

Snowden sharpened his hacking skills in Moti Nagar institute

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Bangalore: The hacker who shook the US intelligence machinery and had world leaders railing against Washington for spying on them had picked up his crucial skills in India. Edward Snowden, the National Security Agency (NSA) contractor-turned-whistleblower, spent a week in New Delhi training in core Java program-

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ming and advanced ethical hacking. It's this training that got him certified as an EC-Council Certified Security Analyst (ECSA).

Now hiding in Russia as a

FOCUSED STUDENT, INTO FAST FOOD

► **Trained** at IT certification provider from Sept 3-10, 2010

► **Paid \$2,000** for training, boarding and lodging

► **Certified** by EC Council as security analyst

► **Largely kept to himself**, was unassuming and **focused on curriculum**

► **Would frequently visit a Haldirams** restaurant near the institute



“ It did not take him much time to figure out how to hack wireless networks

— **Sisir Pandey**
KOENIG SOLUTIONS

fugitive from US law and charged with espionage for leaking crucial documents related to the US surveillance, Snowden trained at offshore IT training and certification pro-

vider Koenig Solutions in west Delhi's Moti Nagar in 2010. He flew into India on September 3 from Japan and left for the US on September 9.

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eigners Rule 1939 Form C Hotel Arrival report, a copy of which is with TOI, shows Snowden checked into Koenig Inn run by the institute in Karol Bagh at 2.30pm on September 3. "He paid over \$2,000 towards his training fee, lodging and boarding," said Rohit Aggarwal, founder and CEO of Koenig Solutions.

Koenig is an authorized training partner for certification programmes from companies like Microsoft, Cisco, Oracle, EC-Council, Citrix and VMware. It has trained over 20,000 foreign IT professionals in India and Dubai.

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