



Cyber Space: A boon or doom ?

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In the present era of globalization and information technology the catchword is 'Cyber Space' and the related issues have caught the attention of young and old, religious and lay people. It is not possible for anyone to stay aloof from the 'world wide web' which has shortened the distance and the reduced the world in to a 'Global village.'

No activity in the present day world, be it communication, governance, trade, commerce, defense technology or education, is possible without information technology. The age of IT, which has become a part of everyday life is still in the process of development.



India is one of the leading countries in the area of software and the SiliconValley is an example of the fact that Indians are part of the development in the field of computers, not only at home but also abroad. The Indians are not behind anybody in the area of IT and India has also kept pace with the legal requirements necessary to regulate cyber related issues.

Cyber Crimes and the IT Act 2000

According to MC Connel International survey, India is one of those 10 countries which has substantially updated its cyber crime laws. Cyber crime differs from ordinary crime in many respects. Based on the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL), Information Technology Act 2000 – popularly known as cyber law – has been enacted in October 2000. India is the 12th country of the world to have Information Technology Act.

The rapid development of IT presents challenges to natural, and moral law systems across the globe. The rapid development of IT in the last more than two decades has revolutionized the business practices. The IT Act 2000 is a step in this direction. As the law moves to catch up with development, IT moves at a much faster pace, creating a void between the two.

“ खुदा को छोड कर जो खुद की मर्जी खोजते है उसे कभी शान्ति हासिल नहीं होगी ” - धन्य चावरा

The word 'cyber' and its relative dot.coms are probably the most fashionable words in the entire English vocabulary today. The emergence of the IT era led to the emergence of unique crimes known as Cyber Crimes. Cyber crimes have virtually no boundaries and may affect each and every nation without any exception. *"Any criminal activity that uses a computer either as an instrumentality, target or a means for perpetuating further crimes comes within the ambit of cyber crime."*

The extent of loss involved world wide by cyber crimes is tremendous as it is estimated that about 500 million people who use the internet can be affected. Cyber crimes are very serious threat for today the days to come and pose one of the most difficult challenges before the natural moral laws as well as state law enforcement. Most of the cyber crimes do not involve violence but rather greed, pride, or play on some character assassination of the victims. To understand cyber crime as a significantly new phenomenon, with potentially new consequences, it is necessary to recognize it as a constituent aspect of the wider political, social, and economic reconstructing, currently affecting countries world wide.

Hacking

It is the most common type of cyber crime being committed across world wide. A hacker is a person who breaks in or trespasses a computer system. IT Act 2000 defined it as, "who ever with the intention to cause or knowing that he is likely to cause wrongful lose or damage to the public or any person, destroys or deletes or alters any information residing in a computer resource or diminishes its value or utility or affects it injuriously by any means, commits hacking."

Security related crimes

With the growth of the internet, network security has become a major concern. Private confidential information has become available to the public. Confidential information can reside in two states on the net work. It can reside on the physical stored media, such as hard drive or memory or it can reside in the transit across the physical net work in the form of packets. These two information states provide opportunities for attacks.

Frauds on the net

This is a form of white collar crime. Internet fraud is a common type of crime whose growth has been proportionate to the internet itself. The internet provides companies and individuals with the opportunity of marketing their products on the net. It is easy for people with fraudulent intentions to make their messages look real and credible. There are innumerable scams and frauds most relating to the investment schemes.

Terrorism in cyber space

Cyber terrorism is the convergence of terrorism and cyber space. It is generally understood as unlawful attacks and threats of attack against computers, networks and the information stored in cyberspace is constantly under assault. Cyber space thieves, saboteurs, and thrill seekers break in to computer systems, steal personal data and secrets, vandalize websites, dispute services, sabotage data and systems launch computer viruses and worms, conduct fraudulent transactions and harass individuals and companies.

Cyber terrorists often commit acts of terrorism simply for personal gain. Such a group known as the chaos computers club was discovered in 1997. They have created an Active X control for the internet that they quicken accounting programme in to removing money from a users bank account. This could easily be used to steal money from users all over the world. In one of its more unusual forms cyber terrorism is used even for an assassinations. In one of the cases a person was shot but survived. While he was in the hospital the assassins hacked in to the hospital computer and changed his medication so that he would be given a lethal injection. He was dead a few hours later. They then changed the medication order back to its correct form so that the nurse could be blamed for the accident.

It is a horrifying side of the cyber space while there are many good aspects related to it. Cyber space is used in every field of life; It is even used as a means to strengthen the family bonds through counseling. Internet has a wide scope in the field of family and family ministry. It can be used to support families from breaking down. So the cyber space has immense power and innumerable potentialities. In what way it should be used depends on the prudence of human beings.

“ अगर खुद की मर्जी पर चलना होता तो सन्यस्त जीवन को अपनाया ही क्यों? ” - धन्य चावरा

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CMI RENEWAL PROGRAMME- 2009

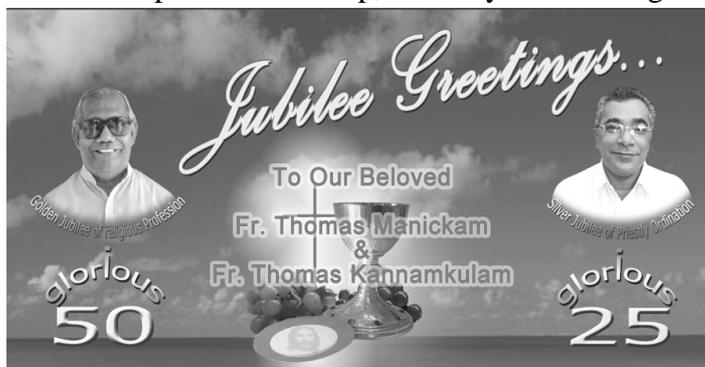
The General department has consented to conduct the renewal programme for our province in Jagdalpur itself along with the Prior General's canonical visitation. All our brethren are expected to participate in the programme. The time schedule is September 18 to 23. First three days are meant for the renewal programme and the other two days for canonical visitation. Please note those days well in advance so that you can keep yourself free to attend the renewal programme.

In case, anyone of our members finds serious difficulty with regard to the above given dates, please feel free to intimate the matter to Father Provincial. Such members can choose one date from the schedule given by the General Department for all the members of the Congregation either at CSR Pariyaram or at Poornodaya, Bhopal.

It is highly recommended that all our members attend the renewal programme in our province itself.

Jubilee celebration

On 21st of January the Nirmal Province celebrated the Golden Jubilee of religious profession and Silver Jubilee of Priestly ordination of its two precious members. Fr. Thomas Manickam who led the province to prosperity with his wise and prudent leadership, is in 50th year of his religious



profession and Fr. Thomas Kannamkulam who is unique in the field of social work, is in the 25th year of his priestly ordination. The Province celebrated their jubilee with fanfare. The celebrations started at 6 pm with Holy Eucharist followed by felicitation and agape. A good number of priests, religious and laity, with their presence honored Jubilarians.

Reception of the newly Orained

This year the Bastar mission is blessed with three young priests, Fr. Biju Mundackal CMI, Fr. Biju Payyapilly CMI and Fr. Maneesh Kongadan. After the ordination the

young Priests reached back Jagdalpur on 21st January. They were given a warm reception on 22nd January, at St. Joseph's Cathedral, Jagdalpur. A good number of members from Jagdalpur mission fraternity were resent at the function to give them a warm welcome.

DOT center Inaugurated

Under the initiation of Rev. Fr. Thomas Kannamkulam a DOT center for the T.B patients was started at the premises of MPM Hospital. He channalized the facilities provided for the patients by the government so that it may reach the poor patients who deserve. It was inaugurated by Dr. A Rasheed, the CMO Jagdalpur. A good number of delegates and dignitaries were present at the function.

Christ College

Six students of Christ College were placed in the Merit List of the University this year. The merit list was published by the university ahead of the convocation on 12th January 2009. Dhananjay Pandey topped in all subjects in B.Sc and secured the over all First Rank. He received 5 Gold Medals on the convocation. Ashutosh Rajoria bagged fourth over all rank in B.Sc and second rank in rank in Microbiology subject in the University. Ku. Reeta Pandey was the 5th rank holder in B.Com. Bro. Rayapu Reddy won the 6th rank in B.Ed. Ku. Sangeeta won the 5th position in MCM and Ku. Deepa Jain won the 9th rank in MCM. This is the first time that six students from the city bagged honour

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positions in the University Merit list. Congratulations to all the rank holders and staff of Christ College.

The annual Day was celebrated on 16th January at the college campus. Prof. Jayalakshmi Thakur, Honorable vice chancellor of Bastar University was the Chief Guest while Bishop Mar Simon Stock Palathra was the President of the function. Rev. Fr. Provincial and Shri Santhosh Bafna MLA were special guests of honor.

Notice from the Principal

Applications for admission are available in the college office from 1st February 2009. They are invited for B.Ed, D.Ed, M Com, B.Com, BBA, BCA, B.Sc (Biotech, Microbiology, Computer, Physics, Maths, Chemistry, Botany) and PGDCA.

Samanvaya News

Samanvaya held a general meet of all the three batches of students and their staff at Bhopal for three days, 27-30 October 2008. The first year theologians from Kolchur participated in the seminar on St. Paul and presented a thematic skit for the meet and won accolades. Bro Sijo Chirayath CMI presented a paper to the appreciation of all. Their spirited presence and participation in the programmes was appreciated and commented well.

The weekends in Samanvaya are packed with various pastoral ministries by the brothers. The cathedral parish of Jagdalpur engages five of the brothers in active

catechesis and liturgical services. Various seminaries of the mission area seek the brothers' help in training the students in music and other activities. The brothers also have regular house visits for prayer sessions on weekends.

They had a very nice Christmas celebration along with Bastar parishioners and neighboring convents. We also conducted programs which were appreciated by all.

Samanvaya community along with neighboring communities celebrated the feast of our prefect Rev. Fr. Joy Chavarnany on 28th of December 2008.

Suman Ashram News

Suman Ashram family celebrated the founder's day on 3rd January 2009. Fr. Thomas Vadakkumkara delivered an inspiring message on Bl. Chavara during the Divine Liturgy. Fathers and sisters from neighboring communities joined us for the celebration.

We celebrated the feast of our beloved Rector Fr. Sebastian Mavunkal on 20th January 2009. The celebrations started with prayer service at 7 pm followed by felicitation and agape. Rev. Fr. Provincial, Fathers, Brothers, and sisters from neighboring communities joined us to greet Fr. Rector.

The first year brothers along with Fr. Rector went to Dugoli for 10 days village exposure programme from 8th to 18th January. It was a wonderful experience for the brothers to stay and work with the Christian families and sharing their joys and sorrows.



Birth Days

Mangattuthazhathu Baby	Feb. 01
Poothakuzhy Thomas	Feb. 04
Kunnel Mathew	Feb. 11
Kizhakakunnel Nithin	Feb. 11
Medackal Thomas	Feb. 12
Mukalel Sebastian	Feb. 15
Mangalathukarottu Bobby	Feb. 18
Karangattil James	Feb. 22

Many Many Happy Returns
of the Day



Maramattam Alexander	Feb. 24
Thaliparampil Twinkle	Feb. 10
Cheruvallathu Bijoy Jose	Feb. 16
Tomin Mathew Plathottam	Feb. 16
Erasseril James	Feb. 21
Jilson James Erail	Feb. 21

Feast Day

Maramattam Alexander	Feb. 26
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