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We are delighted to introduce this edition of the 'Internet Policy News Digest'. This fortnightly publication is intended to keep you in touch with news and developments related to the internet policy, its implementation and other allied areas. The digest will compile key updates, reports, decisions, and discussions surrounding various policies pertaining to the internet starting from its infrastructure in the telecom sector, to challenges in the application layer. It shall cover both India and the world including developments at various internet governance fora and institutions. Please email your valuable feedback and comments to internet.news@icrier.res.in.

Global

Jigsaw aims to counter Online Radicalization, Abuse and Harassment

Research at Jigsaw, an arm of Google's parent company Alphabet aims to counter online radicalization by what they call the 'redirect method', which uses targeted ads to reach soft targets, and redirects them to videos that are moderate in nature to avert radicalization. Find out more about the website and try their novel API that uses machine learning to spot online abuse and harassment, here.

Embedded tweets can infringe copyrights, rules New York court

Justin Goldman brought a case to court, when online publications embedded a tweet of a photo taken by the plaintiff, of American football player, Tom Brady. The ruling if generalized, would hinder user's 'freedom to share and link to new information, as they see fit, without fear of retribution. '

Facebook use of personal data and privacy settings illegal, rules German Court

On finding that Facebook does not provide users enough information on personal data it collects for use, to render meaningful consent, a regional German court in Berlin ruled against Facebook's default privacy settings and use of personal data.

EFF Report on security threats from malicious use of AI

A report on 'The malicious use of artificial intelligence: forecasting,

prevention and mitigation', outlines potential threats to digital, physical and political security from malicious use of Artificial Intelligence, and highlights norms and methods to prevent such threats and address related challenges.

Crypto-Anarchist's dream, a major threat to Cyber Security

The IETF will meet in London in March, to hum on its TLS 1.3 specification, which attempts to maximize the amount of observable data to both active and passive attackers, by designing a strong autonomous encryption for traffic between any end-points. Read about the various benefits, threats and alternatives, here.

India

AI for Social welfare: India's first Artificial Intelligence Institute, to be set up in Mumbai University

The Wadhwani Institute for Artificial Intelligence is partnering with Mumbai University to set up India's first AI Institute, aimed at providing solutions to developmental challenges such as healthcare delivery and targeted provisions, exploiting data through advancements in AI.

Telangana to use Google X tech for expanding Internet Connectivity in the state

In attempts to deliver access to high speed Internet in areas without optical fiber penetration, the Telangana Government sought Google X's proposal on use of Free Space Optical Communications (FSOC). Learn more about FSOC and moonshot technologies here.

India's Online-payment gateway is grabbing E-commerce attention

With over 70 banks, and over 151 million people transacting, India's Unified Payment Interface is attempting reduce reliance on cash and promote financial inclusion. Hear from financial technology experts on why India's UPI is attractive to consumers and E-tailers.

A Catalyst to Blockchain use in India: NASSCOM MoU with BRI"

NASSCOM's MoU with Blockchain Research Institute will let Government and Companies to experiment with Blockchain technology to understand and uncover Blockchain's potential in India. Learn about Blockchain's potential use in India's troubled Land Governance regime here .