



Representing the ecosystem of Internet -Bharat Model

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IGF Secretariat approves creation of Dynamic Coalition on Platform Responsibility

The Secretariat of the United Nations' Internet Governance Forum (IGF) approved the creation of the Dynamic Coalition on Platform Responsibility (DC PR). This new component of the IGF will provide a discussion arena aimed at the analysis of the relations between internationally recognised Human Rights and online platforms' Terms of Service (ToS).

The ultimate goal of the DC PR will be to elaborate concrete solutions aimed at promoting responsibility in the adoption of ToS so as to ensure respect for platform users' human rights. The proposed solutions, to be developed through an open and multi-stakeholder process, will complement initiatives such as the Council of Europe Guide to Human Rights for Internet Users, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, the UN Global Compact, the ISO 26000 Social Responsibility Standards, the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights and the European Union's Sector Guidance to the implementation of those principles.

For further details visit: <http://www.medialaws.eu/a-new-dynamic-coalition-on-platform-responsibility-within-the-igf/>

Facebook reveals news feed experiment to control emotions

Facebook has published details of a vast experiment in which it manipulated information posted on 689,000 users' home pages and found it could make people feel more positive or negative through a process of "emotional contagion" which lawyers, internet activists and politicians across the globe termed "scandalous", "spooky" and "disturbing".

This study was conducted with academics from Cornell and the University of California where Facebook filtered users' news feeds – the flow of comments, videos, pictures and web links posted by other people in their social network. One test reduced users' exposure to their friends' "positive emotional content", resulting in fewer positive posts of their own. Another test reduced exposure to "negative emotional content" and the opposite happened. The study concluded: "Emotions expressed by friends, via online social networks, influence our own moods, constituting, to our knowledge, the first experimental evidence for massive-scale emotional contagion via social networks."

For further details visit: <http://www.theguardian.com/technology/2014/jun/29/facebook-users-emotions-news-feeds>

50th ICANN Meeting held in London

The 50th ICANN meeting was held in London, which was attended by 3,300 people and 30 ministers from around the globe. Few highlights of the meeting were:

ICANN signing Agreements with Qatar and Egypt for promoting the DNS Industry and IG Multi-stakeholder Approach in the Middle East and Africa and establishment of a Regional DNS Entrepreneurship Center (DNS-EC)

ICANN signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with China Academy of Telecommunication Research (CATR) to forge closer collaboration on engagement efforts in China. Under the cooperative agreement, ICANN and CATR will work together to improve communication with Chinese communities, align academic and public research in IP address and domain name areas, and exchange opinions on Internet governance. CATR will also help to promote participation from the Chinese community in ICANN activities such as ICANN public meetings.

The Multistakeholder Ethos Award was awarded to Avri Doria, policy and governance advisor for dotgay LLC, for her contribution to the higher interests of ICANN's organization and its community.

For further details visit: <https://www.icann.org/resources/press-material/release-2014-06-24-en> and <https://www.icann.org/resources/press-material/release-2-2014-06-23-en>.

Internet Society to establish association in support of IGF

At its recent Board meeting in London, the Internet Society Board of Trustees reiterated its support for the work of the Internet Governance Forum (IGF) in strengthening the multistakeholder model. The Board confirmed its resolve to take action to establish a legal structure with the objective of achieving stable and sustainable funding for the IGF. The Internet Governance Forum Support Association, as it will be named, will be based in Switzerland and contribute to the United Nations IGF Trust Fund and support related activities.

“The IGF Support Association will provide businesses and individuals the opportunity to make financial contributions, big and small, and thus contribute to strengthening the IGF,” said Markus Kummer, Internet Society Senior Vice President.

Bob Hinden, Chair of the Internet Society Board of Trustees, added, “...The ISOC Board and I believe these steps will enable the IGF to have a more important role in the Internet ecosystem going forward.”

For further details visit: <http://www.internetsociety.org/news/internet-society-establish-association-support-internet-governance-forum>

Cybercrime alone cost India Rs. 24, 630 Crore in year 2013

A Delhi High Court commissioned study reported that “Internet frauds alone have cost India a whopping 4 billion USD (about Rs 24,630 crore) in 2013 as cyber criminals are using more sophisticated means like ransom ware and spear-phishing.”

The report also quoted from the National Crime Records Bureau data, that in 2013 alone, as many as 66.40 lakh criminal complaints were received by the police stations across the nation. In Delhi alone, a total of 86,800 criminal complaints were received at its 175 odd police stations apart from around 89 lakh distress calls received by it last year.

The study observed that delay in managing these cases could be attributed to unscientific planning of all wings of criminal justice, which has resulted in their chaotic functioning and subsequently being overburdened. Also the police does not have the technical expertise nor infrastructure to tackle such issues.

The report further added that the ancillary support system like jails, juvenile, justice boards, child welfare committees and forensic labs all need to be brought out of slumber and urgently to save this system from crumbling.

For further details visit: <http://www.infotechlead.com/2014/07/06/cyber-crimes-alone-cost-india-rs-24630-crore-2013-24091>

Mumbai Metro launches Wi-Fi Service

Reliance Infrastructure-led Mumbai Metro One Pvt Ltd (MMOPL) has introduced Wi-Fi services on all its Metro stations in the city by partnering with You Broadband.. A MMOPL spokesperson told The Times Of India they also plan to roll out this service in trains by the end of this month. The spoke person said the service will offer free internet connectivity for the first 15 minutes every day as an introductory offer. After 15 minutes, commuters can purchase Wi-Fi coupons for Rs 100 which will allow them to use the service for the next three hours (180 minutes). These coupons are expected to be

available at customer care centres at all Metro stations. The spokesperson also noted that the offer would be valid for the first 5,000 buyers only. It's not clear whether MMOPL plans to hike up the rates for this service post the offer period.

For further details visit: http://www.medianama.com/2014/07/223-mumbai-metro-stations-wifi/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+medianama+%28Medianama%3A+Digital+Media+In+India%29

Upcoming Events and Workshops

SANOG XXIV, APrIGF and YIGF

ISPAI & NIXI is organizing South Asian Network Operators Group(SANOG), Asia Pacific Regional Internet Governance Forum (APrIGF) and Youth IGF (YIGF) 2014 at Hotel Crowne Plaza, Greater Noida (Delhi- NCR) from 1st – 9th August 2014. For further information visit www.ispai.in

Re-Wiring Women's Rights Debates in the Digital Age

IT for Change would be conducting a 3 day course on gender, governance and technology in the Indian context from 12th -14th September, 2014. It is open to young research scholars in the social and political sciences, and change-makers working in the areas of women's rights and social justice, based in India. The course will open up a space for dialogue in the areas of community informatics and community media, to identify critical concerns for democracy, accountable governance and gender justice in the digital age.

All participants will receive a full scholarship that covers costs of travel and stay for the course. To apply for this course, please send your CV (with date of birth and contact details) and a 500-word statement on why you want to participate in the course to itfc.communications@gmail.com, with the subject line 'Women's Rights Course'. Last date for receipt of applications: 20th July 2014.

Applications Open for ISOC Fellowship to IETF 91 (Honolulu)

The Internet Society is inviting applications for its latest Internet Society Fellowships to the IETF 91 to be held from November 09-14, 2014, Honolulu, Hawaii, United States. The Fellowship programme allows engineers from emerging and developing economies to attend an Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) meeting. Fellowships will be awarded through a competitive application process. Fellowship applications will close on 31 July, 2014.

Information and links to apply can be found at: <http://www.internetsociety.org/fellows-ietf>

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