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## GLOBAL

### **Twitter updates 'election integrity work', changes rules to counter disinformation**

The Twitter rules are intended to provide guidance on behaviors it is cracking down on. Some of the factors it now takes into account to judge a spammer are: use of stock or stolen avatar photos, copied profile bios, intentionally misleading profile information, including profile location.

### **Starting 2020, devices in California are banned from setting up default generic passwords**

Specifically, each device according to the law must come with a unique preprogrammed password and contain security features that require user-generated authentication before access. Default passwords let botnets to launch Distributed Denial of Service (DDoS) attacks, which the law aims to prevent.

### **Google's Jigsaw launches 'Intra' to protect users from Domain Name System manipulation attacks**

Domain Name System (DNS) manipulation attacks block access to news sites, social media platforms and messaging apps, which Intra is expected to prevent, aside from protection from phishing and malware.

### **Global Payment firms conduct joint Cyber war games to test readiness**

18 payment processors from the U.K and U.S. including J.P Morgan Chase, Mastercard took part in the exercise held at IBM's test center in Cambridge MA. The exercise's initial findings show companies had varying definitions of crisis related to breaches, and varying approaches to law enforcement.

### **Google's auditors give clearance despite presence of security flaws. Google shuts down Google Plus**

Google disclosed later that it discovered a security flaw that allowed third party developers to access 5,00,000 users of Google Plus, during the period of audit. Findings from Google's

Project Strobe- a root and branch review of third-party developer access-led Google to shut Google Plus for consumers, among other actions

### **ICANN announces successful completion of first Root KSK Rollover**

ICANN determined that the first ever changing of the cryptographic key that helps protect the Domain Name System (DNS) has been completed with minimal disruption to the Internet. Rolling the KSK means generating a new cryptographic public and private key pair and distributing to parties operating validating resolvers.

### **WTO releases flagship World Trade Report at public forum-focus is on Digital Trade**

The report focuses on Internet enabled technologies such as AI, IoT, 3D printing, and further suggests that new technologies can add 34% to trade growth by 2030. The report predicts that in the best-case scenario, developing economies' share in global trade rise to 57% or reach at the least, 51%.

## **INDIA**

### **Corporate Affairs ministry sets up panel to probe trends in digital economy and online retailing discounts**

One of the issues to be probed is the rate of discount offered by e-tailers that might potentially displace traditional retailers. The draft e-commerce policy seeks to regulate such aspects of online retail, but is slow on finalizing the policy after opposition from major online retailers.

### **UPI transactions crossed 40 crores with a 30% increase in September**

In terms of value, UPI transferred Rs. 59,835 crore in September against Rs. 54,212 crore in August, an increase of 10.3%. In September 2017, UPI handled transactions worth Rs. 5,293 crores.

### **Wipro divests data center operations in India to Ensono**

Divestment in India's data center operations is preceded by divestments in UK and Germany to Ensono. The global transition in operations includes eight data centers and over 900 employees, with strategic investments in Ensono. Divestment in India's data center operation entails a consideration of \$6 million.

### **Tech Mahindra partners with ELTA systems to provide Cyber security solutions**

The partnership with the unit of Israel Aerospace Industry (IAI) will enable Mahindra to access IAI's national-grade cyber security capabilities to build resilience against future threats. The partnership will aim to provide solutions for critical sectors such as banking, insurance, telecom, and other critical infrastructure sectors.

### **Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) forms Indian Digital Gaming Society**

The IDGS is a not-for-profit organization that comprises of various stakeholders from the country's gaming ecosystem. The CII aims to channel the initiative to contribute to India's digital economy. The gaming society will work closely with central and state governments, industry and academia.

### **Department of Telecom invites Huawei to conduct 5G field trials**

Huawei now joins other companies invited which include Ericsson, Nokia, Samsung, and Cisco. The Government said it will provide 5G airwaves and backhaul to telecom operators and gear vendors for the trials, and expects to conduct auctions to provide spectrum for 5G in the second half of 2019.

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