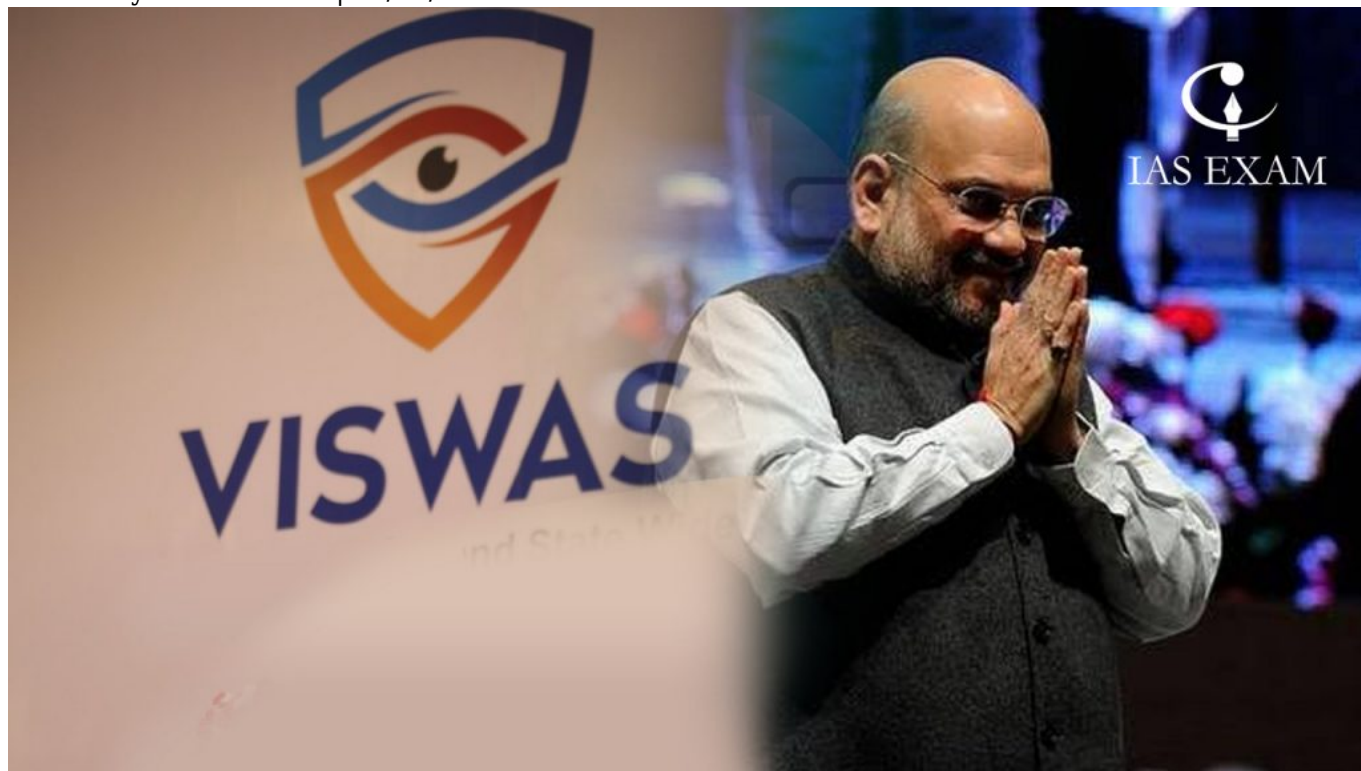# Home Minister launches AASHVAST and VISWAS Projects

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Home Minister Amit Shah recently launched the country's first Cyber Crime Prevention Unit called the "Cyber AASHVAST" in Gandhinagar, Gujarat. He also set in motion the Video Integration and State Wide Advance Security project called VISWAS.

The 'Netrang' project to establish Command and Control Room in 33 districts, online portal to pay E Challan and Cyber Crime Prevention Unit-AASHVAST which will have a dedicated service helpline for victims of cyber crimes was also started. Cyber crimes in India have almost doubled between 2016 and 2017 as per the NCRB data. The Government is taking numerous measures to curb such menaces.

About the Projects

- To make cyber-space safe, Gujarat Police has brought the cyber-security solution to common man through Cyber AASHVAST Project. It is started as a unit that will act to prevent cyber crimes with the help of VISHWAS and NETRANG.
- The unit will have an exclusive online portal of its own that will provide a dedicated service helpline for victims of cyber crime.
- First of its kind project in the country, VISHWAS is a major e-governance initiative. The project aims at improving Law and Order Management, Proactive traffic management and control, Crime detection through video analytics and Post incident Investigation and video forensics.

Other Government Measures to curb Cyber Crimes

The Central Government has also recently launched the I4C
(Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre) and had established the Cyber and
Information Security Division (C&IS). The C&IS is pipped to implement
NATGRID (National Intelligence Grid), NISPG (National Information Security
Policy).

The NATGRID is an intelligence grid that connects databases
of security agencies operating under the government whereas the NISPG aims at
the protection of information in cyberspace. The policy elaborates security
concepts and best security practices which are to be implemented. These
practices will be made mandatory for the ministries to implement in order to
protect government data.

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