



## Internet Policy News Digest

1<sup>st</sup> July to 15<sup>th</sup> July

### GLOBAL

#### [Cryptocurrencies stolen in the last six months higher than those stole during the whole of 2017](#)

The CipherTrace, a US based cybersecurity firm revealed that \$761 million of cryptocurrency exchanges have been stole in the last six months, while the whole of 2017 saw \$266 million worth cryptocurrency stole, calling for a re-assessment of global regulation to tackle this fast increasing problem.

#### [First practical quantum number generator to greatly enhance cybersecurity](#)

Team at Quantum Base and Lancaster University developed an 'all-electronic nanoscale, simple quantum true random number generator' that can be embedded within any electronic device, making cyberattacks 'impossible' as the inventors claim.

#### [Google continues to let thrid-party developers to read user emails, claims WSJ report](#)

A [report by Wall Street Journal](#) claims that third party developers are being allowed to sift through google's Gmails, raising concerns regarding the validity of Google's privacy and security reassurances.

#### [Twitter suspended more than 70 million accounts in May and June, and continues pace](#)

In attempts to reduce the flow of disinformation, twitter escalated its rate of suspending fake and suspicious accounts, to more than 1 million a day. Fake accounts, trolls and bots are significant impediments to free speech on Twitter, but Twitter's attempts may not suffice.

#### [Former Cambridge Analytica employees to set up new data analytics business](#)

Initially targetting Middle East and Africa, Auspex International, set up by ex-Cambridge Analytica employees will be 'ethically based' and offer 'boutique geopolitical consultancy' services.

### INDIA

#### [Finance ministry proposes easing of localization requirements for foreign payment firms](#)

Finance ministry said that an alternative could be for payment companies to be



allowed to store data offshore, as long as a copy is kept in India. RBI's requirement that payments data should, within six months, be stored in the country, threatened companies millions of dollars in costs.

### [NASSCOM sets up Center of Excellence for Data Science and Artificial Intelligence, Bangalore](#)

India's IT industry apex body, NASSCOM opened the center in collaboration with the Karnataka government to promote innovations in AI and leverage data science. NASSCOM also signed an agreement with NITI Aayog to promote applied research in ethics, privacy and security.

### [Investments in India's Cybersecurity startups touch \\$100 million, in 2017](#)

Funding in Cybersecurity startups in India is witnessing a massive boost as industries are becoming more aware of cybersecurity risks and organizing cybersecurity infrastructure. Investments in 2012 stood at \$1 million and jumped to \$67 million by 2016.

### [India to steer UN high level task force on 'Digital Cooperation'](#)

Amandeep Gill, MEA's top nuclear and tech diplomat will be one of the two executive directors of a 20 member panel set up by the UN to research and identify policy gaps to reduce uncertainty and enhance inclusiveness in an increasingly digital world.

### [Telecom Commission approves Net-Neutrality rules](#)

In sync with TRAI's recommendations, the Telecom Commission of the DoT approved Net neutrality rules which prevents service providers from discriminating in treatment of content, by granting preferential speeds or slowing or blocking content, while providing Internet access.

### [Mobile Internet blocked in Rajasthan due to Police Constables Exams resulting in significant disruption and economic costs](#)

Digital Economy saw significant disruption and crores of rupees costs as Rajasthan blocked its mobile Internet to curb cheating in its Police Constables exams. Many activities were halted, with Transport services being the worst hit.