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**News:** CERT – In out of the ambit of RTI Act

- The Centre, through the **Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT)**, has recently issued a notification exempting the **Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In)** from the purview of the **Right to Information Act, 2005**.
- CERT- In, will **now operate outside the scope of the RTI Act, 2005** limiting public access to information about its activities and functioning.

## **Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT–IN)**

- The Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-IN) is an office within the **Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology of the Government of India** constituted under **Section 70 (B) of Information Technology Act of 2000**.
- It is a nodal agency to **deal with cyber security threats like hacking and phishing**.
- It strengthens **security-related defence of the Indian Internet domain**.

- CERT-IN has overlapping on responsibilities with other agencies such as National Critical Information Infrastructure Protection Centre (NCIIPC) which is under the National Technical Research Organisation (NTRO) that comes under Prime Minister's Office and National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) which is under Ministry of Home Affairs.