

'IT the source of wealth in present world'

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Kollam, April 11: Bhabha Atomic Research Centre director M.Bhattacharjee has said that in the present world, information technology was the source of wealth and protecting it was of paramount importance to the nation.

Inaugurating Infocrypt 2003, the national-level workshop on information security at the Amrita Institute of Technology and Science here today, Bhattacharjee said that the increasing dependence of banks and other commercial organisations on IT to better their performance could make them vulnerable to cyber attacks with motives to gain access to sensitive information, monetary benefits or even for publicity.

He said that though there were attempts in the past to



Bhabha Atomic Research Centre director Dr M.Bhattacharjee inaugurating the national-level workshop on information security at the Amrita Institute of Technology and Science in Kollam on Friday. Swami Amrita Swaroopa Chandapuri, N.Balakrishnan, divisional chairman of Information Sciences, Indian Institute of Sciences, Bangalore, and AITEC principal K.Sankaran are also seen.

hack the computer systems of BARC, they did not succeed. He urged the organisations to regularly run virus detection packages and do security audit by

independent auditors.

Advancement in information security technologies was vital for the safety of commercial documents that were being stored in

digital format. But achieving 100 percent security was difficult, he said.

Delivering the keynote address, N.Balakrishnan, divisional chairman of Info-

rmation Sciences, Indian Institute of Sciences, Bangalore, said that the world was moving from an era of physical security to digital security. The computers and network were soldiers in an information war as could be seen in the recent Iraq war. In the new world, countries were being classified as cyber nations and non-cyber nations. India was poised to become one of the top cyber nations. He also asked the computer users to be vigilant against old viruses that were being recirculated.

Swami Amritaswaroopanandapuri delivered the benedictory address. Abhayanrita Chaithanya, chief operating officer of Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, welcomed the gathering. AITEC principal K.Sankaran proposed a vote of thanks.