

## Home Ministry to convene meeting to check 'keypad jihadis'

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A high-level meeting will be held in the Home Ministry tomorrow to discuss removal of malicious content from various social networking sites posted by 'keypad jihadis', who spew venom on the Internet with an intent to create a law and order situation by spreading rumours or giving communal colour to any event.

The meeting will be chaired by Union Home Secretary Rajiv Gauba and attended among others by top officials from the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, the Department of Telecommunications and those from security agencies as well as Jammu and Kashmir, officials said. They said the meeting will discuss implementation of the provisions of Information Technology pertaining to security agencies in dealing with the menace which includes filing of FIRs, removal of the malicious content at the earliest in coordination with the service provider and ensuring speedy legal proceedings so that it could act as a deterrent for others. The idea behind the crackdown on 'keypad jihadis' was to ensure that the security agencies could concentrate more on nabbing or eliminating terrorists with real guns rather than those who wage war against the state machinery using keypads.

It is a virtual battleground where a bloody war is fought, but with words. However, this has an impact on the young minds, officials opined. The social chat groups are active not just in Jammu and Kashmir. They are seeing participation from youngsters in the national capital, the rest of the country and abroad as well.

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