

Goa Police organise 'Hackathon' to solve issues related to cyber crime

Rope in services of Engineering and IIT graduates for better policing

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PONDA: The Goa Police are trying to rope in the technical skills of engineering and IIT students for the purpose of better policing and organised 'Goa Police Hackathon 2022', a 48-hour programme for all Goan engineering and IIT students at Farmagudi.

As many as 53 students from 10 colleges across the State have coded to find technological solutions to help the Goa Police serve citizens efficiently.

Director General of Police (DGP) Jaspal Singh said, "In today's world cyber crime has no limit as well as no geography. The criminals show expertise and loot people, hack their accounts and grab



Director General of Police (DGP) Jaspal Singh interacting with the students

money. Mobile phone users fall in their traps and while responding to their appeals and messages and the next moment, bank accounts are empty. Like CCTV system there is a need for a camera to detect criminals and inform the police on time.

There are so many kinds

of cyber crimes for which cops lack the technical expertise; hence the Goa Police have launched initiative to take assistance of IIT and engineering graduates having skills, to detect and control growing cyber crimes by using and sharing their knowledge.

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"We held hackathon in seven fields asking technical students to find solution encouraging them use coding and logical skills to solve core policing problems, design scalable solutions to boost police efficiency," Singh said.

The students were facing challenges to help police in facial recognition, malware analysis and investigation decoding, virtual number, dark web/social media monitoring through OSINT ethical hacking for vulnerability assessment and open ended problem.

According to Singh, the Goa Police has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with IIT and BITS-Pilani K K Birla Goa Campus for contribution towards crime detec-