

India unveils CSIRT-Power to fortify power sector against cyber threats

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Context:

In asignificant move to safeguard India's critical power infrastructure, Union governmentlaunched the Computer Security Incident Response Team Power(CSIRT-Power) at Northern Regional Power Committee in New Delhi.

Objective

- To serve as the responsible agency for responding to and preventing cybersecurity incidents within the power sector.
- Toensure a prompt and coordinated response to cyber threats in the power sector.
- Tocollect, analyze, and share information regarding power sector-specific cyber threats.
- To**ensure implementation of proactive measures** to increase cybersecurity awareness and improve the overall cybersecurity posture of the power sector.
- To promotesector specific best practices, Standard Operating Procedures(SOPs) and security policies.
- To provide cybersecurity expertiseand assistance to constituent utilities.
- To enhance cybersecurity in the power sector through capacity building measures like training, development of standards, and incident response drills, collaboration with educational institutions and industry.
- To facilitate cooperation among stakeholders in the power sector to build awareness and strengthen collective cybersecurity efforts.