



Representing the ecosystem of Internet -Bharat Model

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First India School of Internet Governance

The First India School of Internet Governance (inSIG 2016) was held in Hyderabad, India between 31 October - 2 November, 2016. This program was aimed to sensitize community members on Internet Governance issues in order to equip them with the necessary skills to enable them to participate effectively in global Internet Governance platforms, processes and institutions, ultimately creating champions in the society.

Organized, by ISOC Delhi and Trivandrum Chapters, inSIG 2016 was supported by the National Internet Exchange of India (NIXI,) Ministry of Communication and IT(MeitY), ICANN, Internet Society; International Institute of Information Technology, Hyderabad (IIIT-H); APNIC; and the Asia-Pacific School of Internet Governance (APSIG).

Apart from Indian participants, there were 16 International participants hailing from 8 countries. Care was taken to ensure a good representation of gender, age and professional backgrounds. The participants were encouraged to discuss and exchange views and perspectives, both with speakers and fellow participants to ensure a holistic view amongst participants.

For more details on the school refer the following blog: <https://blog.apnic.net/2016/11/21/insig-2016-initiative-engage-community-internet-governance-discussions/> or the website www.insig.in



Multistakeholder Discussion on ICANN57

The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) organized a “Multistakeholder Discussion on ICANN 57” on 20 October, 2016.

The event was chaired by the Joint Secretary, Mr. Rajiv Bansal. During the meeting, the participants were given a brief overview on ICANN and its ecosystem, which includes, its structure and processes, key discussion

topics, potential areas of engagement, etc. This was followed by an interactive discussion amongst the attendees on ICANN57, ways of contributing to policy development process, joining the ICANN structures, etc.

Subsequently, to aid newcomers at ICANN57, CCAOI Director, Amrita Choudhury wrote a blog, which is available from the following link: <https://www.icann.org/news/blog/icann-meeting-survival-kit>

Update on ICANN 57

The 57th Meeting of ICANN held in Hyderabad between the 3 -9 Nov, 2016. The week long meeting had 380 sessions segregated in eight different tracks.

Attended by 3183 people out of which 1054 were Indians, this meeting is being termed as the largest ever ICANN public meeting. The inaugural ceremony was also attended by the Hon'ble Union Minister of Electronics & IT and Law & Justice, Mr. R.S.Prasad and the Hon'ble Minister of IT of Telegana Mr. K.T. Rama Rao. During the event minister Prasad emphasized the importance of community engagement and India's intent to partner with the global community to make the Internet more accessible without discrimination. His speech can be viewed from the following link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2uqXnkCxAns>



Digital India Presentation by GOI

The Additional Secretary of MeitY, Dr. Ajay Kumar on behalf of the Government of India made a presentation on Digital India to the GAC members. The presentation can be viewed from the following link: https://gacweb.icann.org/display/gacweb/ICANN+57+Hyderabad,+India,+3-9+November+2016?preview=/43713281/43713800/AK_Ppt%20to%20GAC.pptx

Indian Community Events @ ICANN57

Further, there were several Indian community events during ICANN57. These include, local Outreach to local Academia such a IIT Hyderabad, two day IOT Hackathon organized by Education and Research Network (ERNET) and National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM); workshop on “Clean Pipe: Making Cyberspace Safe” organized by Data Security Council of India (DSCI); panel discussions on Internet Policy Making and why India Should Engage, organized by Confederation of Indian Industries (CII); half day session on “Proliferation of Local Indian Languages in Digital Space” by Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI); and sessions for ISPs and connectivity providers organized by ISPCP along with Cellular Operators Association of India (COAI) and Internet Service Providers Association of India (ISPAI).

APAC Space @ ICANN 57

Attended by the APAC community. The session objectives were set Jia-Rong Low, VP and Managing Director of ICANN Asia Pacific; followed by a brief introduction of on the new gTLD process and the Subsequent

Procedures Policy Development Process (PDP), the opportunities and participation of the APAC community in this process. This further led to a moderated discussion amongst the participants on why the APAC community participate should participate more actively and also the issues foreseen by the community in the new gTLD process. Representing CCAOI, Amrita Choudhury highlighted the need to first analyze the performance of existing newgTLDs of the region including the high cost of application before initiating the next round.

ICANN 57 Hyderabad GAC Communique

At the end of ICANN57, the Governmental Advisory Committee issued its Hyderabad Communique. Overall, the meeting was attended by 66 GAC members and 6 Observers. Nepal was the newest member, bringing the membership of GAC to 170 members and 35 observers.

Mr. Thomas Schneider (Switzerland) was re-elected as Chair of GAC and the elected Vice Chair were : Mr Guo Feng (China); Ms Manal Ismail (Egypt); Mr Ghislain De Salins (France); Ms Milagros Castañón Seoane (Peru) and Mr Mark Carvell (United Kingdom).

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Further details can be viewed from the following link:
<https://www.icann.org/en/system/files/correspondence/gac-to-icann-08nov16-en.pdf>

The post ICANN57 Policy report can be viewed from the following link:
https://meetings.icann.org/sites/default/files/post-icann57_policy_report.pdf

Call for Public comments or Participation:

- The Proposed ICANN Community Anti-Harassment Policy is seeking public comments till 12 January 2017. For further details visit: <https://www.icann.org/public-comments/anti-harassment-policy-2016-11-07-en>
- There is a Call for Volunteers for the Registration Directory Service (formerly WHOIS) Review Team. Last date to submit an application to be appointed to the Registration Directory Service (RDS) Review Team is 7 December 2016. For more details visit: <https://www.icann.org/news/announcement-2-2016-10-28-en>
- ICANN is seeking input from the community to the CCT Review Team Findings shared during ICANN57. The last date to share input is 4 December, 2016. For more details visit: <https://www.icann.org/news/announcement-2-2016-10-27-en>
- Cross-Community Working Group on Enhancing ICANN Accountability (CCWG-Accountability) request comments in the Updated Supplementary Procedures (USP) for the ICANN Independent Review Process (IRP) . Last date to submit comments is 10 January, 2016. For further details visit <https://www.icann.org/public-comments/irp-supp-procedures-2016-11-28-en>

APAC Regional Chapter Workshop and the Asia Pacific Regional Internet Dialogue (RIDD)

The APAC Regional Chapter Workshop of Internet Society and the Asia Pacific Regional Internet Dialogue (RIDD) was held in Bangkok between 2nd -4th October, 2016. Apart from Chapter leaders from the region, there were participants from APC.

While the Chapter discussion were related Connectivity and Access, Cybersecurity, Internet of Things and the Internet society survey, the joint sessions on Mainstreaming Gender in Internet Policy with APC aimed to sensitize the Chapter representatives on the importance of having gender related discussions in mainstream Internet Governance.

Access, building trust, frugal innovation, etc. were few of the topics discussed during the RIDD, with most of the discussions highlighting the importance of engagement of community and the multistakeholder approach.



Internet Society Indian Chapter Leaders Meeting

The leaders of the five Internet Society Indian Chapters, namely Bangalore, Chennai, Delhi, Kolkata and Trivandrum met with Internet Society Chief Executive Officer, Kathy Brown, Olof Kolkman, Chief Technology Officer, James Wood, Chief Communication Officer, Rajnesh Singh, APAC Regional Bureau Director and Amelia Yeo, Senior Manager Partnership Development, on the 7 November, 2016 at Hyderabad. Apart from Chapter representatives sharing a background on what they are doing, there was a detailed discussion on Internet Policy issues in India and how Internet Society can contribute. Further, five work areas were identified for the India Chapters to focus on, which include, try to get IETF in India, work on Security issues, Capacity building, improve Access in the country and better coordination amongst ISOC chapters in India.



Announcement of the new Chapters Advisory Council Steering Committee

The names of the newly elected representatives to the 2017 Chapters AC Steering Committee have been announced. The new committee comprises of Olivier Crepin-Leblond (Europe), Eduardo Diaz (LAC), Avri Doria (NA), Jahangir Hossain (APAC), Ali Almeshal (ME) and Janvier Ngnoulaye (Africa). Along with them three non-geographical members elected are Richard Hill, Beatriz Rodriguez and Ram Mohan

Internet Society releases their annual Global Internet Report

Internet Society has released their annual Global Internet Report 'The Economics of Building Trust Online: Preventing Data Breaches', which looks at the data breaches, their impact on trust and the consequences on the digital economy. Apart from highlighting the issues, the report offers five recommendations on how to reduce the number and impact of data breaches. These include:

- Put users at the centre of the solution; and include the costs to both users and organisations when assessing the costs of data breaches.
- Increase transparency through data breach notifications and disclosure.
- Data security must be a priority. Better tools and approaches should be made available. Organisations should be held to best practice standards when it comes to data security.
- Organisations should be accountable for their breaches. General rules regarding the assignment of liability and remediation of data breaches must be established up front.
- Increase incentives to invest in security by catalyzing a market for trusted, independent assessment of data security measures.

The report can be viewed from the following link <https://www.internetsociety.org/globalinternetreport/2016/>

IETF97 Updates

The IETF 97 was held at Seoul, Korea between the 13-18 November, 2016. The meeting was attended by T. Santhosh, Scientist E from MeitY and Saurabh Chattopadhyay, Associate General Manager of HCL India. At the meeting, ISOC, IETF 97 fellow from India Harish Chowdhary, presented on Universal accessibility and Bundling domains.

Further, to encourage Indian participation in IETF, C-DAC and MeitY offers the IIREF Fellowship. This time the recipient of this fellowship was Shibendu Debbarma of Tripura University. For more details, refer <https://www.ietf.org/>

TRAI Updates

TRAI consultation paper

- TRAI has extended the date to receive comments on the consultation paper, Review of the Regulatory Framework for Interconnection, to 12 December, 2016. The paper can be viewed from the following link:
http://www.traigov.in/WriteReaddata/ConsultationPaper/Document/CP_on_Interconnection_21.11.2016.pdf
- TRAI has extended the last date to receive comments on its consultation note on Model for Nationwide Interoperable and Scalable Public Wi-fi Networks to 9 December, 2016. This paper comes subsequent to the WiFi paper and the open house organized by the regulator on their WiFi paper. In this paper the regulator amongst other questions, seeks comments from stakeholders to know whether the proposed unified authentication and payment infrastructure will help to scale the Wi-Fi model nationwide. The consultation note can be viewed from the following link:

http://www.trai.gov.in/WriteReaddata/ConsultationPaper/Document/Consultation_Note_15_November_2016.pdf

- TRAI has released a Consultation Paper on Captive VSAT CUG Policy Issues last date of submitting comments is 25 November, 2016 and counter comments is 9 December, 2016. The paper can be viewed from the following link:

http://www.trai.gov.in/WriteReaddata/ConsultationPaper/Document/Consultation_Paper_VSAT%20policy%20issues_28_10_2016.pdf

Other Highlights

- The India Telecom 2016, an International Conference on ICT & Digital Economy was held in New Delhi between the 1-2 Nov, 2016. The Conference witnessed deliberations on policy & regulatory issues, technological advances, governance and innovation needs to transform into Digital India.
- The Freedom of the Net report released recently reveals that online freedoms have declined globally for a sixth consecutive year in 2016. There are increasing incidents of content blocking, temporary network shut down, targeting of encryption technologies in the name of surveillance, and jail-time of users (not only activists) for their posts and the content of their messages. The report reveals that online freedom is on the decline even in India and the country has been labelled partially free. CCAOI Director, Amrita Choudhury has also provided feedback to this report. The report can be viewed from the following link <https://freedomhouse.org/report/freedom-net/freedom-net-2016>
- The Investigative Powers Bill has been passed in the UK. This bill allows British government enormous surveillance powers and has been heavily criticized by human rights organizations who say it will be an end to online privacy. For more details visit <http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2015-16/investigatorypowers.html>
- The ITU World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly 2016 (WTSA-16) was held between 25 October- 3 November, 2016. Highlights of the meeting is available from the following links: <http://www.internetsociety.org/doc/itu-wtsa-2016-outcomes-internet-society-perspective> and <http://newslog.itu.int/archives/1425>
- DSCI & NASSCOM hosted an industry consultation workshop on Encryption and Data Retention, in New Delhi on 23 November, 2017.

Upcoming Events and Opportunities

- The Internet Society is inviting applications from technologists, engineers and researchers from emerging and developing economies to attend IETF 98 Fellowship to be held between 26 - 31 March, 2017, at Chicago, United States. Last date for applying is 4 December, 2016. For further details visit: <http://bit.ly/1HaKPt5>
- There is a call to help author technical content for an IEEE Technology Policy White Paper on Net Neutrality. For more details visit <https://ieeecollabratec.ieee.org/app/community/65/activities>
- There is a call for 15 PhD positions from the ESSENTIAL Joint PhD Programme. Candidates interested in pursuing a PhD in Security Science especially in the field of security (e.g. Intelligence, cyber, law enforcement) can apply. The program supports candidates to carry out research in at least two

universities in Australia, Italy, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, or Romania. For more details visit, <http://www.essentialresearch.eu>. The last date for applying is 7th December 2017

- The Internet Governance forum will be held in Mexico from the 6-9 December, 2016 at Guadalajara, Mexico. To know more about what to expect from this meeting, refer the article written by Alejandro Pisanty from the following link:
https://www.internetsociety.org/sites/default/files/What%20To%20Expect%20from%20IGF%20Forum%202016_EN.pdf
- CeBIT INDIA 2016 will be held between 8 – 10 December, 2016. For more details visit <http://cebit-india.com/exhibit-registration.html>
- There is a call for MAG renewal. The last date to submit names is 16 December, 2016. It may be noted that twelve MAG members are completing their third term. For more details visit the following link.<https://www.intgovforum.org/multilingual/content/announcement-from-mr-wu-hongbo-under-secretary-general-for-economic-and-social-affairs>
- The Exhibitions India Group will organize the first Internet of Things India 2017 expo (IoT India expo) from 8 – 10 February 2017. For more details visit <http://www.iotindiaexpo.com/>
- The 25th Convergence India 2017 conference will be held between 8-10 February, 2017 at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi. For more details visit <http://www.convergenceindia.org/>
- 58th ICANN meeting from 11-15 March, 2017 at Copenhagen, Denmark.
- 2nd Convergence Africa World 2017 " Connecting Africa" Conference will be held in Nairobi, Kenya between 5-7 April, 2017. For more details visit: <http://www.convergenceafricaworld.com/>
- Municipalika + CAPEX 2017, 14th International Conference and Exhibition on Smart City Solutions is being organized in Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra from 18 - 20 of May 2017. For more details visit www.municipalika.com
- The International Mobile Technology Expo is from 19 - 20 May 2017, Mumbai, India.

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