



Department of Information Technology, Electronics & Communications
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File No. 10(133)/2024/DITE&C/CyberSecurity Guidelines/ 964

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NOTIFICATION

Whereas, in pursuance with clause (zf) of sub-section (2) of section 87 read with sub-section (5) of Section 70(B) of the Information Technology Act, 2000 and subsequent notification and subsequent rules vide no. GSR 20(E) dated 16th January 2014, Computer Emergency Response Team of India (CERT-In) was setup as the nodal organisation for the country to respond to and mitigate cyber threats and intrusion to Public Information Technology Infrastructure in the country;

And Whereas vide notification No. 2(29)/2017-Cert-In dated 29th May 2017, Sectoral and State Level Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT)s were mandated to be setup to work in sync with the CERT-In of the country;

And Whereas in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 87(1) read with clause (f) of sub-section (4) and sub-section (6) of section 70B of the Information Technology Act, 2000, the Governor is pleased to lay down following procedures for setting up the State level CERT namely **GOA CYBER SECURITY INCIDENT RESPONSE TEAM (GOA-CSIRT)** with immediate effect:

1. Commencement

1.1 **GOA-CSIRT** shall come into force under the Department of Information Technology, Electronics & Communications (DITE&C).

2. Scope and Functions

2.1 **GOA-CSIRT** shall respond to any cyber threat and cyber incident to all Public Information Technology Infrastructure in the State of Goa;

2.2 **GOA-CSIRT** shall assist in mitigation and prevention of major cyber incidents in order to protect critical as well as valuable IT/Digital assets while delivering public services effectively across the State;

2.3 **GOA-CSIRT** shall act as the State Nodal Agency for conducting, pro-actively and/or on requisition, Web Application Security Assessment cum Audits and IT infrastructure Security Assessment cum Audits for all Public IT infrastructure including Govt. websites/web portals/web applications, owned and/or managed by various State Govt. Departments, Corporations, Autonomous Bodies;

2.4 **GOA-CSIRT** shall primarily ensure Cyber Assurance and Threat Mitigation for State IT Infrastructure in Govt. establishments, in consultation with CERT-In and other related Government organisations;

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- 2.5 **GOA-CSIRT** shall assist all State Govt. Departments, Corporations, Autonomous Bodies and their subsidiaries along with District authorities and Statutory institutions nominating their Nodal officer in-charge of Cybersecurity and maintain an updated repository comprising details of administrator of Public websites/portals/web applications managed by or on behalf of the Goa State Government;
- 2.6 **GOA-CSIRT** shall identify Critical Information Infrastructure (CII) in the State and assist the concerned administrative Department to work in close co-ordination with NCIIPC and CERT-In among other Cybersecurity agencies as may be necessary from time to time;
- 2.7 **GOA-CSIRT** shall help in the development of qualified and empowered Cybersecurity emergency response workforce in the State;
- 2.8 **GOA-CSIRT** shall impart training to build capacity of various strata of the society and upskill Govt. employees; to ensure Cyber Assurance for all Public Information Communication Technology (ICT) Infrastructure;
- 2.9 **GOA-CSIRT** shall be responsible to issue advisory, inculcate Cyber-hygiene and conforming to standards requisite for ensuring safety and security of all Public Information Technology Infrastructure in the Goa State;
- 2.10 **GOA-CSIRT** to monitor, identify vulnerabilities and suggest remedial measures for correcting vulnerabilities in all Public Information Technology Infrastructure owned and/or managed by different State Govt. Department/Corporation/Autonomous Bodies and "certify" their status of safety;
- 2.11 **GOA-CSIRT** shall be administered and managed by Department of Information Technology, Electronics & Communications (DITE&C), Goa as the State Nodal Department and through any such State Implementation Agency (SIA) as to be notified in due course;
- 2.12 **GOA-CSIRT** shall be financed from the budgetary allocation of DITE&C, Goa;
- 2.13 **GOA-CSIRT** shall be located at the premises finalized and allotted by DITE&C, Goa as would be notified in due course;
- 2.14 **GOA-CSIRT** to develop State's Cyber Crisis Management Plan (CCMP) and implement the same in coordination with CERT-In by ushering in well laid policies and procedures for ensuring Data Security, Information Security and Network Security offering below services but not limited to:

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- a. Vulnerability Assessment, Reporting and Remediation;
 - b. Incident Reporting, Containment and Remediation;
 - c. Incident Analysis, Advisory and Benchmarking;
 - d. Online (Live) and/or Offline (Batch) System-Log Collection, Collation, Analysis, Advisory and Benchmarking;
 - e. Coordination with CERT-In, NCIIPC, and/or any other organisation as would be notified in due course.

2.15 Following Advisory committee is formulated to supervise activities of **GOA-CSIRT** along with Cybersecurity initiatives of the State and shall comprise of the following members:

- a. Secretary (ITE&C), Goa - Chairman
- b. Joint Secretary (Home), Goa - Member
- c. DIGP (Crime & Range), Police HQ, Panaji-Goa - Member
- d. Director, DITE&C, Goa - Member
- e. Superintendent of Police (SP), Cyber cell, Goa - Member
- f. State Informatics Officer (SIO), NIC, Goa or his representative - Member
- g. Representative from MeitY, Govt. of India - Member
- h. Representative from CERT-In - Member
- i. Representative from NCIIPC - Member
- j. National Cyber Security Coordinator or his representative - Member
- k. Representative from M/s. GEL, Goa or its representative (SDA for websites) - Member

2.16 DITE&C, Goa shall issue requisite guidelines for implementation of the functions of GOA-CSIRT from time to time.

This notification is issued with the approval of Hon'ble Chief Minister of Goa vide U.O. no. 12083/F dated 06/03/2026.

By order & in the name of the
Governor of Goa



(Kabir K. Shirgaonkar)
Director (ITE&C)

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- 1) The P.S. to Chief Secretary, Government of Goa.
- 2) The P.P.S./P.S. to Joint Secretary (E&IT), MeitY, Govt. of India, 1st Floor, Electronics Niketan, 6, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi 110003.
- 3) The P.S. to Secretary (ITE&C), Government of Goa.
- 4) The P.S. to Joint Secretary (Home), Government of Goa.
- 5) The Director General of Police, Goa Police Headquarters, Near Azad Maidan, Panaji, Goa.
- 6) The Director General, NCIIPC, Govt. of India, Block-III, Old JNU Campus, New Delhi 110 067.

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- 7) The Director General, CERT-In, Govt. of India, 6, CGO Complex, New Delhi 110003.
 - 8) The National Cyber Security Coordinator, National Security Council Secretariat (Cyber Wing), Govt. of India, Sardar Patel Bhawan, Sansad Marg, New Delhi 110001.
 - 9) The DIGP (Crime & Range), Police HQ, Panaji-Goa.
 - 10) The Superintendent of Police (SP), Cyber cell, Ribandar, Ribandar-Goa.
 - 11) The State Informatics Officer, National Informatics Centre, Goa State Centre H-Block, Paraiso-de-Goa, Bardez Goa.
 - 12) The CEO, M/s. GEL, Shrama Shakti Bhavan, Patto, Panaji - Goa.
 - 13) All the Heads of the Departments, Corporations and Autonomous Bodies.
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