

Question

What is meant by lateral surveillance? Discuss its extent of preventing cybercrime and applicability in India

Answer

Not only in India but over all world cybercrime become prevalent. Cyber crime is concerning matter for human safety.

→ This year ministry of Home Affairs launched a program known as Cyber Crime Volunteers for preventing unlawful content.

What is lateral surveillance?

It is a type of surveillance which allow citizens to 'watch over' one another is called lateral surveillance.

→ It allows a person to keep an eye on unethical & unlawful activities near by him.

Usages of lateral surveillance :-

→ One can say lateral surveillance is kind of tool for preventing crimes in society.

→ It makes a person as a responsible supervisor of its surrounding.

→ Stop unlawful activities which took place via internet and digital media

→ Make ~~man~~ citizens to think about any message before forward to anyone else.

→ Also use to control incidents like 26-Jan RedFort rally.

Dis-Advantages of lateral surveillance :-

→ Create a threat to privacy of an individual.

→ Some times lateral surveillance make a person create a feeling of superior to others.

- Create an imbalance of power between persons.
- State-sponsored lateral surveillance is harmful as it creates a cultural hate, fear, and suspicion in society.

⇒ Application of lateral surveillance in India :-

- Not only in India but in every society people are under surveillance of each other.
- In India lateral surveillance can be prove as a tool of public order and safe society.
- First time state-sponsored lateral surveillance implied in India as tool of preventing social evils.
- For Example UP govt. launched C-Play APP to keep an eye on anti-social elements.
- Karnataka govt. released name of international passengers who were quarantined.
- It is useful for solving local problems like land disputes, communal tensions.
- State sponsored lateral surveillance become useful during pandemic and during lockdown.
- Recently launched govt. policy for internet companies also promotes lateral surveillance at some stage. (Information Technology Rules 2021)

Way Forward :-

- State sponsored lateral surveillance is a kind of tool which prevent not only unethical actions on social platform but also on digital platform.
- It proved to be helpful in preventing digital rumors but help to reduce cyber crime.
 - People become responsible for their actions in digital world as well as on physical world too.
 - lateral surveillance helpful ~~stop~~ spreading unlawful actions.