

Pune beats IT peers in fixing cyber crimes

From Corporate America to Mauritius, there is a beeline to ASCL for training

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BANGALORE may have taken the tag of India's Silicon Valley and Hyderabad would have rechristened itself as Cyberabad, but when it comes to fixing the cyber crimes, Pune seems to have taken the lead over its illustrious peers. Pune would not have made it to the global infotech map for its code-writing abilities, but when it comes to tackling cyber crimes, it is the preferred destination even for

Corporate America.

For, the Asian School of Cyber Laws (ASCL) — an institution involved in education, training and consultancy in cyber laws and crime detection — has set up its base here.

Savour this: Last year, a team of Malaysian government officials undertook training in cyber laws and cyber crime investigation at this institution. That is not all to it. Corporate America followed by its counterparts from the United Kingdom and Hong Kong have all been visiting the city to get trained at ASCL.

The latest addition to the growing list is a five-member police team from the island state of Mauritius. The Mauritian police officials will pitch their tents at ASCL for a month-long special train-

ing programme in cyber crime detection.

"The training primarily concerns with enhancing their ability to handle the rising number of cyber crimes in their country," says Gaurav Sharma, head of education and consultancy at ASCL. From detection of email crimes, hacking, denial of service, tracing virus attacks, web-jacking and defacements, network crimes and cyber terrorism, the agenda just goes on.

The ASCL has devised a special module on ethical hacking, which will also be a part of the training programme. The school boasts of an advanced cyber centre and is operating in coordination with various nations, universities, government offices, defence and corporate organisations.