

Black Swan - Cyber Security Breach Exercise

With the objective of improving the cyber security readiness to counter cyber threats in organisations, Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) successfully conducted "Black Swan - Cyber Security Breach Table Top Exercise" on Covid-19 pandemic themed cyber-attacks with key stakeholders on 9th July 2020.

The theme of the exercise was to deal with cyber crisis and incidents emerging due to COVID-19 Pandemic. Specific Objectives of the exercise was to assess and identify ways to deal with Covid-19 related cyber-attacks, when:

- Attackers are using Covid-19 themed attacks.
- Security controls are lowered due to work from home leading to cyber security breach.

Exercise was conducted over remote collaboration software with representatives of key stakeholders. Injects on COVID-19 related pandemic leading to cyber-attacks and business disruptions, sparked creative discussions and sharing of the best practices among participants. During the exercise participants examined and resolved the cyber crisis based on existing operational plans and identified where those plans need to be refined.

"Black Swan" exercise was successful in meeting the objectives and helped the organizations to self-assess their current posture and improvement plans. Exercise was appreciated by the participants.

