

DiSAI organised a Seminar on “Securing the Digital Space: Emerging Threats” at Tamil Virtual Academy Auditorium, Kotturpuram, Chennai on Saturday 3.1.26. The meeting started with prayer followed by the Welcome Address by Shri V Rajendran, Chairman, DiSAI. Hon’ble Justice (Retd) T.N. **Vallinayagam**, Chairman, National Cyber Security Research Council, New Delhi, Presiding Judge, Lok Adalat, Madras High Court delivered the inaugural address, touching upon the latest trends in cybercrimes and the emerging threats like ‘digital arrest’ etc and cautioned the public how to be careful while facing such threats.

Smt **Uma Sankar**, Regional Director, Reserve Bank of India, Chennai in her key note address briefly narrated the efforts put in by RBI as the banking regulator of the nation and presented some of the new concepts that RBI has planned to introduce with effect from 1 April 2026. Smt Kalaranjini, Dy General Manager from Information Security Division of RBI Chennai gave lots of technological and security related information. In his Special Address, Shri U.P. Prakasham, President, DiSAI gave his innovative ideas of book keeping and accounting methodologies connecting the banker and the account holders both the remitter and the receiver such that all the three stake holders will confirm the transaction before it is through (so that fraudulent transaction can be avoided and no stake holder can dispute it later). Shri G. Kaliyamurthy, proposed vote of thanks.

After the tea break for about 15 minutes, the thematic session started at 11.30 AM with an informative talk on Digital Security in the AI Driven Cyberspace” by Shri Eka Pillai, Executive Director, YesPanchi Tech Services. The second thematic session was the security and safety in the mobile phones, with practical inputs, given by Shri S. Seshadri, CTO, FDI Labs, as a useful guidance material to common users of mobile phones.

This was followed by a **Panel Discussion** on “Digital Security Threats: A 360-Degree Overview” with Shri V. Kapaleeswaran, as the panel moderator. The three panellists viz Shri S. Guruprasath, Head, IT-GRC and DPO, City Union Bank, Shri N.V. Nathan, C.I.S.O., Equitas Small Finance Bank and Shri R. Bharat, Media Journalist presented their views in their respective areas like banking, information security and the media in general like facing a fake news, sensational and unreliable WhatsApp postings etc.

All those present were uniformly appreciative of the deliberations and wanted more such awareness initiatives like workshops and seminars to be conducted regularly. The meeting concluded with lunch at 2 PM.