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C1.   GPU Application Hackathon on September 17
Times of India-21-Aug-2018
*PUNE: Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER) Pune along with OpenACC.org and in association with **Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC)** and NVIDIA, under the aegis of National Supercomputing Mission (NSM) has organized GPU Application Hackathon 2018 between September 17 and 21 at Indian Institute of Science Education and Research, Pune campus.*

CS1.   Big China, US, Russia threat to India's cyber security; check shocking details
Financial Express-23-Aug-2018
*A report, which has been filed by a department under the **Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology**, shows that the most number of cyber attacks on official Indian websites are from China, US and Russia.*

CS2.   New hacking attempt on US Democratic Party
The New Indian Express-23-Aug-2018
*WASHINGTON: Hackers recently attempted to gain access to the US Democratic Party's voter database, a **cyber security** firm said Wednesday, reviving the ...*

CS3.   Face recognition to be must for all Aadhaar authentications
Times of India | Aug 24, 2018.
NEW DELHI: The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has announced a new measure that seeks to mandate facial recognition – by taking on-the-spot live pictures -- for every authentication that requires Aadhaar. Services that most commonly use Aadhaar authentication include issue of mobile SIM (new or replacement), banks, public distribution system and office attendance at government offices.

UIDAI mandates facial recognition for Aadhaar authentication as added security layer. firstpost.com

CS4.   Australia bans Huawei from 5G network over security concerns

Economic Times. Aug 24, 2018

Several governments have been scrutinizing Huawei over its links to the Chinese government.

M1.   Centre wants Supreme Court to get tough with FB, YouTube

The Hindu- Aug 24, 2018

*The meeting, chaired by Home Minister Rajnath Singh, was attended by **Electronics and IT** and Law and Justice Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad, National Security ...*

M2.   Panel estimates Rs 1,600-cr budgetary support for 5G within 4 years of rollout

Business Standard- Aug 23, 2018

*The Select Committee on 5G deployment roadmap has estimated a budgetary support of around Rs 1,600 crore from the Central government in the first four years of its rollout in the country.... level Budget Committee" should be formed in engagement with Ministry of **Electronics and IT**, Department of Science and Technology and other ministries.*

M3.   WhatsApp CEO gets India's wish list

The Hindu-21-Aug-2018

*This was conveyed to the newly appointed WhatsApp CEO, Chris Daniels, during a meeting with **Electronics and IT** Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad. Criminal ...*

M4.   Traceability a sticking point between govt, WhatsApp

Times of India- Aug 24, 2018

*IT and law minister **Ravi Shankar Prasad** had claimed on Tuesday that WhatsApp was agreeable to explore technical solutions to trace the source of select ...*

Govt, WhatsApp at loggerheads on tracing origin of messages. Hindu BusinessLine
Govt snubs WhatsApp's no, wants it to trace origin of fake news messages. Business Standard

M5.   Building traceability would undermine end-to-end encryption: WhatsApp

Economic Times. Aug 24, 2018

NEW DELHI: WhatsApp has rejected India's demand for a solution to track the origin of messages on its platform, saying building traceability would undermine end-to-end encryption and affect privacy protection for users. The govt has been pushing WhatsApp to find a solution to trace the origin of messages.

WhatsApp rejects India's demand to track origin of messages, govt says not a deal-breaker. Hindustan Times

M6.   Draft e-commerce policy ignites turf war between ministries

Financial Express- Aug 24, 2018

*The departments of industrial policy and promotion, **electronics and information technology** and consumer affairs are among those that have expressed ...*

N1. Karnataka revives paperless legislature plan after a decade

Times of India- Aug 24, 2018

Bengaluru: In the pipeline for over a decade, the ambitious proposal of making the state legislature paperless has been revived by the government once again. Committee with chief secretary T M Vijay Bhaskar as chairman has been constituted on the direction of assembly speaker KR Ramesh Kumar. The panel has approached the National Informatics Centre (NIC) to create the necessary IT tools.

N2. Panchkula municipal corporation to go paperless

Hindustan Times-Aug 23, 2018
Earlier, the MC was planning the process with National Informatics Centre (NIC), which did not yield any results. But now the work related to establishments, including billing, work orders, audits, engineering files and documents with tendering process will be done on e-office.

N3. Website of Ludhiana district revamped

Times of India. Aug 22, 2018

Kashmir Singh, senior technical director of National Informatics Centre (NIC); and Inderjeet Singh, principal system analyst, NIC; informed that the website had been developed by NIC District Centre Ludhiana under the guidance of S3WaaS Team NIC, Headquarters, New Delhi

N4. 35% of cyber attacks on Indian sites from China: official report

The Indian Express. Aug 23, 2018

*"The cyber attacks from China made up 35% of the total number of cyber attacks on official Indian websites, followed by US (17%), Russia (15%), Pakistan (9%), Canada (7%) and Germany (5%)," the report says. These include Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC), **National Informatics Centre (NIC)**, Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) ...*

China responsible for over a third of cyber attacks on official Indian sites, NSCS informed. Financial Express

N5. Aadhaar Data Security: Delhi High Court Seeks UIDAI, Centre Response on Plea Raising Concerns

NDTV . Aug 22, 2018

UIDAI was obligated to frame a comprehensive information security and privacy policy and sought action against the National Informatics Centre (NIC) for its alleged failure to adhere to security

practices. The plea has further sought setting up of an independent investigative committee to probe and audit all security and privacy breaches of the Aadhaar database...

[Aadhaar data security: HC seeks reply of UIDAI, **Centre**](#) . *Deccan Herald*

[Damages for Aadhaar Data Leaks? Delhi HC Notice to UIDAI, **Centre**](#) - *The Quint*

[HC seeks reply of UIDAI, **Centre** on plea raising concern over Aadhaar data security](#) - *The Indian Express*

[Delhi HC seeks reply of UIDAI, **Centre** on plea raising concern over Aadhaar data security](#) - *Financial Express*

N6.   Plea on security concern: HC seeks Centre, UIDAI response

The Hindu . Aug 22, 2018

*Claiming that the UIDAI was obligated to frame a comprehensive information security and privacy policy, the petition also sought action against the **National Informatics Centre (NIC)** over its alleged failure to adhere to security practices.*

[Law professor sues Aadhaar issuing authority UIDAI for data leaks.](#) *BGR India*

[Delhi High Court seeks reply of UIDAI, Centre on plea raising concern over Aadhaar data security.](#) *Economic Times*
[Delhi HC Issues Notice On Prof. Shamnad Basheer's Petition Seeking Exemplary Damages For Aadhaar Data Leak](#) . *Live Law*

N7.   Video conferencing on RTI appeals

Daily Pioneer . Aug 23, 2018

*The deputy secretary SIC, Shalini Negi said that the commission has held discussions with the **National Informatics Centre (NIC)** for starting video conferencing sessions for Almora district.*

N8.   State varsities to switch to free ICT software

Deccan Herald . Aug 22, 2018

*... universities in the state to switch to Information Communication Technology (ICT) software, which is developed by **National informatics centre (NIC)**.*

O1.   India gears up for big data: DoT to send officers to China for training

The Indian Express-22-Aug-2018
The trainees will visit headquarters of Alibaba for a session on application of financial risk control based on big data and will visit Huawei for training on application of public security based on big data.

O2.   WhatsApp feels payment services are getting unfair treatment in India

Economic Times-Aug 24, 2018
*NEW DELHI: Google and other **payment services** are **getting** "**unfair**" advantage over **WhatsApp** under India's regulatory regime and **WhatsApp** is looking at ...*

O3.   Apple and Google face revolt over app store 'tax'

Economic Times-23-Aug-2018
Grumbling about app store economics isn't new. But the number of complaints, combined with new ways of reaching users, regulatory scrutiny and competitive pressure are threatening to undermine what have become digital goldmines for Apple and Google

O4.   Google tried to change China, but China may change it

Economic Times. Aug 24, 2018
Leaving China showed everyone that Google, with its mission to organise all of life's information, was motivated by something deeper than money. Ever since its founding 20 years ago in a Silicon Valley garage, Google has proudly and often ostentatiously held itself up as the architect of a new model for corporate virtue.

O5.   Panel for rollout of 5G services by 2020

The Hindu BusinessLine-Aug 24, 2018
*A **panel** set up by the Department of Telecom to prepare a roadmap for **rollout of 5G** telephony in India expects the **service** to be operational by **2020**.*

O6.   National Logistics Portal to help boost trade competitiveness

The Hindu BusinessLine-Aug 24, 2018
NEW DELHI: The first phase of the National Logistics Portal (NLP) — a digital platform to bring all stakeholders in the logistics sector on board to cut down transaction cost and time for businesses — is likely to be implemented by March, a government official said. Commerce Dept working on detailed project report.

O7.   Panel report: Too little 5G spectrum in India at very high price, needs correction

Financial Express-Aug 24, 2018
While the department of telecommunications has identified 200 MHz spectrum in the 3400-3600 band, which is for 5G services and earmarked auctioning 175 MHz, with the balance 25 MHz to be reserved for use by ISRO, an expert panel on 5G road map appointed by it, finds this amount to be scarce.

O8.   [KTR urges WhatsApp CEO to consider Hyderabad for India centre](#)

Hindu BusinessLine. Aug 24, 2018

Hyderabad: Chris Daniels, CEO of Whatsapp, and Shivnath Thukral, Head, Public Policy Division, Facebook- India, called on Telangana IT Minister KT Rama Rao in Hyderabad on Thursday. During the meeting, the Minister urged WhatsApp CEO to set up its customer service operations centre in Hyderabad.