# Exercise 'Bharat NCX 2023'

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**Why is in news?** National Security Council Secretariat organizes the 2nd Edition of the National Cyber Security Exercise 'Bharat NCX 2023'

Shri Ajay Kumar Sood, Principal Scientific Advisor to the Government of India, inaugurated the 'Bharat NCX 2023' alongside Deputy National Security Advisor and National Cyber Security Coordinator.

The **2nd edition of the National Cyber Security Exercise 2023** 'Bharat NCX 2023' will be conducted as a hybrid exercise over a period of twelve days from 09 to 20 October 2023 with the aim to **train senior management and technical personnel** of Government/Critical Sector organizations and Public and Private agencies on **contemporary cyber threats and handling cyber incidents and response.**

The program is being **conducted by the National Security Council Secretariat** (NSCS), Govt. of India in strategic **partnership with Rashtriya Raksha University** (RRU).

This flagship event **serves as an unifying platform** for over 300 participants, representing a diverse spectrum of government agencies, public organizations, and the private sector, all resolutely committed to the **safeguarding of critical information infrastructure through training sessions**, Live Fire and Strategic exercises.

The participants will be trained on various key cyber security areas such as Intrusion Detection Techniques, Malware Information Sharing Platform (MISP), Vulnerability Handling & Penetration Testing, Network Protocols & Data Flows, Digital Forensics, etc.

Bharat NCX India will help strategic leaders to **better understand cyber threats, assess readiness, and develop skills for cyber crisis management and cooperation**.

This will also help develop and test cybersecurity skills, teamwork, planning, communication, critical thinking, and decision-making.

**<u>Critical cyber security concerns:</u>**

Protection of digital public infrastructure

Security of hardware involved in cyber infrastructure

Post quantum cryptography and need to become quantum safe

Evolving a collective vigilance to protect digital assets

Development of workforce adept in cyber-security