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- ICFAI Law School, Hyderabad ranked 1st among the top ten Law Schools in India according to The Academic Insights, 2020.
- ICFAI Law School, Hyderabad ranked 1st among the Best Promising Law School in India - Higher Education Review 2018 & 2019.
- ICFAI Law School, Hyderabad ranked 2nd among Top Law Schools of Southern India - CSR GHRDC 2018.
- ICFAI Law School, Hyderabad is ranked 3rd among top law schools. – India Today

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Center Coordinator's Message

As India is on the way to becoming a USD 3Tn economy at present and 5Tn economy by 2024-2025, the Government of India is working towards updating its National Cybersecurity strategy in order to improve its position in the cyber space. While India has come a long way since it launched its policy in 2013, there are many new challenges that have emerged due to technology advancement. Our research suggests that between 2016 and 2018, India was the second most-affected country due to targeted attacks and the average cost for a data breach in India has gone up to INR 11.9 Cr (USD 1.7 MN).

Global Cybersecurity Index for 2018 ranks India at 47th place globally, in its assessment, covering 5 pillars (legal, technical measures, Organizational measures, capacity building and global collaboration). There is a dire need for the Government of India to intervene and help the sectors to improve the cybersecurity posture of the country.

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In the year 2019, CERT-In handled 3,94,499 incidents. The type of incidents handled were Website Intrusion & Malware Propagation, Malicious Code, Phishing, Distributed Denial of Service attacks, Website Defacements, Unauthorized Scanning activities and vulnerable service. Remedial measures for handling incidents were suggested and implemented in coordination with relevant stakeholders. The sudden rise in incidents can be linked to increased digitization of our economy.

According to DSCI's (Data Security Council of India) report on Cyber insurance, there are more than 560mn internet subscribers in India, with India becoming 2nd largest App market in the World. Recently, UPI (Unified Payments Interface) transactions have crossed USD 14mn.

We need to strengthen cyber security for protecting supervisory control and data acquisition networks, a common framework of control systems used in industrial operations. These networks are responsible for providing automated control and remote human management of essential commodities and services.

Recent Events

1. **International Webinar on "Role of AI in Legal Analytics" on Jan 29ᵗʰ, 2021.**
   Speakers
   • Mr. Kevin D. Ashley, Professor of Law, School of Law, University of Pittsburg.
   About the event:

   Professor Ashley in his address spoke at length how Artificial Intelligence and the Laws complemented the open texture approach implemented by early devices with the models that were used in legal reasoning. He discussed if models of legal reasoning and argumentation are to have a greater impact on legal practice, they will likely need to do so by including pre-existing commercial and institutional approaches to full-text legal information retrieval and E- discovery.

   This makes the insertion of legal Artificial Intelligence a natural step towards the extraction and correct interpretation of relevant legal data in a large textual corpus. In this scenario, the implementation of different technological methods to obtain relevant data and the use of rule-based approaches to classify statutory provisions from relevant sources are proposed.

2. **International Webinar on "Platform Power and Governance" on Feb 23rd, 2021**

Speakers

- Prof. Andrew D Murray FRSA, Deputy Head of Department and Chair in Information Technology Law, Director, LSE Law Technology and Society Group. London School of Economics.

About the event:

Professor Murray in his address spoke on Platforms and the ways it was evolving in response to rapid technological and social change. He spoke about the challenges that this fast pace of change brings to the established legal order, which was developed to meet the needs of a traditional physical society.

He emphasized on the question of internet governance and rights and responsibilities in the digital environment. A keen observation should be to key regulatory 'pressure points', regulating social networks and platforms, electronic commerce and privacy possible future challenges and opportunities were outlined and discussed.

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Webinar

Cyber Safety and Security Standards

February 28, 2021

Time: 03:00 PM (Indian Standard Time)

Speaker

Dr. Amar Prasad Reddy
President (All India) - National Youth Council of India
Media Advisor, Union Minister of State for Health and
Family Welfare, Govt. of India, New Delhi
Vice Chairman, National Cyber Safety and Security Standards,
Chairman, Entrepreneurs Council of India

Introductory Remarks

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3. **Webinar on "Cyber Safety and Security Standards" on Feb 28th ,2021**
   Speakers

- Dr. Amar Prasad Reddy, President (All India) – National Youth Council of India, Media Advisor, Union Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of India, New Delhi. Vice Chairman, National Cyber Safety and Security Standards, Chairman, Entrepreneurs Council of India.

About the event:

The speakers discussed at large on the current cyber security protection programs implemented by the government. Future plan of action to curtail the privacy issues were mentioned. Impact on ban of foreign apps and stringent actions on the same was elaborated during the session.

Case Law / News

Supreme Court Issues notice to twitter on BJP Leader's Plea for Mechanism to Screen Anti-India Tweets, Hateful Ads:

The Supreme Court issued notice on a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) petition filed by BJP leader VinitGoenka seeking a direction to the Central Government to devise a mechanism to check fake news and instigative messages being circulated via social media, especially Twitter.

Advocate Ashwini Kumar Dubey, appearing for the petitioner, submitted that petition seeks a mechanism to screen hateful advertisements and anti-India content in Twitter.

Source: https://www.livelaw.in/top-stories/supreme-court-issues-notice-to-twitter-on-bjp-leaders-plea-for-mechanism-to-screen-anti-india-tweets-169762?infinitescroll=1

Supreme Court Asks Petitioner Challenging WhatsApp Business's Privacy Policy to Move Delhi High Court:

The Supreme Court declined to entertain a petition by Confederation of All India Traders against the new privacy policy of social media chat platform WhatsApp.

Observing that WhatsApp is a 'private app' and that the users voluntarily use the app even though they have the option to not use it, the Delhi High Court on January 18 said that it will only issue notice in the petition once it understands the concern of the petitioner against the application and its contentious updated privacy policy.

Source: https://www.livelaw.in/top-stories/supreme-court-whatsapp-privacy-policy-delhi-high-court-right-to-privacy-169419

Future Events

- We are pleased to inform that our Centre for Excellence at ILS, IFHE, Hyderabad has entered MoU with the 'Cyber Security Centre of Excellence', a joint venture of the Data Security Council of India and Government of Telangana. A two day event on Data Privacy is in the offing.

- Webinar on "Block Chain Technology and Crypto Currency" on Mar 12th ,2021
  Speaker:

  Mr. Rajesh Dhuddu, Vice President& Practice Leader, Block Chain & Cyber Security, Tech Mahindra

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