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NEW DELHI: Chief Justice of India **Dipak Misra** today said there is a need to concentrate on the emerging legal, policy and regulatory issues concerning cyberspace and it is the State's obligation to strengthen its cyber laws.

Justice Misra, who inaugurated the 'International Conference on Cyberlaw, Cybercrime and Cybersecurity', said that while considering the formation of an international committee for cybersecurity, the Indian concept of constitutional sovereignty cannot be diluted.

He said that the cyber world has been under constant change and hence it was imperative to discipline cyber law and cybercrime and the cyber purity assumes a great significance for the stakeholders.

He stressed upon the need for concentrating on emerging legal, policy and regulatory issues concerning cyberspace and the need for all stakeholders, including lawmakers and judiciary, to be more aware of the nuances of emerging cyber technologies.

He also highlighted the growing necessity or the judiciary to be up-to-date with the latest trends concerning cyberspace as this issue would be coming before the judiciary and adjudication in coming times.

"There has to be an international committee but as far as lawmaking is concerned, the Indian concept of constitutional sovereignty cannot be diluted. As citizens of India, it is the duty of everyone to protect the constitutional sovereignty. That cannot be mutilated.

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"Simultaneously we have international harmony and cooperation to save people from cybercrimes which don't have barriers. As there are no barriers, there has to be something else which has to be thought of and in that area I have no objection in saying there has to be an international committee," he said.

The CJI added that it is the obligation of the State to strengthen its cyberlaws.

"The countries world over have taken manifold steps in order to strengthen the cyberlaws by visiting the existing cyber-legal frameworks for the purpose of adopting to the evolving realities.

"There has to be a regulatory framework. There has to experts. They have to be more intelligent than those nuisance makers. The nuisance that corrodes social and constitutional values," he added.

Steven Wilson, head of EUROPOL Cybercrime Centre, also called upon all the stakeholders to work together to deal with deadly challenges being presented by cyber criminals and hackers across the world.

The conference director, advocate Pavan Duggal said there was a need for the lawmakers and all the other stakeholders to deal with the legal and policy issues concerning cyberspace in a more effective, holistic and pragmatic manner.

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The panel will examine the prevailing international trade dynamics, the rising protectionist tendencies, non-engagement by some countries on outstanding trade negotiation issues and their insistence on pursuing negotiating mandates.

NEW DELHI: The [Commerce Ministry](#) Friday said it has constituted a High Level Advisory Group (HLAG) to look into the challenges emanating from the current global trade scenario and suggest ways to boost the country's goods and services exports.

The formation of the panel was approved by commerce and industry minister [Suresh Prabhu](#), the ministry said in a statement.

"HLAG will consider ways for boosting India's share and importance in global merchandise and services trade, managing pressing bilateral trade relations and mainstreaming

new age policy making," it said.

The panel will examine the prevailing international trade dynamics, the rising protectionist tendencies, non-engagement by some countries on outstanding trade negotiation issues and their insistence on pursuing negotiating mandates.

It would also suggest a pragmatic framework for India's future engagement in international trade, and the manner in which it can play a proactive and constructive role in exploring and building consensus on resolving trade related issues.

Surjit S Bhalla, Director of Oxus Research and Investments, will chair HLAG.

Other members of the group include former foreign secretary S Jaishankar, Principal Economic Advisor Sanjeev Sanyal, among others.

HLAG will meet regularly over the next two months and make specific recommendations to facilitate the formulation of future trade policies.

It may invite special invitees whose inputs may be considered necessary, the ministry said.

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Centre, states apportion Rs 29,000 cr IGST in September

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Ideally there should be 'nil' balance in the IGST pool since the amount should be used for payment of Central GST and State GST.

As much as Rs 29,000 crore lying in the Integrated [GST](#) or [IGST](#) pool has been apportioned between the Centre and states in the month of September.

The central government will get about Rs 14,500 crore and the remaining would be distributed among the states in proportion to the revenue collection in September, an official told PTI.

The apportionment would help improve indirect tax position of both the Centre and states.

This is the fourth time that IGST funds have been dividend between the Centre and states.

As much as Rs 12,000 crore was settled between them in August, Rs 50,000 crore in June and Rs 35,000 crore in February this year.

A policy decision has been taken that when some substantial amount accrues to IGST pool it should be apportioned so that funds do not lie idle with the Centre, the official said, adding Rs 29,000 crore has been apportioned this month.

Under GST, the tax levied on consumption of goods or rendering of service is split 50:50 between the Centre and the state. Such tax is known as Central-GST or [CGST](#) and State-GST or [SGST](#).

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On inter-state movement of goods as well as imports, an Integrated-GST or IGST is levied, which accrues to the Centre. A cess is levied on top of these taxes on sin and luxury goods which make up for the compensation kitty used to make good of any revenue shortfall faced by states on implementation of GST.

Ideally there should be 'nil' balance in the IGST pool since the amount should be used for payment of Central GST and State GST.

As some businesses are ineligible to claim the benefits of input tax credit or ITC, the balance gets accumulated in the IGST pool.

The Finance Ministry has targeted monthly GST collections to be Rs 1 lakh crore for this fiscal, but the actual mop up has fallen short of the target month after month. The sole exception was the month of April in which the numbers exceeded Rs 1 lakh crore.

The collections stood at Rs 94,016 crore in May, Rs 95,610 crore in June, Rs 96,483 crore in July and Rs 93,960 crore in August.

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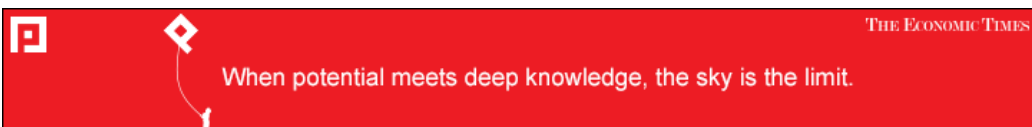
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