



Uttarakhand Cybersecurity Review Post-Attack

Why in News?

Recently, Uttarakhand's data center was temporarily shut down due to a [malware attack](#), prompting a [cybersecurity](#) review by the state's Chief Minister.

Key Points

- **Cyberattack Incident:**
 - Malware attack temporarily closed down Uttarakhand's **State Data Centre**.
 - Chief Minister held a review meeting with officials from key departments like [Information Technology Development Agency \(ITDA\)](#), [National Informatics Centre \(NIC\)](#), and **police**.
 - CM ordered the creation of a **cybersecurity task force** for online services security.
 - Proposed establishing a [disaster recovery center](#) for securing and recovering online data.
- **Cybersecurity Enhancements:**
 - CM directed a **security audit** of the State Data Centre and online platforms.
 - Instructed the study and implementation of **best practices** from other states, central ministries, and agencies in cybersecurity.
 - Ordered a review of the **ITDA's technical work** and potential action if negligence is found.
- **Personnel and Training:**
 - Directed filling of personnel vacancies in ITDA and provision of **cybersecurity training** to staff.
 - Ensured updating of [anti-virus systems](#) in every government office to prevent future incidents.
- **Damage Control:**
 - No data loss reported from the malware attack on virtual machines.
 - Out of **1378 machines**, **11 were affected**.
 - Sites like [e-office](#) and **CM helpline** have already been restored.

Information Technology Development Agency (ITDA)

- The **Information Technology Development Agency (ITDA)** is an independent and autonomous body under the **Government of Uttarakhand**.
- Its primary mission is to drive the growth of the [Information Technology \(IT\)](#) sector in Uttarakhand and to implement [e-Governance projects](#) across the state.
- ITDA provides IT-related inputs and support to government departments, promotes IT sector growth, facilitates IT human resource development, and encourages innovation in technology.
- Additionally, it undertakes tasks related to **Information Technology enabled Services (ITeS)**, **Information and Communication Technology (ICT)**, and **electronics**.

