

# **Digital Threat Report 2024**

**Prelims** - Current events of national and international importance.

**Mains (GS III)** – Challenges to internal security through communication networks, role of media and social networking sites in internal security challenges, basics of cyber security; money-laundering and its prevention.

## Why in News?

India launches first Digital Threat Report 2024 recently.

- Aim To address the escalating cyber threats faced by financial institutions.
- Launched by Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.
- Collaborated with CERT-In (MeitY), CSIRT-Fin and SISA, a global Cybersecurity company.
- It highlights the critical need for a cohesive cybersecurity framework to safeguard the nation's financial infrastructure.
- The report addresses
  - Illuminate Adversaries' Playbook
  - Anticipate Future Attacks
  - Assess the Impact of AI in Breaches
  - Recommend Preventive and Detective Controls
  - Highlight Current Trends and Select Cases

#### Anticipated Cyber Threats in 2025

- Rise of deep fakes and AI-generated content
- Growing threat of supply chain attacks and malicious libraries
- Emerging threat of LLM prompt hacking in applications
- Influence of adversarial LLMs enhancing attack capabilities
- Quantum computing A looming threat to cryptography
- Crypto A new frontier for cyber threats
- IOT, the emerging threats to embedded devices.

#### Suggestions to Policy Makers

- Cybersecurity should be a techno commercial business decision and not just decided only on commercials
- Digital Payment Security to have common standards for all Digital Payment Form Factors
- Clear Preparation Roadmap for Post Quantum Cryptography
- Empower CISOs through direct reporting to the CEO/CRO instead of CTO or CIO
- Create more Certified Digital Payment Security Specialists in the ecosystem
- Building a Responsible AI Framework for BFSI
- The report calls on financial institutions, regulators, and security experts to take a proactive stance in addressing cyber threats.

• As AI-driven attacks become more prevalent and compliance demands grow increasingly complex, the necessity for strategic direction in managing the cybersecurity environment is important.

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