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Representing the ecosystem of Internet -Bharat Model

CCAOI President Shares Views at 4th ASSOCHAM International Conference on Cyber and Network Security

Social networking sites like Facebook are fast growing in popularity due to their ability to being people across the world closer to each other. Yet the abundance of information made available through these networks also makes them vulnerable to security risks, and a crucial challenge is to ensure these networks are made secure.

This relevant and important topic of 'Securing and Monitoring Social Networks and Virtual Worlds' was addressed by CCAOI President Naresh Ajwani at the 4th ASSOCHAM International Conference on Cyber and Network Security, which was held on April 1 at Hotel Shangri La in New Delhi. Focused on the theme of 'Safeguarding the Digital Economy', the conference brought together international cyber security experts from leading countries like USA, Israel, France, Singapore and Belgium.

The conference had the official support of the Ministry of Communications and IT, Government of India. Among the key speakers were representatives from the Ministry of Home Affairs, Defence Research & Development Organization (DRDO), National Technical Research Organization (NTRO), Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (ICERT), NIC, Department of Telecom (DoT) and Cyber Cells of the police departments. **Mr. Peter Swire,** former special assistant to President Obama on economic policy and expert on cyber security also addressed this Conference.

CCAOI Director Addresses Challenges of Internet Surveillance and Privacy at CIS Meeting

Cyber Café's are a vital element of the virtual ecosystem in India as they contribute to increased internet penetration in the country. Yet today, these are subjected to increased surveillance brought on by rising security threats. CCAOI's Director Amrita Choudhury presented this case in her speech on "Challenges of Surveillance and Privacy – The Case of Public Access Points in India" at a meeting organized by the Centre for Internet and Security (CIS) on the topic of 'Internet and Freedom of Expression in South Asia'. The meeting was held on March 2 and 3 in New Delhi.

Among the topics discussed were global trends in internet regulation, surveillance practices and regulatory issues, challenges in access to the Internet and freedom of expression in South Asia, as well as censorship on grounds of national security, religion and morality. Apart from specific case studies, the trends and key challenges in South Asian countries like Bangladesh, Nepal, Sri Lanka and India were also discussed.

The participants included representatives of internet service providers, experts on cyber security, law and the media.

CCAOI Participates in the 7th ASSOCHAM Global Telecom Summit

CCAOI took active part in the 7th ASSOCHAM Global Telecom Summit, which provided an opportunity for telecom and technology experts as well as investors to discuss some key aspects of the NTP 2011 and also exchange their views on a host of issues concerning the industry. It also served as a space to chalk out a roadmap for future growth.

The key issues discussed at the Summit were   Regulatory Policy Framework & Market Structure, Managing Scarce Resources to Maximise Consumer Benefits,   Telecom Infrastructure: Priorities and Challenges and   Expanding Services for Inclusive Growth