Amit Shah launches e-Zero FIR initiative

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Context

• The Indian Cybercrime Coordination Centre (I4C) has introduced a new system that **automatically converts financial cybercrime complaints with a fraud value above ?10 lakh,** and registered on the 1930 helpline or cybercrime.gov.in portal, **into first information reports (FIRs)**.

• The e-Zero FIR initiative has been launched on a pilot basis first in Delhi, Union Home Minister Amit Shah said on Monday.

• The new system that will drive investigations to swiftly cracking down on cybercriminals will soon be extended to the entire nation, the Ministry of Home Affairs said.

• Mr. Shah directed the implementation of the initiative at a recent review meeting of the I4C, keeping in view the difficulties faced by victims of financial cybercrimes in recovering the money lost.

• The newly introduced process involves the **integration of I4C's National Cybercrime Reporting Portal system, the Delhi Police's e-FIR system**, and the **National Crime Record Bureau's Crime and Criminal Tracking Network and Systems (CCTNS).**

Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C)

• About: I4C was launched by the **Ministry of Home Affairs** in 2020 to deal with all types of **cyber crimes** including cyber fraud in a comprehensive and coordinated manner.

• Objectives of I4C:

1. To act as a **nodal point to curb Cybercrime** in the country.

2. To strengthen the fight against Cybercrime committed against women and children.

3. Facilitate **easy filing Cybercrime related complaints** and identifying Cybercrime trends and patterns.

4. To act as an **early warning system** for Law Enforcement Agencies for proactive Cybercrime prevention and detection.

5. **Awareness creation** among the public about preventing Cybercrime.

6. **Assist States / UTs** in capacity building of Police Officers, Public Prosecutors and Judicial Officers in the area of cyber forensic, investigation, cyber hygiene, cyber-criminology, etc

• **National Cyber Crime Reporting Portal** : Under I4C, the National Cyber Crime Reporting Portal is a **citizen-centric initiative** which will enable citizens **to report cyber fraud online** and all the complaints will be accessed

by the concerned law enforcement agencies for taking action as per law