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Representing the ecosystem of Internet -Bharat Model

Online Services in a Safe Mode

As the government feels the need of a model to streamline its critical information exchange, that too in a secure manner, hence, here comes into effect – a model of e-Authentication framework. Planned to be spread out across the nation, the very new model lays down the taking up of technology use for safer transactions and for paperless & seamless exchange of information by using a single dedicated identity profile. The model enables to use a single window system for multiple government services.

National e-Authentication framework is only a means to avail the government services. It serves as a platform between a user (the one who is seeking public services) and the concerned department (provider of the services). It acts as a policy/framework that will be presented to various government departments for authenticating their services and enabling transactions in a secure, paperless & transparent manner. It is beneficial both for the public and the departments as well.

According to Sunil Abraham, Executive Director of The Centre for Internet and Society, based in Bangalore, "the framework is quite different from other programs falling into the e-governance domain". For an example, where objective of the UID was to make citizenship to the government, on the other hand, this framework aims to enable government transactions transparent to the citizen. He added that the single authentication system is going to be very useful and should have support for digital signature for information or services, coming under higher sensitivity level. Having said that many countries have implemented this system, he said that even India should adopt this policy.

Why e-Authentication?

The border question that strikes the mind is what is the need for this kind of framework? Answering this in an interesting manner, Dr. Rajendra Kumar, Director (Projects) at National e-Governance Division – who initiated the entire conceptualization, got this draft prepared and released it for the consultation

Source: eGovOnline

Facebook agrees To remove Offensive Content

Social networking website Facebook stated that it recognizes Indian government's interest in minimizing the amount of abusive content online, and it will remove any content violating its terms.

We will remove any content that violates our terms, which are designed to keep material that is hateful, threatening, incites violence or contains nudity off the service, Facebook said in a statement.

India has told several leading Internet companies including Facebook and Google they need to remove offensive content from their services, the information and telecoms minister said earlier on Tuesday, but he insisted the request was not censorship.

Source: Indian Express

EC Bit by Social Media Bug

The Election Commission of India plans to use the social media for spreading the message of higher participation of voters in elections and ethical voting practices. Highlighting the strength and spread of the social media, Chief Election Commissioner S Y Quraishi said "the Election Commission cannot overlook its outreach."

Inaugurating a day-long workshop on the social media for voters' participation at the India International Institute of Democracy and Election Management (IIDEM), the CEC said measures like engagement with the social media will contribute to India's step-up from being the largest democracy to the "greatest" democracy. The workshop discussed modalities of Election Commission of India's engagement with internet-based social media sites like Facebook, Twitter, Youtube and other blogs on which it soon plans to commence its campaign. Quraishi said higher participation of voters and ethical voting are key to strengthening electoral democracy and underlined that the Commission has developed and implemented a strong agenda on voter's education and expenditure control and would like its proposed reforms on decriminalization of elections to become a reality at the earliest.

He also asked voters to turnout in high numbers in elections and select good candidates instead of castigating politicians and said voter education will address the citizen's need in all three areas: information, motivation and facilitation.

The CEC announced such campaigns will be made even more vigorous to fill the gaps in registration in various age groups, reduce gender inequalities and maximize voter's turnout.

Election Commissioner V S Sampath described the social media as a new area for the Commission. He hoped the goals and objectives of the Commission will be advanced through dissemination of information on the social media.

Source: eGovOnline

Connect9 promotes Regional Entrepreneurs Online

To promote regional entrepreneurs selling specialty products of different regions of India, like Kanjeevarams from Kanchipuram, Hapos from Ratnagiri, and pineapples from Tripura, **Connect9** (www.Connect9.in), the one stop eServices platform has introduced a unique concept of opening C9 Stores.

C9 Stores are online stores set up by local Specialty Providers to sell their products online from www.Connect9.in

By opening an online store the regional businessman can
- Showcase and promote Business Online to buyers & consumers.
- Increase reach globally and Get Business Enquiries from all over the World
- Cater to all types of customers by offering all mode of payments
- Get complete support and tools from Connect9, to manage business online

A regional entrepreneur can open his Online store directly or walk into any Cybercafé and get his shop opened with the help of assistance.

Source : Connect9

Why Stow Your Wireless Devices For Takeoff

In 2010, no crashes were attributed to people using technology on a plane. None were in 2009,or 2008, 2007 and so on.

New technologies are often greeted with fear and that is certainly true of a disruptive technology like cell phones.

Yet rules that are decades old persist without evidence to support the idea that someone reading an e-book or playing a video game during takeoff or landing is jeopardizing safety.

Nevertheless, Les Dorr, a spokesman for the Federal Aviation Administration, said the agency would rather err on the side of caution when it comes to digital devices on planes. The government might be causing more unnecessary interference on planes by asking people to shut their devices down for take-off and landing and then giving them permission to restart all at the same time.

According to electrical engineers, when the electronic device starts, electric current passes through every part of the gadget, including GPS, Wi-Fi, cellular radio and microprocessor. It's the equivalent of waking someone up with a dozen people yelling into bullhorns. As more and more people transition from paper products to digital ones, maybe it's time to change these rules.

Source: New York Times

US Government Seizes More Domain Names

US authorities have initiated the largest round of domain name seizures yet as part of their continued crackdown on counterfeit and piracy-related websites. In advance of "Cyber Monday," more than 100 domain names were taken over by the feds to protect the commercial interests of US companies. The seizures are disputable, as the SOPA bill which aims to specifically legitimize such actions is still pending in Congress.

The Department of Justice (DOJ) and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) have resumed "Operation In Our Sites", the domain name seizing initiative designed to crack down on online piracy and counterfeiting.

The new round comes exactly a year after 82 domains, including Torrent-Finder, were taken over in 2010. At the time ICE labeled the actions "Cyber Monday crackdown," referring to the Monday following Thanksgiving where consumers are persuaded to shop online. Compared to previous seizure rounds, there are some notable differences to report. This time the action appears to be limited to sites that directly charge visitors for their services. Most of the domains are linked to the selling of counterfeit clothing (e.g. 17nflshop.com), and at least one (autocd.com) sold pirated auto software.

Last year several sites were taken down because they allowed their users to access free music and movie downloads, and these were followed by several streaming services a few months later. No similar sites have been reported in the current round.

Source: Torrent Freak

News on Internet Privacy and Security

- The US Department of Homeland Security said there is nothing to suggest that a recent pump failure at a Springfield, IL, water utility was caused by a cyberattack as previously reported by an industrial control systems security expert. In a statement, DHS spokesman Chris Ortman said his agency and the FBI have completed a detailed analysis of the pump failure at the Curran-Gardner Public Water District in Springfield.

- Microsoft is unveiling a beta of the next version of its Security Essentials anti-malware program and is hunting for people who can give it a test drive. Users interested in trying out the beta can officially register at the sign-up page. A Microsoft Live account is required, and the company promises to send out e-mails when the beta is available to download.

- Worried about being tagged on FaceBook drunk? South American beer brand Cerveza Norte promotes a new product called Norte's Photoblocker that serves as a functional temperature-preserving beer cooler, but it also works to preserve nightclub anonymity. Photoblocker detects camera and cell phone flashes in 360 degrees, reflecting back a powerful flash that instantly destroys all attempted photos.

- What's the most common item to be shoplifted in the holiday season? It's not an iPad. Tech gear only ranked fourth on the survey of store security professionals examined by Adweek. In first place were luxury meats like filet mignon. Second was alcohol, and   in third place were electric tools. Sorry, Apple!

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