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India unveils CSIRT-Power to fortify power sector against cyber threats

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Context:

In a **significant move to safeguard India's critical power infrastructure**, Union government launched the **Computer Security Incident Response Team Power (CSIRT-Power) at Northern Regional Power Committee** in New Delhi.

Objective

- To serve as the **responsible agency for responding to and preventing cybersecurity incidents** within the power sector.
- To **ensure a prompt and coordinated response** to cyber threats in the power sector.
- To **collect, analyze, and share information** regarding power sector-specific **cyber threats**.
- To **ensure implementation of proactive measures** to increase cybersecurity awareness and improve the overall cybersecurity posture of the power sector.
- To promote **sector specific best practices**, Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) and security policies.
- To **provide cybersecurity expertise and assistance** to constituent utilities.
- To **enhance cybersecurity in the power sector** through capacity building measures like training, development of standards, and incident response drills, collaboration with educational institutions and industry.
- To **facilitate cooperation among stakeholders** in the power sector to build awareness and strengthen collective cybersecurity efforts.