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## B'loru records highest cyber crime cases thrice in a row

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Bengaluru for the third time in a row records the highest number of cybercrime cases. The National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) reported that out of 18657 cybercrime cases registered in 2020, nearly half of them, that is, 8892 were committed in Bengaluru for the third time in a row, recording the highest number of cybercrime cases.

Bengaluru City Police Commissioner, Kamal Pant introduced 'A Pilot Project' to control the rapidly rising cybercrimes in Bengaluru. "To begin with, we've set up a multi-disciplinary team that involves the Cybercrime Information Report (CIR) to help victims file a complaint from anywhere with just a call to the special number," Pant had said earlier.

"The dedicated cops have to attend to the calls within 30 seconds and forward it to the police station under whose limits the alleged crime took place," he had said.

According to the NCRB report, Hyderabad, with 2553 cases stands second after Bengaluru in the Cybercrime cases as of 2020 and has almost doubled in the number of cases in comparison to 2019.

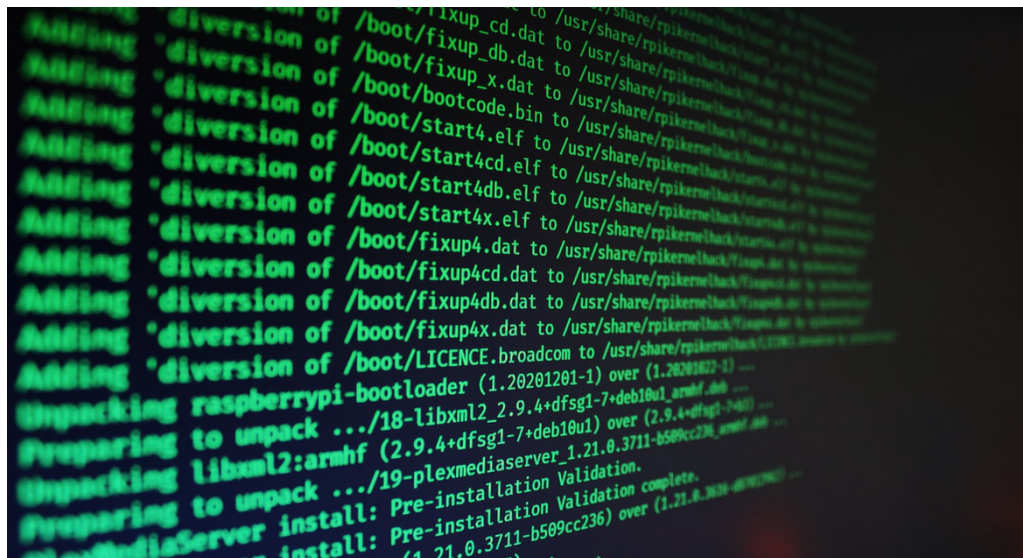
## Three-member team to probe Pegasus: SC

Vandana Nampoothiri

**BENGALURU:** Supreme Court of India on Wednesday ordered a three-member technical committee to probe into Pegasus snooping case. The committee will be overseen by Justice R.V. Raveendran, former judge, Supreme Court of India.

It will include experts from cyber security, digital forensics, and networks and hardware

In the verdict, the apex court condemned spying on individuals without a court order. "In a democratic country governed by the rule of law, indiscriminate spying on individuals cannot be allowed except with sufficient statutory safeguards, by following the



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procedure established by law under the Constitution."

The verdict mentioned that in certain circumstances the court had asked the reason

for denying access to information by individuals.

"However, this does not mean that the State gets a free pass every time the spectre of

"national security" is raised [sic]."

The recent snooping case was described by the court as an assault on the press and

that it can undermine the ability of the press to provide accurate and reliable information.

The court further explained that spying can result in self-censorship as the knowledge of being under surveillance or being spied on, can affect how one decides to exercise their rights.

The Chief Justice of India, N V Ramana, on 23 September mentioned that a technical committee will be formed to probe into the allegations of snooping by the Pegasus spyware.

The issue was first raised on 18 July when a consortium of 17 journalistic organizations released a long investigative report on the use of Pegasus spyware on multiple individuals.

## Academicians, historians unite against NEP 2020

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**BENGALURU:** While the government is all set to implement, on a war footing the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 pan-nation, prominent academicians and historians have put up a joint front to resist the move as they perceive it to be disastrous on the education system.

Romila Thapar, Irfan Habib, Sukhadeo Thorat, and other eminent personalities from across the country have



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voiced their opinion against the tenets of NEP. In order to draw the attention of the

government they are coming together under a forum. They are coming together at a

conference organised by the All India Save Education Committee (AISEC), scheduled on Saturday, October 30, through a blended mode. V.N. Raja Shekhar, the Vice President of AISEC Karnataka said, "Our objection to this policy is that the government is going to centralize the whole education. The policy will corporatize and commercialize education, and can be used to bring in communal agenda."

Shekhar noted that NEP 2020 fails to address the

issues faced by private and government-run educational institutions. He said, "70% of teaching positions in government institutions are vacant, and there is also a lack of infrastructure. These two can be controlled only when there is sufficient fund allocation."

To combat the ill-effects of NEP, the AISEC drafted the People's Alternative Education Policy. "After this conference, we'll meet state governments and make them reject the NEP and introduce the alternative policy."

## De Kock refuses to take the knee

Shahul Hameed

**BENGALURU:** South African wicket-keeper Quinton de Kock's decision to not kneel in solidarity with the Black Lives Matter (BLM) movement ahead of the team's match against West Indies has evoked mixed reactions among the cricket fraternity and fans.

Cricket analyst and commentator Harsha Bhogle posted a tweet about de Kock playing for his national side again, "I fear we haven't heard the last of the de Kock issue. I won't be surprised if we don't see him in a Protea

shirt again."

Former West Indies captain Darren Sammy said during the match commentary that he doesn't understand why it is hard to support the movement after knowing what it stands for. He further tweeted, "Simple reminder..." by sharing a picture of a book titled 'Why we Kneel, How we Rise' written by Michael Holding.

Twitterati shared pictures of de Kock refusing to kneel on previous occasions. One user said, "Quinton de Kock is showing the world what kind of people we have to deal with here in South Africa.

## Actor Emma Watson turns cinematographer

Pranav Shriram

English actress & activist Emma Watson recently hinted at her interest & decision of adopting the role of a cinematographer.

The actress of the Harry Potter films published a post on her official Instagram account expressing her love for the art. "Getting behind the camera and learning how it works is about the most empowering thing I've learned in lockdown," the post read.

She also reflected on the effective role of a cinematographer to tell a



Watson's new journey

Instagram/emmawatson

story of their own, through their art.

"It's something else to be

able to tell your own story and other people's," she said.

The actress presented an

interesting take on actors, and referred to them as "someone's 'muse' [sic.]," going on to attribute their role in the industry to being "glamorous and exciting."

The timeliness of this post by Watson speaks volumes given the background of the death of Ukrainian cinematographer Halyna Hutchins on the sets of an upcoming American movie Rust. "And of course as women we are inspiring," she added in her post..

The actress had recently also supported a petition on Twitter campaigning for the mental well-being of film crew members'.