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National Database on Sexual Offenders (NDSO), a searchable registry carrying details of over 13 lakh sexual offenders, is helping the law-enforcement agencies in their investigations and solving crimes, Home Minister Amit Shah said Tuesday after reviewing the cyber security infrastructure and functioning of Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C) here.

The central database, NDSO, was launched on September 20, 2018, and it has an online facility exclusively for the law enforcement agencies and they have access to

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investigation officers to track habitual sex offenders, besides initiating preventive measures against sexual offences.

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Shah said **NDSO is a searchable registry of over 13 lakh individuals involved in sexual offences, like rape, molestation, stalking, child abuse, etc. “It includes the names, addresses, photographs and fingerprint details of the offenders. It helps in identification and verification of sexual offenders to prevent further crimes,” he said.**

The I4C, which was launched by Shah on January 10, 2020, to deal with cyber crime in a coordinated and comprehensive manner, has seven platforms for different purposes. “Prime Minister [Narendra Modi](#) government has created a robust system to handle cyber crimes where people can lodge online complaints that lead to registration of FIRs and prompt action. **More than 20 lakh cyber-crime complaints have been registered on the national cyber-crime reporting portal so far on the basis of which 40,000 FIRs have been registered.** In addition to that, more than 13



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“The Modi government has adopted a strategy to promote ‘coordination- exchange - sharing’ in information and data as soon as it took over. These include, real time reporting of cyber crimes, forensic laboratory network, capacity building, research and development, ensuring cyber hygiene of cyber space and special focus and efforts were undertaken on topics such as cyber awareness. Due to the increased vigil, about 500 mobile apps were identified & banned by law enforcement agencies,” he said.

Shah said in view of the increasing cyber financial frauds, the ‘1930’ helpline number has been launched and this platform covers over 250 banks and financial intermediaries. “The quick reporting system and action of the task force has resulted in recovery of over Rs 235 crore embezzled by cyber criminals from over 1.33 lakh people so far,” he added.

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