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## **'Only 2 per cent of cyber crimes reported to police'**

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The 980 cyber crimes registered in the country last year under Information Technology Act was not a true reflection of the menace as a survey had shown that only two per cent of the crimes were reported to police, said U. Ram Mohan, Superintendent of Police, Cyber Crimes Wing, Crime Investigation Department (CID).

Speaking at a seminar on social media which was organised by Confederation of Voluntary Associations (COVA) here on Sunday, Mr. Ram Mohan said people approached the police only to seek help when their computers were targeted by criminals but they did not want cases to be booked.

The harassment of women, particularly, went unreported.

### **'Tools of fraud'**

He added that computers were not only targets but tools to financial fraud which even if detected could not help the police in recovering the money lost.

Forty three members of a gang involved in Nigerian model of cyber crimes were recently arrested in a fraud of Rs. 1.5 crore but not a rupee was recovered from them.

### **Difficult job**

He also said investigation of cyber crimes was a difficult job as there were no eye witnesses and servers of major IT companies were located outside the country.

For instance, the police had to contact Interpol or use Letters Rogatory to access the server of Google.