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**C1. Government portal starts advocacy drive on WhatsApp safety for ...**

*The New Indian Express-Aug 15, 2018*

*The latest campaign, being run by **Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (CDAC)** on a portal -- infosecawareness.in -- is targeted at school children ...*

**C2. Trai and gear makers reject foreign vendors' local production concerns**

*Economic Times- Aug 16, 2018*

*The telecom regulator and Indian telecom equipment makers have rejected the concerns over business viability raised by multinational companies over expanding local manufacturing, saying India's market presents enormous opportunities for local production. Homegrown equipment makers, which merely account for 5% of the market pie, have already been spending big on locally producing telecom products with government-run **Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DoT)** as their technology partner.*

**CS1. 'Aadhaar chimeras threat to national security'**

*The New Indian Express- Aug 16, 2018*

*Experts opine that it will be impossible to manually remove ghost identities that have trickled into the database since 2011. BENGALURU: A Chimera, according to Greek myth, is a fearsome creature made of parts from different animals and often causing chaos wherever it sets its foot. The digital equivalent of it is a false identity introduced into a database — like the massive Central Identities Data Repository (CIDR) maintained by the Unique Identification Authority of India. Anand Venkatanarayanan, a **cyber-security** expert, cited an instance wherein an ...*

**CS2. Cosmos cyber attack: NPCI says systems completely secure**

*The Indian Express-Aug 16, 2018*

*A day after Cosmos Co-operative Bank reported a **cyber attack** that led to a fraud loss of Rs 94 crore, the National Payments Corporation of **India** (NPCI), the ...*

### **CS3. NPCI blames Cosmos Bank's 'own IT environment' for Malware attacks**

*Economic Times. Aug 16, 2018*

*The National Payments Council of **India** (NPCI) on Wednesday blamed the ... off a total of Rs 94.24 crore in two **cyber attacks** on August 11 and August 13.*

### **CS4. Implement RBI's 2016 guidelines to thwart hacks, experts tell banks**

*Times of India-14-Aug-2018*

*PUNE: Many banks are yet to implement the Reserve Bank of **India**'s 2016 guidelines on **cybersecurity** that had urged institutions to set in place active measures ...*

### **CS5. Cosmos Bank theft: Hackers found a SWIFT way to steal from bank**

*Times of India-14-Aug-2018*

*Volon, a city-based **cybersecurity** and cyber threat intelligence firm, while ... a threat actor looking for the SWIFT system of **Indian** banks eight months ago.*

### **CS6. Researchers find new security flaw in Intel chips**

*The Asian Age. Aug 16, 2018*

*Intel said software updates are already available and it did not appear anyone had taken advantage of the "Foreshadow" vulnerability. The "Meltdown" and "Spectre" flaws roiled the Silicon Valley chip ...*

### **CS8. KeyPass trojan infection spurts in August**

*Hindu BusinessLine. Aug 16, 2018*

*Hyderabad : India among the top 3 victims after Brazil, Vietnam. Like viruses that pose health problems, malware too mutates, becoming more lethal and causing more damage. A variant of KeyPass trojan, which has the knack of taking manual control of an infected computer, has become virulent in the last few days, particularly targeting developing countries. India is among the top five victim countries, according to security experts.*

[\*Spurt in Emotet Trojan malware in India\*](#)

### **M1. Data Protection Bill applicable to govt and its agencies too: Prasad**

*The Hindu BusinessLine-Aug 15, 2018*

... and individuals alone, and will be applicable to government and its agencies too, Ravi Shankar Prasad, Minister of **Electronics and IT** (MeitY), has written to all ...

## **M2. Paytm chalo: India's digital-payments leader attracts yet another senior executive with government ties**

*Economic Times. Aug 14, 2018*

After RBI veterans Shinjini Kumar and Rama Subramaniam Gandhi, former NPCI honcho Satish Kumar Gupta, also said to have had **close ties with the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology**, is the recent addition to the company's senior cadre.

## **M3. Giant step towards digitisation of courts! SC launches 3 apps – Check what all now litigants can do through smartphones**

*Financial Express-14-Aug-2018*

Law Minister **Ravi Shankar Prasad**, who was also present at the function, referred the Digital India scheme and said the government has made a quantum ...

## **N1. Over 90% Delhi residents choose online route to get driving licences**

*Hindustan Times . Aug 16, 2018*

"We started using the all-India Saarthi 4 software of **National Informatics Centre** in mid-2017. The figures for July 2018 are here. Online usage is ... ..Data shared by the department showed that of the total 19,375 fresh applications for permanent driving licences in July, 17,435 were received online.

## **N2. Amit holds meeting with NIC on ePDS overhauling**

*Daily Excelsior . Aug 16, 2018*

JAMMU, Aug 14: Amit Sharma, Director of Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Jammu today held a meeting with top brass of **National Informatics Centre (NIC) J&K**, Master Trainers of all ten districts of Jammu Division and officers of the department regarding improvisation and leading IT reforms in the department and bringing transparency through usage of latest techniques of eGovernance.

*Amit for bringing transparency through usage of e-Governance - State Times*

## **N3. Delhi sealing: SC to hear validity of legislation in February**

*Business Standard . Aug 14, 2018*

... to explore the feasibility of "digital mapping" of Delhi with assistance from **National Informatics Centre** or the Indian Space Research Organisation.

#### **N4. Changes in Motor Vehicle Act will not curb States' powers: Gadkari**

*The Hindu BusinessLine . Aug 15, 2018*

*The National Database on Driving Licenses and Vehicle registration has already been created. NIC, which has been entrusted with the design, development, computerisation roll-out and maintenance of the VAHAN and SARATHI project across all the states and Union Territory Administrations, has achieved almost 100 per cent success in terms of deployment of core scheme/product for Vehicle Registration (VAHAN) and for Driving Licenses (SARATHI) across the country.*

#### **N5. Health secy launches online drug licensing system in J&K**

*United News of India . Aug 13, 2018*

*Dr Kotwal thanked NIC, specifically SO **National Informatics Centre (NIC)** J&K, Navneet Kukreja and team from **NIC Gujarat** for standing to its commitment and providing all the IT related support required....*

*Dr Kotwal launches online drug licensing system. Greater Kashmir*

#### **N6. July retail inflation cools to 9-month low of 4.17% on smaller increases in prices of vegetables, fruits**

*Firstpost . Aug 13, 2018*

*New Delhi: Retail inflation fell to a nine-month low of 4.17 percent in July on account of a slowdown in the prices of vegetables and fruits, said ... The prices for the data are collected from selected towns by the Field Operations Division of NSSO and from selected villages by the Department of Posts. Price data are received through web portals, maintained by the **National Informatics Centre**.*

*July retail inflation at 9-month low of 4.17%; veggie, fruit prices decline - Business Standard*

*This is what pushed July retail inflation down to 4.17 pct - Zee Business*

*Retail inflation eases to 9-month low in July on cheaper food items - BW Businessworld*

#### **N7. CM Trivendra Rawat unfurls tricolor at Parade ground**

*Uttarakhand News Network- Aug 15, 2018*

*A mobile app has been developed with the help of **National Informatics Centre (NIC)** to ensure regular attendance of teachers and students. This app will also ...*

**O1. State unveils IT policy**

*Times of India-14-Aug-2018*

*Kolkata: Coinciding with chief minister Mamata Banerjee's announcement of the new information technology policy at the launch of the Bengal Silicon Valley hub in New Town, state additional chief secretary (IT) Debashis Sen on Monday notified the new "Information Technology and Electronics Policy, 2018" with a vision to make West Bengal one of the leading states in the IT sector in India. ..artificial intelligence, internet-of-things (IoT), robotics, **cyber security**, drones, ...*

**O2. Patanjali's swadeshi messaging app 'Kimbho' to be re-launched on August 27**

*The Indian Express. Aug 16, 2018*

*Yoga Guru Baba Ramdev's Patanjali Ayurved is all set to officially re-launch its messaging app ...*

**O3. Intel offers more AI smarts with its neural chips**

*Economic Times. Aug 16, 2018*

*Intel pits the NNP as the first family of processors designed from the ground-up for AI*

**O4. Telecom Commission to discuss TRAI's proposal for spectrum allocation on Aug 31**

*Hindu BusinessLine. Aug 16, 2018*

*"The next Telecom Commission meeting is proposed for August 31," an official source told PTI without disclosing agenda of the meeting. Another DoT source said though agenda has not been finalized for the meeting but it is likely to take up some of the recommendation made by the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India regarding spectrum allocation.*

**O5. BSNL launches VOIP based WINGS service**

*Hindu BusinessLine. Aug 16, 2018*

*Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd (BSNL) has launched BSNL WINGS a VOIP based service. In WINGS, there is no SIM or cable wiring as is a VOIP service through an app. The WINGS service offers unlimited free audio/video calling for one year. The service can be activated with a one-time fee of Rs. 1,099 (Rs 1,297 with GST).*