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C1. eNAM: Sowing seeds for future

The Hindu BusinessLine-Sep 10, 2018

*It may still have many missing links, but the national agri market is slowly transforming the way India trades in agri produce . Quality-testing machines from **CDAC (Centre for Development of Advanced Computing)**, Nebulaa and FOSS have been piloted in a few mandis, said Prasanta Kumar Swain, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture Cooperation and Farmers Welfare. It is up to the States now to take it forward.*

CS1. Kerala to host global cyber security conference in Kochi

HinduBusinessLine. Sep 09, 2018

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM: Kerala Police will host a two-day International Cyber Security Conference, titled COCON XI, on October 5 and 6 in Kochi. COCON, an annual event, is conducted as part of the International Information Security Day, according to Manoj Abraham IPS, IG of Police, and nodal officer of Kerala Police CyberDome.

CS2. Pichai for free flow of data, writes to Centre

Hindu BusinessLine, Sep 09, 2018

NEW DELHI: Google CEO Sundar Pichai has written to Union IT Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad that free flow of data across borders will encourage start-ups to innovate. “Free flow of data across borders — with a focus on user privacy and security — will encourage start-ups to innovate and expand globally and encourage global companies to contribute to India’s digital economy,”

CS3. EOW seeks CERT's help in e-tender scam probe

Economic Times. Sep 10, 2018

An alleged breach in MPSEDC's software had led to the Rs3,000 crore scam forcing the government to revoke nine of its major tenders that were floated in 2018. EOW had confiscated 9TB data from MPSEDC in the probe into the alleged scam

CS4. Bitcoin hack: Five months on, police to file charges

Economic Times. Sep 10, 2018

Five months after the biggest wallet hack in a cryptocurrency exchange firm, Cyber Cell of Delhi Police is set to file a chargesheet in the case on Monday.

CS5. Tata Comm launches cyber security response centre in Dubai

Economic Times. Sep 10, 2018

Through the new cyber security response centre in Dubai, Tata Communications aims to offer enterprises and government bodies in the UAE and other GCC countries across the region with cyber-attack protection that helps them meet in country regulation requirements.

CS6. Iranians targeted by smartphone surveillance operation: report

Economic Times. Sep 09, 2018

Israeli cybersecurity firm Check Point said a surveillance operation had targeted the smartphones of several hundred Iranian citizens via malware implanted in their handsets, indicating Tehran was responsible.

CS7. British Airways hacked, details of 380,000 bank cards stolen

Economic Times. Sep 09, 2018

LONDON: [British Airways](#) said that the personal and financial details of customers making bookings between August 21 and September 5 had been stolen in a [data breach](#) involving 380,000 [bank cards](#).

[BA faces bumpy ride after website hack](#). [Financial Times-07-Sep-2018](#)

CS8. Security agencies to get social media data mining, face recognition tools, says Rajnath Singh

Financial Express | September 6, 2018

Security agencies are trying to obtain new software and improved face-recognition technology to enable themselves to dig deeper into social media about a criminal whose record is unavailable in police database, Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh said Thursday.

CS9. Didn't get cyber attack alerts: Cosmos Bank

Times of India-08-Sep-2018

Pune: Cyber fraud-hit Cosmos Bank has said that it had not received any specific inputs ahead to what has turned out to be the largest 'cash-out' malware attack in history. The statement comes in the light of reports that the US' Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) had warned banks on August 10 of a cash-out attack, a day before Cosmos Bank was hit.

CS10. Cyber insurance to soon become 'must have' for all individuals

The New Indian Express-Sep 10, 2018

*According to **Indian** Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In), about 44,679, 49,455, 50,362 and 53,081 **cyber attacks** occurred in the years 2014, 2015, ...*

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M2. Google advocates cross border data flow in India

Economic Times. Sep 10, 2018

Meanwhile, the government has extended till September 30 the deadline for public feedback on the draft personal data protection Bill. Google CEO Sundar Pichai said in a letter to Union IT Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad.

[Google CEO Sundar Pichai writes to Ravi Shankar Prasad, says free cross-border data flow to help startups](#). Financial Express. September 9, 2018

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information technology that handles computer [security](#) incidents. It is also a nodal agency to deal with [cyber security](#) threats like hacking and [phishing](#).

M4. Online platforms can't abuse data to impact free choice: Prasad

Economic Times. Sep 08, 2018

The government on Friday reiterated its firm stand on data privacy and against online platforms abusing data to impact free choice in India. Speaking at the Global Mobility Summit here on data analytics and mobility, Union Electronics and [IT Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad](#) said acquisition of big data should be done with fair and transparent principles.

M5. Sanctity of data is crucial in Indian democracy, says Ravi Shankar Prasad

Financial Express/ September 7, 2018

IT Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad Friday said balance needs to be maintained when using consumer data to ensure that individual privacy does not get compromised and asserted that sanctity of data is crucial in the Indian democracy.

M6. Centre sets up panel of secretaries into look e-commerce issues

Economic Times. Sep 09, 2018

*With concerns being raised on some proposals of the draft e-commerce policy, the government has set up a group of secretaries to look into the issues, according to an official. The group will be chaired by the secretary in the department of industrial policy and promotion (DIPP). The other members of the group include secretaries of the ministry of **electronics and information technology** and department of commerce.*

[Govt. panel to look into e-com issues.](#) *The Hindu*

M7. Panchkula to get software technology park

Times of India. Sep 06, 2018

*CHANDIGARH: Decks have been cleared for building a Software Technology Park of India (STPI) centre in Panchkula. The Haryana government has decided to transfer more than 8,049 square metres of space in the town to the Noida-based STPI society for this centre. The Software Technology Parks of India (STPI) is an autonomous society under the department of **electronics and information technology** of the ...*

N1. [Insurance status of 62% registered vehicles of Delhi 'unknown': Report](#)

Hindustan Times. Sep 10, 2018

*The status of insurance of at least 62% of registered vehicles in Delhi is 'unknown,' a preliminary report prepared by the **National Informatics Centre** ... Following the gap, the NIC said it has written to all insurance companies to correct their data and send it along again. "Unlike other states, where numbers start from 01 to 99, registration numbers in Delhi are unique.*

N2. [Manipur's Chandel district goes digital, website launched](#)

Northeast Now-08-Sep-2018

The website is hosted on the National Cloud of National Informatics Centre (NIC). It is a responsive design which is easily accessible through smart phones, ...

N3. [UP govt directs all districts to collect biometric details of Rohingyas](#)

Times of India-08-Sep-2018

Aligarh district magistrate CB Singh said, "National Informatics Centre (NIC) has been assigned the job of collecting their biometric details and the same will be ...

N4. [Assam DARPAN DM Dashboard portal launched in Golaghat](#)

The Sentinel-08-Sep-2018

... become the third district in the State to launch the Assam DARPAN DM Dashboard portal, which has been developed by the National Informatics Centre (NIC) ...

N5. [eNAM: Sowing seeds for future](#)

The Hindu BusinessLine-Sep 10, 2018

*It may still have many missing links, but the national agri market is slowly transforming the way India trades in agri produce . “During the initial days of eNAM, there were glitches in the system, but we worked closely with the **National Informatics Centre** and sorted it out, and now that is history,” said Dushyant K Tyagi, Chief Business Officer, Nagarjuna Fertilizer and Chemicals.*

O1. [TRAI slaps fine on Jio, Airtel for failing service quality norms](#)

Hindu BusinessLine. Sep 09, 2018

***NEW DELHI:** Regulator TRAI has imposed penalties on major telecom operators, including Reliance Jio, Bharti Airtel, Vodafone and Idea Cellular (now merged), for slipping on various service quality benchmarks for the March quarter, according to multiple sources.*

O2. [eNAM: The Andhra Pradesh experience](#)

Hindu BusinessLine. Sep 09, 2018

While many States are still finding it tough, Andhra Pradesh has successfully linked many of its mandis to eNAM. B Rajasekhar, Special Chief Secretary, Agriculture, Andhra Pradesh, spoke to BusinessLine on how the State ensured a smooth transition for farmers and traders into the new platform.

O3. [Alibaba's Jack Ma to unveil succession plan next week, remain chairman](#)

Economic Times. Sep 10, 2018

Alibaba Group's billionaire co-founder Jack Ma will announce a succession plan on Monday to hand the reins of his sprawling empire to a new generation of leaders but will remain executive chairman for the time being.

O4. [Will property mapping via drones boost transparency? Here is what realty experts think](#)

Financial Express| September 9, 2018 11:32 AM

India's new drone regulations are set to change the landscape of the real estate sector from December, as the 3-D mapping of properties will not just become powerful tool for marketing but will further boost transparency and accountability, industry experts say.

O5. [Lok Sabha polls: Google to support Election Commission, bring transparency to political advertisements](#)

Financial Express | September 6, 2018

Ahead of assembly elections in five states and Lok Sabha polls next year, Google Thursday said it is working on measures to bring “greater transparency” in political advertising on its platforms.

O6. [New tech solutions needed for tackling disasters, says IT Secretary](#)

United News of India. Sep 07, 2018

*Thiruvananthapuram: ... to give total support to the efforts in that direction, said M Sivasankar, Secretary, Department of **Electronics and Information Technology** on Friday.*

O7. [Data localisation: A giant leap backward](#)

Business Standard- Sep 10, 2018

*The unstated aim most probably was to hamstring American data companies by erecting a classic non-tariff barrier: **Data localisation**. The bias of this group was ...*

O8. [How Delhi-based start-up myUpchar is taking e-healthcare to the masses](#)

Business Standard-Sep 09, 2019

myUpchar, a health information platform in Hindi, plans to provide consultation services in 13 other Indian languages. For 47-year-old Aarfa Neyaz, memories of the death of her 7-year-old son around two decades ago turn fresh whenever she visits a medical facility.