maldives & India
- **Chairman- National Outreach Program on Child Abuse with National Cyber Safety & Security Standards (NCSSS)**
- Member Advisory Board- National Cyber Safety & Security Standards (NCSSS)
- **Prominent TED X Speaker** at various institutes like GLAU, IIIT, Galgotia, PSIT

- Speaker at Talks at Google
- Trustee - " **Cyber & Law Foundation** " An International NGO involved in Policy; Research & Training related to Cyber & Privacy Issues.
- Advisory – Cyber Crime Units- State Police
- President- JAT (Joint Action Team) for combating Cyber Crime against Women and Children
- Consultant - AIWEFA (All India Women's Education Fund Association).
- Resource Person- BPRD Bureau for Police Research and Development, Govt of India (Cyber Crime Investigations, Mobile Crimes, Online Crimes Related to Women and Children)
- **Visiting Faculty - Over the years he has been training police academies to strengthen the structure of law enforcement by bringing into light the rather concealed and challenging domain i.e. cyber-crimes.**
  - a. NEPA (North Eastern Police Academy Shillong)
  - b. Rajasthan Police Academy
  - c. Indore Police Radio Training School
  - d. CDTI (Central Detective Training Institute) Ghaziabad, Chandigarh, Jaipur
  - e. NIA (National Investigative Agency)
  - f. Moradabad BR Ambedkar Police Academy
  - g. Goa Police
  - i. Surat Police
  - j. Nagpur Police
  - k. CBI Academy
  - l. Madhya Pradesh Police Academy, Bhopal
  - m. Internal Security Academy (ISA) Mount Abu.
  - n. SSB- Faridabad
  - o. Training Branch – Delhi Police EOW Mandir Marg

- Guest Lecturer at Chandigarh Judiciary Academy
- Board Member- YoDEE (NGO for Women Empowerment)
- Advisor- Cyber Peace Foundation /Cyber Peace Corp
- Visiting Faculty at IIFM Indian Institute of Financial Management, Faridabad, Under MeiTye NeGD Govt. of India
- Visiting Faculty at Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA), New Delhi
- JOINT CYBER BUREAU - DRDO Defense Research and Development Organization Bharat Electricals Ltd
- Cyber Security - Faculty at NISG National Institute of Smart Governance.
- CPWD Academy Ghaziabad – Cyber Security Faculty
- Shastra Seema Bal – Faridabad
- National Institute of Financial Management -An Institute of Ministry of Finance, Government of India Visiting Faculty
- IIPA Indian Institute of Public Administration- New Delhi (Visiting Faculty)
- NEPA North Eastern Police Academy – Faculty for Cyber Crime Investigations
- Member School Managing Committee : Vidya Devi Jindal School
- Advisory Board : International Association of Scientists and Researchers
- Advisory Board : ITM University, Gwalior
- Member Board of Studies : Central University Jharkhand.

# Gurugram Police

## Summer Internship Since 2013 till date

Main Coordinator, Trainer for Gurgaon Police Summer Internship, Duration 1 month, training on Cyber Security, Cyber Crime, Cyber Laws. Students are selected from across the nation with UG, Graduates and Masters in Computer Engg. Stream, Law Background

- Gurgaon Police Summer Internship 2013- 22 Students
- Gurgaon Police Summer Internship 2014- 36 Students
- Gurgaon Police Summer Internship 2015 - 55 Students
- Gurgaon Police Summer Internship 2016 - 85 Students
- Gurugram Police Summer Internship 2017 - 104 Students
- Gurugram Police Summer Internship 2018- 100 Students
- Gurugram Police Summer Internship 2019- 100 Students
- Gurugram police summer internship 2020 – 450 students
- **Gurugram police Summer internship 2021 - 5800 interns**

# HYDERABAD POLICE

## CYBER SMART INTERNSHIP 2019

Conducted with 100 Students

# INDIAN ARMY COMMANDS

## Cyber Security Talks at following ARMY Base

- |                |             |                  |
|----------------|-------------|------------------|
| 1. Delhi Cantt | 6. Ambala   | 11. Kasauli      |
| 2. Chandigarh  | 7. Ferozpur | 12. Dagshai      |
| 3. Jalandhar   | 8. Amritsar | 13. Bariely      |
| 4. Ludhiana    | 9. Meerut   | 14. Kolkata      |
| 5. Meerut      | 10. Agra    | 15. Secunderabad |

## Indian Air Force (IAF)

- a. Bamrauli – Allahabad IAF Station
- b. Hindan Air Force Station, Ghaziabad
- c. Agra Airforce Station
- d. Thambaram, Chennai, Air Force Station
- e. Sarsawa, Saharanpur, Air Force Station
- f. Tuglakabad Air force Station

# CBI Academy, Ghaziabad

## International Police

- a. Bangladesh Police
- b. Nepal Police
- c. Palestine Officers
- d. Cambodia Police Officers

He as a **Chief Resource Advisor** and Speaker for **IAMAI (Internet and Mobile Association of India)**, is presently executing the "**SAFE SURFING CAMPAIGN**" conducting seminars on '**Cyber Threats to Children in Digital World**' for students, teachers and parents. He is sensitizing them about the types of Cyber Crimes, Preventive Measures to be taken while surfing the Internet, Information Technology Act and the Remedial Measures that can be taken if one is victimized by the cyber criminals.

- Safe Surfing Campaign- Supported by IAMAI/NIX
- Surf Safe Campaign - Supported by OPERA (Chennai, Bangalore, Pune, Nasik, Ahmdabad)
- Surf Safe Campaign - Supported by Opera (College Students) Agra, Indore, Bhopal, Gwalior, Kanpur
- Cyber Safe Campaign of Rohtak Range Police for Schools



- Cyber Safe Campaign Supported by Gurgaon Police Phase I and Phase II
- Safe Surfing Campaign Supported by FICCI FLO - LUDHIANA
- Safe Surfing - Supported by OORJA NGO Raipur
- Safe Surfing - Supported by Attanolearn.com
- Cyber Safe Campaign- Supported by INTEL India
- BEING SAFE CAMPAIGN- DELHI/MUMBAI/HYDERABAD Schools - FACEBOOK Supported Campaign with IAMAI
- Surf Safe Phase II- Supported by Opera (Chandigarh, Ludhiana, Patna and Calcutta) Schools
- Opera SURF SAFE Phase III, Ludhiana, Chandigarh, Patna, Calcutta
- Consultant - AIWEFA (All India Women's Education Fund Association) Cyber Safety Workshop in Delhi University College.
- Cyber Safe Campaign 2014 Gurgaon Police
- Cyber Safe Campaign Indore
- Train the Trainer for TELNOR WEBWISE Program
- All India Women's Education Fund Association- Campaign for Delhi University Colleges.
- 55 Principals Conclave with more than 5000 Schools in 55 cities, 18 states with EDUCOMP
- Main Resource - WOMEN ONLINE SAFETY INITIATIVE By FACEBOOK with IAMAI and Supported by Ministry of Women and Child Development. (2019- Ongoing)
- Partner #CybHER with Telangana Police Women Safety Wing (Online Safety for Women and Children)
- Resource Person with Bilaspur Police for Cyber Mitaan

- Resource Person with E-Raksha Andra Pradesh Cyber Awareness Program – Cyber Peace Foundation
- Resource Person with Cyber Surakhya Punjab Police Cyber Awareness Campaign – Cyber Peace foundation
- Resource Person with Mizoram Police Cyber Awareness Program – Cyber Peace Foundation

# Some Law Enforcement Training Sessions

- Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Police Academy, Moradabad Police Academy
- Dy. SP Training 3 Batches – 6 Visits
- Inspectors Training – 3 Batches
- Constables Training
- APO/SPO (Prosecuting Officers Training) 10 Batches till date.
- IPS Batch 63,64.
- 3 Batches at Bureau of Police Research and Development at Cyber Lab Madhuva
- Uttar Pradesh Police, Kanpur (Deputy SP's /Inspectors/Sub Inspectors)
- Uttar Pradesh Police, Lucknow (Deputy SP's /Inspectors/Sub Inspectors).
- Uttar Pradesh Police, STF (Special Task Force) Lucknow (Dy Sp/Inspectors/Sub Inspectors)

- Uttar Pradesh Police, STF (Special Task Force) Greater Noida/Meerut (Dy Sp/Inspectors/Sub Inspectors)
- Etawah Police (Uttar Pradesh)
- Firozabad Police (Uttar Pradesh)
- Gurgaon Police (Inspectors/Sub Inspectors) Haryana Police
- Hissar Police (Inspectors/Sub Inspectors/Constables) Haryana Police
- Surat Police (Deputy Commissioner/Dy Sp/Inspectors/Sub Inspectors) Gujrat Police.
- Rohtak Range Police Officers from all districts
- Advisory to Cyber Crime Unit Agra and Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh and Cyber Crime Cell, Gurgaon
- Lecture at CBI Academy Human Trafficking Course
- 2- Days Training at Delhi Police on Cyber Crime Investigation
- Police Training College, Meerut, Uttar Pradesh Police
- Central Detective Training Institute, Chandigarh
- 6 Days Training for Officers at INTELLIGENCE HEADQUARTERS, LUCKNOW
- 4 days Training for officers at ATS Head Quarters Lucknow
- 2 Days Training at Bijnor UP Police
- 20 Days Training for Cyber Cell Officers of Uttar Pradesh at Lucknow
- Faculty Lecture at Police Training Centre **INDORE**
- 2 Days Training of Officers at Faridabad Police Haryana
- 2 Batches of National Cyber Crime Training by BPRD at Police Radio Training School, INDOR
- Central Detective Training School Ghaziabad, BPRD Batc
- ATS Officer Training at Indore of MP.
- Anti- Human Trafficking Workshop at PRTS Indore for State Level Police Officers

- 3 Days Training for GOA Police Officers
- Training for BPRD at CDTS Jaipur
- Training for Police Officers at Rajasthan Police Academy
- Training at CRPF, Internal Security Academy, Mount Abu., Rajasthan
- Training for 2 days for Faridabad Police
- Training for 2 days for Kanpur Range Police
- BPRD Course at CDTS Chandigarh, on Smart Policing
- Surat Police Training 2015
- Nagpur Police Training 2015
- NEPA (North Eastern Police Academy) Shillong 2 Batches till July 2016
- 2- Days Training at Delhi Police on Cyber Crime Investigation
- CBI Academy - Nepal Police, Bangladesh Police Officers, NIA Officers, CBI Officers, CBI Academy Courses on Intelligence Gathering
- Chhattisgarh Police
- Uttarakhand Police, STF
- Ludhiana Police Training
- Main resource - Women online (2019-2021)
- Main Resource Cyber Peace Jagrukta Campaign of ADG zone Agra police with Cyber Peace Foundation 2021

# Accolades/Honours

## International

- He was invited by EUROPEAN COMMISSION as a Non-European Expert and a Chief Panelist for the 'Safer Internet Program of European Union' to Germany and Luxembourg in October 2010. He was also one of the Key Speaker to IT Conference hosted by Computer Society of Nepal and Internet Society in January 2012.
- Invited by UNITED NATIONS- SECURITY AND SAFETY- INDIA, & European Union Delegation to India for a workshop on Digital Threats and securities among children
- Invited by Australian High Commission - Cyber Safety Workshop for members
- Invited by European Union Delegation to India - Cyber Safety Workshop for members.
- Speaker for 'Train the Trainer' for SAARC Convention, by Ministry of Home Affairs on Online Human Trafficking
- Speaker at Digital Security Summit 2012 at Riyadh
- Participant at GITEX Dubai 2014/2015/2016
- Speaker at New English School Dubai – GEMS Education Group
- Contribution to GSMA Report- Framework for Mobile Safety Concerns for Women
- Key Informant/ Contribution to Child Online Safety In India Report by UNICEF
- Awarded Cyber Mentor Excellence Award 2021 - by IASR International Association of scientists and researchers
- Golden Achiever's Award 2021

# National

- Awarded Karamveer Jyoti Puraskar – 2019
- Awarded Gurugram Achievers Award -- 2019
- Gurugram Police Awarded SKOTCH Governance Gold Award for Cyber Security Internship /Awareness Program with Rakshit Tandon
- Awarded REX GLOBAL KARAMVEER FELLOWSHIP 2015-2016 & GOLD Karamveer Chakra Award in Partner with UN at REX CONCLiVE 2016
- Awarded REX GLOBAL KARAMVEER FELLOWSHIP 2014-2015 & Karamveer Chakra Award in Partner with UN at REX CONCLiVE 2015.
- CYBER GURU OF THE YEAR 2015- By Govt. of Maharashtra, Cyber Cell Mumbai
- On the Advisory Board of MHA (Ministry of Home Affairs) for the committee of Child Protection in Digital Age.
- Chairman of Joint Action Team (JAT) - Committee created at the Law Enforcement Workshop of Combating Crime Against Women and Children.
- Invited by NCW (National Commission for Women) on Consultation on Cyber Crime Against Women
- Outstanding professional of the Year DLA Honors 2011.
- Awarded Gayatri Honors Award 2014
- Awarded Recognitions for Services to Agra Police at the Republic Day Parade 2015
- Awarded by Agra Police for Cracking an Online Fraud worth 1 Crore
- CLASS I and CLASS II Commendation Certificate by Gurgaon Police.
- Certificate of Merit- CBI Academy
- Certificate of Appreciation- CBI (Case Investigations)
- Certificate of Appreciations – Various State Police for Assistance in Investigations.

# Speaker at Major Conferences.

## International

- Safer Internet Forum, Luxembourg.
- International Conference for Mobile Law 2012, Speaker at Two Sessions
- ICT Conference, Katmandu Nepal, Main Speaker.
- International Conference on Mobile Law.
- Digital Security Summit, Kingdom of Saudi Arab, Riyadh 2012.

## National

- International Management Conclave 2014, Indore
- National Cyber Crime and Cyber Law Conference 2008 by UP Police, Opening Speaker.
- Indian Digital Summit, Mumbai 2009
- NPSC Annual Conference of School Principals
- Nagpur Security Summit 2010, Main Speaker.
- Chennai Sahodaya Annual Conference for CBSE Schools, Chennai
- HAKON 14 & HAKON 15
- Gurgaon Sahodaya Conference.
- Homeland Security Summit - Greater Noida
- 4th All India Conference for Principals Bhavans Schools

- Key Speaker at Workshop on Combating Crime Against Children and Women" by DISC Foundation with Interpol Officers.
- Workshops with FICCI FLO Delhi, Ludhiana and Jaipur Chapter.
- Workshop with CII- Raipur Chapter.
- Speaker at Law Enforcement Conference for Combating Crime against Women and Children with Technology by CMAI & DISC Foundation.
- Panelist at - Defenders League, Bangalore.
- Main Speaker at CII Security Summit, Indore.
- Main Speaker at YII-CII Security Summit, Raipur.
- FICCI FLO- Delhi, Ludhiana, Hyderabad, Jaipur
- Chief Guest at CYSTORM 3 Coimbatore.
- Speaker at Principal Conclave by Amity University Lucknow.
- Outstanding professional of the Year DLA Honors 2011.
- Chief Guest /Speaker at Guru Nanak Dev Engg College FDP Program on Cyber Security Ludhiana
- Speaker at IMA Indore Management Association Conclave Indore 2014.
- Chief Guest at PRAGYAA 2014 Nanded, Maharashtra.
- Guest of Honour at Amity Law College, Noida.
- Chief Guest at National Conference on Cyber Security 2014 are RDIAS Rohini New Delhi.
- Guest of Honour- Convergence 2013-2014 at Shaheed Sukhdev College of Business Studies Delhi.
- Keynote Speaker at Convergence 2018

He also addresses to the problems of the students and adults who seek further guidance on the same issues through 'www.rakshittandon.com' his official site and the Facebook community page titled '**Rakshit Tandon**'.

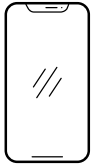
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