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A

Report On

Cyber First Responder Programme and AI Elevation Lab

(Academic Session: 2025-26)

Organizing Committee:

School of Computing and Technology,
Institute of Advanced Research (IAR),
The University for Innovation, Gandhinagar

Event Coordinator:

Dr. Pankti Bhatt and Dr. Zalak Thakkar

Report Prepared by:

Dr. Pankti Bhatt and Dr. Zalak Thakkar

Date of the event:

03/11/2025 to 04/11/2025



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Name of Event	Cyber First Responder Programme and AI Elevation Lab		
Event Type (Co-curricular/ Extra-Curricular)	Co- curricular		
Platform	Offline		
Place of event	Room No. 103, Academic Building-3, IAR		
Date (s) of the event	03/11/2025 and 04/11/2025	Time	11:00 AM – 1:00 PM 02:00 PM – 04:00 PM
No. of Student/ faculty Participants in the event	Students: 49	Level of Activity	University Level
Name of the Coordinator	Dr.Pankti Bhatt and Dr.Zalak Thakkar		
Name and details of the Expert	<p>Major Vineet Kumar, Founder & Global President, Cyber Peace</p> <p>Lieutenant Suresh Chandra Joshi, Cyber Security Professional, Retd. Indian Army</p> <p>Mr. Parashar Sikadar, Cyber Security Professional, Cyber Peace Foundation</p>		
Contact details of Organizers	Dr. Brijesh Jajal (90999 36289), Head & Associate Professor of School of Computing and Technology		
Sponsoring authority	IAR	Sponsorship/ Budget amount:	Not Applicable



Guest/Expert (External/Internal): External

Major Vineet Kumar, Founder & Global President, Cyber Peace:

Vineet Kumar is a lauded social entrepreneur and social activist of national and international acclaim. He has amassed 18 years of extensive work experience in the field of internet governance & Cyber Security, and is the Founder and President of CyberPeace Foundation, Founder of Global Ethical Hackers Association (GEHA), CEO and Chairman of the National Anti-Hacking Group (NAG). He is an alumnus of Cranfield University, United Kingdom where he specialised in 'Cyber Defence and Information Assurance' and has studied 'leadership' at Cambridge University, UK.

Lieutenant Suresh Chandra Joshi, Cyber Security Professional, Retd. Indian Army

Lt. Joshi brings decades of hands-on experience in cyber operations, digital investigations, cyber threat analysis, and information security. His expertise spans military-grade cyber defence mechanisms, incident response, digital evidence handling, and advanced forensic methodologies used in real-world cases.

Mr. Parashar Sikadar, Cyber Security Professional, Cyber Peace Foundation

Mr. Parashar Sikadar is an accomplished Cyber Security Professional associated with the renowned organisation Cyber Peace Foundation, one of India's leading non-profits working in the domains of cyber security, cyber peace, and online safety.

Mr. Sikadar has been actively involved in **Cybercrime investigation support** and digital evidence analysis, **Awareness programmes** on cyber hygiene, digital safety, and responsible use of technology, **Conducting training sessions** for students, faculty, law-enforcement personnel, and IT professionals, **Research and advocacy** focused on cyber threats, digital rights, and safe cyber practices, **Capacity building** under various national cyber security initiatives and Workshops on ethical hacking, phishing defense, malware threats, and online fraud prevention

Objective of the Event:

- Promote a nationwide movement of responsible AI practitioners
- Go beyond technical training to include ethical understanding of AI
- Create awareness about AI bias and potential misuse
- Encourage critical thinking around AI development and deployment
- Foster a culture of responsible and ethical innovation
- Equip students with both technical and ethical AI competencies
- Support institutions in integrating responsible AI practices into education

Brief Overview of the Event:



The **Cyber First Responder Programme and AI Elevation Lab** was organized by the **School of Computing and Technology (SCT), Institute of Advanced Research (IAR)** in collaboration with **Cyber Peace**.

As Artificial Intelligence increasingly influences decisions in education, healthcare, law, governance, and employment, it becomes essential to address the invisible biases that AI systems often inherit from human data.

The Cyber Peace AI Elevation Lab, a first-of-its-kind initiative in India, is led by WE Allies Foundation in collaboration with the Cyber Peace Foundation. It seeks to educate and empower young women and students to identify, understand, and mitigate biases in AI systems across gender, class, religion, and profession.

The two-day workshop on cybersecurity was organized with a focus on identifying and mitigating cyber threats using AI-specific security mechanisms. The program emphasized key discussions, practical frameworks, and strategic recommendations, highlighting emerging paradigms for ensuring AI safety and resilience in an evolving threat landscape.

Day 1 03.11.2025

The first day commenced with participant registration, followed by an introduction to the Cyber Peace team. The dignitaries delivered opening remarks, providing an overview of the workshop objectives.

The sessions primarily focused on building theoretical understanding of cybersecurity threats, including phishing and malware attacks, along with appropriate response strategies.



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The role of AI in detecting and responding to such threats was also discussed in detail. The day's sessions were conducted in two segments, separated by a lunch break.

Day 2 04.11.2025

The second day concentrated on practical implementation and demonstrations of cybersecurity frameworks and technologies.

The first session included hands-on demonstrations, real-world case studies, and table top exercises, enabling participants to apply their learning in simulated scenarios.

After the lunch break, the second session focused on the significance of AI Elevation Labs and the opportunities they offer. It also highlighted the use of AI-powered tools to strengthen and accelerate cybersecurity defence mechanisms.

The workshop concluded with the announcement of Hackathon results and prize distribution. This was followed by the inauguration of the AI Elevation Lab and the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).

Overall, the event served as an excellent platform for students to gain insights into contemporary cyber threats and explore AI-driven security frameworks for effective response and prevention

Outcome of the Event:





- Enhanced understanding of contemporary cyber threats among students
- Improved awareness of phishing, malware, and other cyber-attack methods
- Gained knowledge of AI-driven security frameworks for threat detection and prevention
- Developed practical insights into responding to cybersecurity incidents
- Strengthened ability to apply AI tools in cybersecurity defense mechanisms
- Encouraged critical thinking toward AI safety and responsible usage
- Increased readiness to handle real-world cyber threat scenarios
- Promoted interest in cybersecurity and AI-based innovation

Feedback from Students:



- Students found the workshop highly informative and relevant to current cybersecurity challenges
- Participants appreciated the balance between theoretical concepts and practical demonstrations
- Hands-on sessions, case studies, and tabletop exercises were considered the most engaging and useful
- The integration of AI in cybersecurity was found to be insightful and future-oriented
- Students valued the opportunity to learn about real-world cyber threats and response strategies

- The Hackathon and interactive activities increased enthusiasm and participation
- The sessions were well-structured, and resource persons were knowledgeable and approachable
- Many students expressed interest in further training and advanced workshops in cybersecurity and AI
- Overall, the workshop was rated as a valuable learning experience that enhanced both knowledge and skills

Short report for Social Media:

  A Powerful Collaboration for a Safer Digital Future!  


✦✦ The Cyberpeace Center of Excellence (CCoE) is now LIVE at IAR University, in Collaboration with We Alliance and Cyberpeace Foundation..!

Together, we're shaping a generation that's Cyber Smart • Digitally Safe • Future Ready!  

  Empowering Minds

 Promoting Cyber Awareness

 Building a Secure Digital World

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Glimpses of Cyber First Responder Programme and AI Elevation Lab



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Link to the FB Page/Google Meet/YouTube etc.:

Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/p/DQuEETkkz_Q/

Acknowledgement – The committee members acknowledges contribution of:

- Director, IAR
- Dean Academics
- Registrar
- Dean Research
- Heads, All the Department
- All Female Staff and Faculties, IAR
- IT, Finance and Admin Department
- Student Volunteers

Enclosures:

- Annexure- A (Attendance of the event)

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- Office of Dean Research and Academics
- Heads of all the Department
- SSIP/IIC Coordinator

Date: 12/12/2025

Place: Gandhinagar

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Annexure – 'A'



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A Workshop on
Cyber First Responder: AI Safety (Day – 1)

Attendance Sheet

Time: 11:00 am – 01:00 pm
Venue: A3-103, IAR University

Date: 03/11/2025

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189	15773	Sheet Shah	B.Tech AI	5 th	
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