



## Internet Policy News Digest

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

### ***Britain fines Yahoo UK Services 250,000 pounds for 2014 hack***

Compromised personal data included names, email addresses, telephone numbers e.t.c. Yahoo's European regulator has ordered it to make privacy changes following the probe. Ireland's Data Protection Commissioner, the lead European regulator on privacy issues for Yahoo claimed Yahoo's data processing operations did not meet standards required by EU law. Read more [here](#)

### ***US govt mulls snatching back full control of the internet's domain name and IP address admin***

The US government has formally asked whether it should reassert its control of the internet's administrative functions, effectively reversing a handover to non-profit organization ICANN. The question is part of a broader effort to seek input on what the US government's role and priorities should be when it comes to internet policymaking. The [official NTIA announcement](#) has broadly identified four broad topic areas, namely -The Free Flow of Information and Jurisdiction, Multistakeholder Approach to Internet Governance, Privacy and Security and Emerging Technologies and Trends and is asking for comments and policy suggestions on the same. Read more about the news [here](#).

### ***After \$10 Million Bank Heist, Chile Looks For Cyber Security Advice***

Banco de Chile suffered a cyber heist with most of the funds ending up in Hong Kong. The hackers initially used a virus as a distraction, prompting the bank to shut 9,000 computers in branches across the country to protect customer accounts. Authorities also called on Congress to pass a new bank regulation that would require more funds to cover operational risks, including those related to cybersecurity. Read [here](#)

### ***Vietnam's new cyber security law draws concern for restricting free speech***

The new cyber security law forbids internet users from organizing with, or training, others for anti-state purposes, spreading false information, and undermining the nation state's achievements or solidarity. It also applies pressure to foreign internet companies who will now be required to operate a local office and store user information on Vietnamese soil. Read more about what the Amnesty International said [here](#)

### ***US Telecom Agency Seeks Blockchain Policy Suggestions***

The agency has asked respondents to recommend ideas for new policies surrounding a host of areas, including emerging technologies, cybersecurity and privacy, internet governance and information free-flow. The priorities will help the agency "encourage growth and innovation for the internet and internet-enabled economy", according to David Redl of NTIA. Read about NTIA [here](#)



### ***Need for protection of worker rights by E-Tailers***

Suffering penalties for undelivered packages despite putting in long hours is the reason behind the legal action by the unions in UK. The lawsuit accuses the suppliers of falsely claiming the drivers are self-employed rather than employees, which denies them employment rights like a minimum wage and holiday pay. In US, secretly recorded videos of a life of an Amazon staff inside warehouses had earlier gone viral. In India, there are instances about drivers of app cabs suffering physical and psychological breakdown because of longer hours and dwindling pays. Private profit can't come at the expense of social loss. Read the full piece and know more about the [law suit](#) against Amazon in UK [here](#).

### ***The dark side of personal data, and why we should care about it***

In conversation with Jim McKelvey. McKelvey is an engineer, author and the co-founder of Square, a company worth more than US\$20 billion (NZ\$29 billion) that allows credit cards to be accepted as payment on a smartphone. He also works for the Federal Reserve as an independent director in St Louis, founded a non-profit organisation called LaunchCode, and is building a new "business-model stack" for the media industry. He talks about the "dark side of data and why personal data matters. [Read more](#).

### ***Hu-manity.co Nominated to Present Blockchain-Built Proposed Human Right #31 At United Nations 2018 Internet Governance Forum***

To enable the creation of the 31<sup>st</sup> human right, Hu-manity.co developed proprietary technology that identifies existing legal corridors in privacy centric regulations, and has designed new intelligent contracts on blockchains which anyone can use to negotiate new property centric terms of consent and authorization with corporations, via an iPhone and Android App on mobile devices. Read more about this venture [here](#).

### ***U.S. cyber-security firm reveals most wanted malware in May***

Check Point's latest [Global Threat Index](#) reveals that the Coinhive cryptominer impacted 22% of organizations, increasing by nearly 50% in May 2018. Cryptomining continues to be highly prevalent as attackers are clearly finding this technique profitable. It is vital that organizations apply patches for known vulnerabilities when they are made available and that the security basics are secure.

## **India**

### ***Gram Panchayats :big consumers of data, bridging digital divide***

The Gram Panchayats in Karnataka have turned out to be one of the largest consumers of broadband data in the country. An average of 9.9 GB high-speed broadband data is being consumed by each Gram Panchayat. They have been using the 'Panchatantra' software to provide the services. Read [here](#)

### ***IBM customers in India can now host marketing data locally***



This is a relief for the businesses in highly regulated sectors such as banking, financial services, Insurance, etc. who can have more control over their marketing data now. The tasks that would normally take hours can now be completed in minutes, with AI-powered Marketing Assistant- resulting in faster go-to-market. Read [here](#)

### ***Piped dreams - How telecom sector is disrupting Indian entertainment industry?***

Easy availability of high speed internet has not only increased time spent on online content consumption, but also made global content available to Indian users. Telecom companies will not only enable increased consumption but also bring out new customer segmentations. Read about the trends in detail [here](#)

### ***Sunil Mittal leads talks at WTO on e-commerce***

The dialogues are part of the “Trade Dialogues” process, which was launched in 2016 with the support of ICC and the B20. Digital infrastructure is a key determinant required by SMEs in developing countries to be a part of the global value chain. There is a need to focus on bridging the digital divide in a meaningful manner to initiate the negotiations, he claimed. Read the full news [here](#)

### ***Card frauds: Cheats adopt new method, block SIM of victims***

This particular modus operandi is a two-part attack. The first part involves getting the bank details of the victim. The second involves using the registered mobile number to call and get details that can be used to block the SIM card of the victim. Read more [here](#)

### ***Engineer.ai Launches Builder: Software Development as Easy as Ordering Pizza***

Builder is the world’s first human-assisted AI for building custom digital products. It adopts an assembly-line approach, combining artificial intelligence with the best globally crowd-sourced teams of designers and developers to build bespoke digital products at twice the speed and less than a third of the cost of traditional software development. Read more about it [here](#)

### ***iPass Partners with BSNL to Expand Wi-Fi Footprint in India***

Initially rolling out two Wi-Fi hotspot zones in areas within the city of Varanasi, BSNL has since established further Wi-Fi hotspot zones in Hyderabad, around the Hussain Sagar Lake, and in more than 80 key tourist locations, including the Taj Mahal. Know more about iPass and BSNL [here](#)

### ***Chinese Investment into India Confirms Key Market Dynamics***

Momentum in India showcases a familiarity with key market trends in the Indian economy. Chinese investors are intent on strengthening its digital ecosystem and hyperlocal startups. VC investments from China amounted to US\$34 million in 2017 across nine deals and US\$30 million across four deals in the first six months of 2018. Find more information [here](#)



### ***Singapore e-Government Leadership Centre to skill Indians across emerging technologies***

The Singapore e-Government Leadership Centre and National Skill Development Corporation under the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship will work together to develop and implement skill development programmes across emerging technology areas like Data Analytics, Artificial Intelligence and Robotics. Over the next 3 years, it is estimated that more than 25 million youths will be skilled and certified through various programmes under the Ministry. Read [here](#)

### ***Kaspersky looks to grow 25% by 2019 in India***

With increasing demand for its services, the company expects the growth to accelerate further to 25% by the end of 2019. The company is further looking to grow its business with enterprises. Kaspersky Lab currently gets 64% of its revenue from its B2C business but is seeing strong growth on the enterprise segment. However, the [EU has considered banning Kaspersky Software](#), confirming the same as ‘malicious’ with evidence being surfaced of a connection between Kaspersky and Russian intelligence last year. Read more about the contrasting growth story in India [here](#).

### ***Google bars uses of its Artificial Intelligence for weapons technology***

The restriction could help Google management defuse months of protest by thousands of employees against the company’s work with the US military to identify objects in drone video. It will instead seek government contracts in areas such as cybersecurity, military recruitment and search and rescue. Furthermore, Sundar Pichai, the CEO of the global giant has put forward the objectives of AI and its application areas. Read more [here](#)