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Pictured above: Posters exhibited during CIS 5 year celebrations in its office in Bangalore

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HIGHLIGHTS

- The Centre for Internet and Society (CIS) celebrated 5 years of organizational existence with an exhibition showcasing its work and accomplishments from 2008 and also to show the public how it had spent the funds (Rs. 13.13 crores) that it received from its donors. The exhibition was held concurrently at its offices in Bangalore and Delhi from May 20 to 24, 2013. CIS invited the general public to view its work. Renowned artists featured their work and gave live demonstrations.
- CIS and CLPR published a report on making the 2014 General Elections in India participatory and accessible for voters with disabilities.
- CIS and the Centre for Law and Policy Research (CLPR) published the first draft (29 states and 6 union territories) of the National Resource Kit (Rs. 54,83,200) grant funded by the Hans Foundation.
- Eight Indic languages were identified for inclusion and improvisation on pronunciation in e-speak text-to-speech synthesizer as part of the NVDA E-speak project (Rs.1,68,48,150) grant funded by the Hans Foundation.
- International Development Research Centre (IDRC) has funded Rs.2,40,80,516 to CIS to do research on the complex interplay between pervasive technologies and intellectual property and to use the research outputs to support intellectual property norms that encourage, not inhibit, the proliferation and further development of such technologies as a social good.
- CIS participated in WIPO Diplomatic Conference to Conclude a Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works by Visually Impaired Persons and Persons with Print Disabilities in Marrakesh, Morocco from June 17 to 28, 2013, and later in December (16 – 20, 2013) participated in the 26th Session of the Standing Committee on Copyrights and Related Rights and gave its statements on Limitations and Exceptions for Libraries and Archives, and Limitations and Exceptions for Education, Teaching and Research Institutions and Persons with Other Disabilities.
- Since 2012, CIS has been actively involved in growing the Wikimedia movement in India through a grant received from the Wikimedia Foundation. Based on the 18-month experience of working with various Indic Wikimedia communities, the Access to Knowledge team (CIS-A2K) developed its work plan for July 2014 to June 2015.
- CIS signed a memorandum of understanding with the Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai as part of which it will collaboratively work towards building Digital Knowledge Partnerships with select higher education institutions.
- CIS signed a memorandum of understanding with Christ University in Bangalore. As part of this Christ University and CIS-A2K will work together to introduce "Wikipedia in the Indian Undergraduate Language Classroom" at Christ University.
- CIS signed a memorandum of understanding with KIIT University and Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences for furthering Odia Wikipedia.
- From 2013 to 2015 CIS is working with Privacy International on the Surveillance and Freedom: Global Understandings and Rights Development (SAFEGUARD) project. Privacy International has given us a grant of Rs.68,65,857. As part of this work, we drafted the Privacy (Protection) Bill, 2013 which was subsequently amended based on public feedback gathered from the workshops organized in the main cities of India. In

March 2014, we announced an Open Call for Comments for the latest draft of the Privacy Bill, 2013 drafted by Bhairav Acharya.

- As per the recommendations of the Expert Committee of DNA Profiling Bill, a sub-committee was constituted. Sunil Abraham is a member of the sub-committee.
- CIS is doing a project on mapping cyber security actors in South Asia and South East Asia with the Citizen Lab, Munk School of Global Affairs, University of Toronto and IDRC. A total of 12 video interviews have been published.
- MacArthur Foundation is funding Rs.92,94,766 to CIS for a project on studying the restrictions placed on freedom of expression online by the Indian government. CIS hired Geetha Hariharan and Jyoti Panday, programme officers and Nisha Thompson, consultant to work from the Delhi office.
- Sunil Abraham, Pranesh Prakash and Chinmayi Arun participated in the Internet Governance Forum held in Bali, Indonesia from October 21 to 25. Overall CIS spoke in 7 panels.
- In partnership with Google, CIS initiated the third Google Policy Fellowship programme. Applications were invited and about 30 people applied for the fellowship.
- CIS is doing a research project titled "Making Change". The project will explore new ways of defining, locating, and understanding change in network societies. Having the thought piece 'Whose Change is it Anyway' as an entry point for discussion and reflection, the project will feature profiles, interviews and responses of change-makers to questions around current mechanisms and practices of change in South Asia and South East Asia.
- In partnership with Ford Foundation, CIS hosted the Institute on Internet and Society. The first one was held in Golden Palms, Bangalore from June 8 to 14, 2013 and the second one in Yashada, Pune from February 11 to 17, 2014. The Knowledge Repository was compiled and presented to the participants during the Pune event.
- From 2012 to 2015, the RAW series will build research clusters in the field of Digital Humanities. CIS hopes to build knowledge networks and production of new knowledge around questions of body, governance and cultural production in the digital times that we live in.
- CIS was featured about 170 times in the media during the year.

The following is a draft report of the activities from April 2013 to March 2014:

ACCESSIBILITY AND INCLUSION

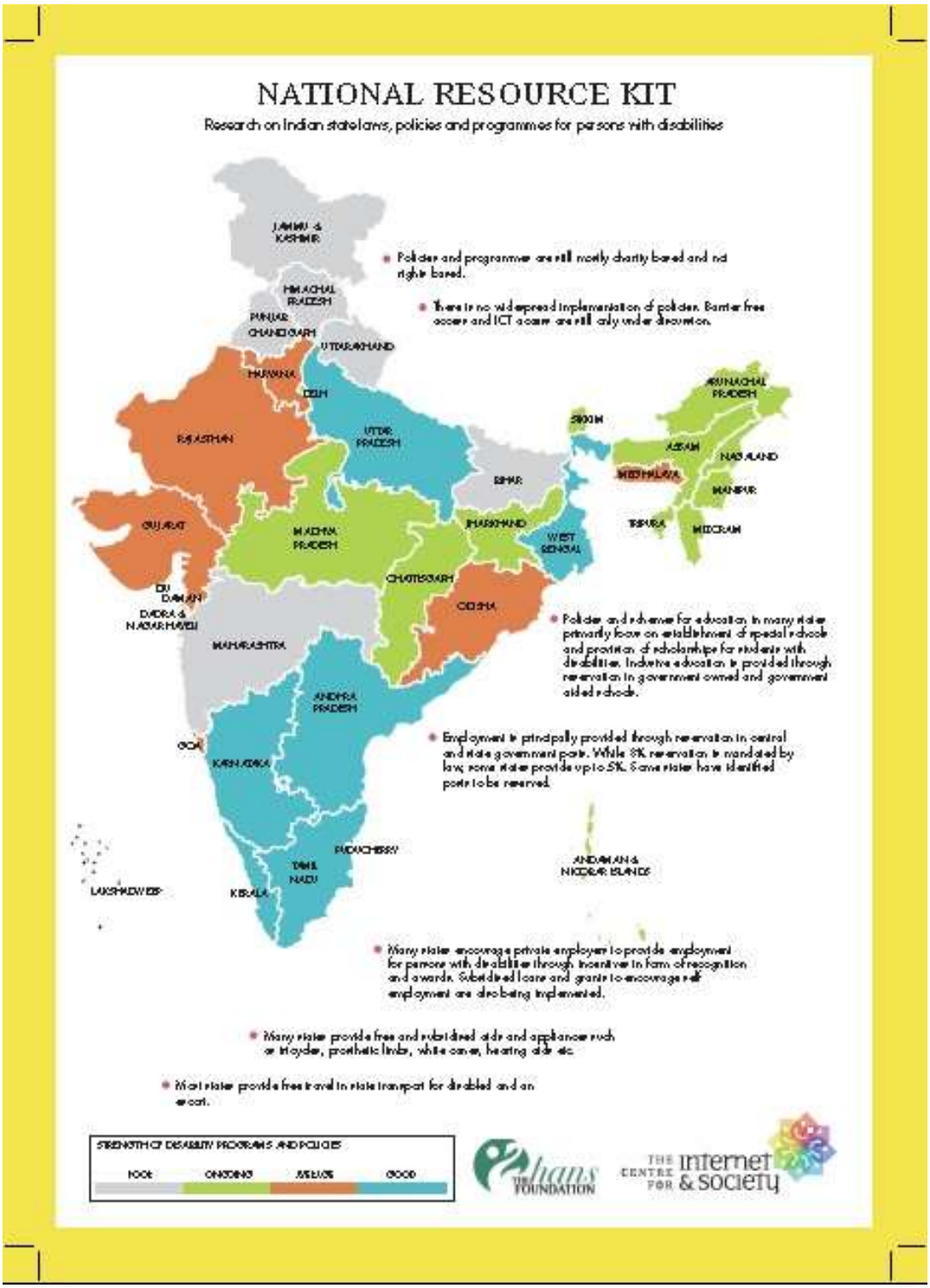
India has an estimated 70 million persons with disabilities who are unable to read printed materials due to some form of physical, sensory, cognitive or other disability. The disabled need accessible content, devices and interfaces facilitated via copyright law and electronic accessibility policies. CIS is presently engaged with two projects. The first project is on creating a national resource kit of state-wise laws, policies and programmes on issues relating to persons with disabilities in India. This Resource Kit will benefit the disabled in the country by providing them with a ready reference on the facilities extended by the government for persons with disabilities. The second project is on developing text-to-speech software for 15 Indian languages. The solution would benefit the millions of print-disabled people in India as well as people who are currently unable to use Information and Communication Technologies ('ICTs') on account of illiteracy or age.

National Resource Kit Project

Chapters

CIS published the first draft of the national resource kit of state-wise laws, policies and programmes on issues relating to persons with disabilities in India. The kit comprises of chapters of 29 states and 6 union territories along with summary of Supreme Court and high court judgments on disability rights.

Pictured above: Anandhi Viswanathan who works on the National Resource Kit project is explaining the project to the general public during the exhibition held to celebrate CIS's 5 years existence.



Pictured above: A map designed as part of our research on Indian state laws, policies and programmes for persons with disabilities. The strengths of disability programmes and policies are marked in the map. States with a poor record is marked in grey colour, the average ones in red colour and the good ones in blue colour.

NVDA

CIS in partnership with the Daisy Forum of India is engaged in a project supported by the Hans Foundation to develop enhancements to the open source screen reader for Windows NVDA and e-Speak text-to-speech synthesiser in 15 Indian languages. Under the NVDA project, we have been working in the past year on issues relating to Excel, Power Point and MS Outlook.

Pictured above: Rameshwar Nagar an intern at CIS gives a demo of the NVDA and ESpeak (Text-to-Speech) synthesizer project during the exhibition.

Bugs Fixed

Given below is the list of bugs which were fixed along with their descriptions.

ID	Description	Application	Status
2816	Announcement of suggested contacts	Outlook 2010	Fixed
3062	The change in checked status is not announced with SPACEBAR in the new rules wizard of Outlook	Outlook	Fixed
1686	NVDA stops working when opening a document in Microsoft Word 2010 protected view	Word	Fixed
1699	Word 2003 status bar not found	Word	Fixed
2047	Support to detect languages in Word	Word	Fixed
3323	api.get status bar should not be I Accessible specific	Word	Fixed
649	Status bar in Office 2010 applications not read		Fixed
3328	Read by sentence in Word	Word	Fixed
3290	NVDA speaks Every Paragraph Twice When Reading by Paragraph	Word	Fixed

Text-to-Speech Synthesizer

Presently we are working on the development of e-speak text-to-speech synthesisers for these languages: Hindi, Bengali, Telugu, Malayalam, Sindhi, Punjabi, Gujarati, Oriya, Assamese and Manipuri. They are all in different stages of development. The full details of the progress made in this project can be accessed here.

Other Developments

Publications

- Banking and Accessibility in India (contributions by Nirmita Narasimhan and Vrinda Maheshwari, August 12, 2013): The updated report gives an analysis of banking accessibility for persons with disabilities in India. It also analyses the legal provisions and guidelines on banking and technology with case studies from New Zealand, Australia, the United States of America, Canada and the Netherlands.
- Opening New Avenues for Empowerment: ICTs to Access Information and Knowledge for Persons with Disabilities (by UNESCO, August 2013). We prepared a report on higher education for persons with disabilities in the Asia-pacific region. This was compiled into a global report. Nirmita Narasimhan was the project coordinator from CIS for the Asia Pacific region.
- Inclusive Disaster and Emergency Management for Persons with Disabilities (by Deepti Samant Raja and Nirmita Narasimhan, September 17, 2013). This report is a review of the needs, challenges, effective policies, and practices for inclusive disaster management practices. It was submitted to the National Disaster Management Authority of India (NDMA) on September 17, 2013 for their action.
- The ICT Opportunity for a Disability-Inclusive Development Framework (by the Broadband Commission for Digital Development, G3ict, International Disability Alliance, International Telecommunication Union, Microsoft, Telecentre.org Foundation, and UNESCO, September 24, 2013). CIS gave its inputs to the report.
- Accessibility of Political Parties Websites in India (by Nirmita Narasimhan, March 24, 2014). Given the impending elections in India across April and May 2014, a test was conducted to determine the accessibility of websites of the Election Commission of India, the Parliament and some key political parties in India. This report summarises the results of the test.
- Enabling Elections (by CIS and CLPR, March 24, 2014). The report addresses the barriers that people with disabilities face at the time of elections, the legal framework around this issue, and the measures which need to be taken to eliminate the barriers in the pre-voting phase, during voting phase and also post-voting phase, so as to enhance the participation of voters with disabilities.

ITU Membership

- CIS - ITU-D Sector Membership: CIS is a sector member of ITU-D, the specialized UN Agency dealing with telecommunications and information communications. The membership certificate could be viewed here.

Constitution of High Level Advisory Committee on National Policy on Universal Electronic Accessibility

- CIS has been invited to serve on the high level committee on electronic accessibility policy constituted by the Indian government. This was communicated by the Department of Electronics and Information Technology.

Participation in Events

- E-Accessibility Workshop 2013 (organised by Directorate of Information Technology, Government of Maharashtra, Mahaonline Limited and National Internet Exchange of India, November 19-20, 2013). CIS was one of the trainer organisations for the event.
- National Consultation on Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in Development Process (organized by CBM India in collaboration with United Nations Solution Exchange for Gender Community, WHO Regional office for South-East Asia, New Delhi, February 12, 2014). Anandhi Viswanathan participated in a panel discussion. She made a presentation on the National Resource Kit project.
- Zero Project Conference on Accessibility: Innovative Policies and Practices for Persons with Disabilities (organized by Essl Foundation, the World Future Council and the European Foundation Centre, United Nations Office, Vienna, February 27 and 28, 2014). Pranesh Prakash spoke on Affordable Text-to-Speech Software from India: http://bit.ly/1czo32s. Nominations on e-speak were recognised as examples of innovative practices and policies from India. Pranesh Prakash was also a speaker on Copyright Exception for Accessible Formats.

Events Organized

- Girls in ICT Day (April 25, 2013, Mitra Jyothi Auditorium, HSR Layout, Bangalore). Dr. U.B. Pavanaja gave a talk on Social Media and Kannada Language for Women with Disabilities. Sara Morais wrote an event report.
- Global Accessibility Awareness Day (May 9, 2013, TERI, Southern Regional Centre, Domlur, Bangalore). Vivek Gaikwad, Srividya Vaidyanathan, Lavanya Lakshman, Rama Chari and Anusuya Das were the speakers for the event.

Lavanya Lakshman	**Srividya Vaidyanathan**
Anusuya Das	**Rama Chari**

Pictured above: Speakers Lavanya, Srividya, Anusuya and Rama Chari from the Global Accessibility Awareness Day event held in TERI.

Award

Pictured above: A group picture of participants at the Girls in ICT event in Delhi. The winners are displaying their certificates.

- Girls in ICT Day 2013 (organized by ITU-APT Foundation of India with support from CMAI - Association of India Communication and Infrastructure, FICCI Auditorium,

Tansen Marg, New Delhi, May 7, 2013). Dr. Nirmita Narasimhan got a felicitation for her contribution and achievements in the field of Information and Communication Technology. The honour was conferred during the celebration of this event.

Media Coverage

- An Interview of Vera Franz: This interview was conducted at the Diplomatic Conference to Conclude a Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works by Visually Impaired Persons and Persons with Print Disabilities on June 26, 2013. Vera Franz praises Rahul Cherian of Inclusive Planet while talking about her work.
- A Treat for the Blind (by Chitra Narayanan, Business World, June 26, 2013). Pranesh Prakash is quoted.
- An "Advocacy" Saga and the Inspiring Legacy of Rahul Cherian (by Shamnad Basheer, Spicy IP, December 16, 2013).

Blog Entries

- Bengali eSpeak Aids in Disaster Management (by Anirudh Sridhar, October 15, 2013).
- National Policy on Universal Electronic Accessibility – An Analysis (by Anandhi Viswanathan, December 27, 2013).
- The Right of Persons with Disabilities Bill 2013 and the Lack of Access to Accessibility Rights (by Amba Salelkar, January 31, 2014).

ACCESS TO KNOWLEDGE

The Access to Knowledge programme addresses the harms caused to consumers, developing countries, human rights, and creativity/innovation from excessive regimes of copyright, patents, and other such monopolistic rights over knowledge. Further, the Access to Knowledge programme addresses the harms caused to consumers and human rights, and critically examines Open Government Data, Open Access to Scholarly Literature, and Open Access to Law, Open Content, Open Standards, and Free/Libre/Open Source Software. Canada's International Development Research Centre (IDRC) has funded CIS to do research on the complex interplay between pervasive technologies and intellectual property and to use the research outputs to support intellectual property norms that encourage, not inhibit, the proliferation and further development of such technologies as a social good.

World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)

Participation in Events

Pranesh Prakash participated in the WIPO Diplomatic Conference to Conclude a Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works by Visually Impaired Persons and Persons with Print Disabilities in Marrakesh, Morocco, June 17 to 28, 2013. The conference concluded with the adoption of the Marrakesh Treaty to facilitate access to published works by blind persons, persons with visual impairment, and other print disabled persons, by requiring mandatory exceptions in copyright law to enable conversions of books into accessible formats, and by enabling cross-border transfer of accessible format books. See below for:

- CIS Intervention on the Treaty for the Visually Impaired at SCCR/SS/GE/2/13 (Geneva, April 18 – 20, 2013). Pranesh Prakash participated in the session and spoke about the rights of the visually impaired.
- CIS's Closing Statement at Marrakesh on the Treaty for the Blind (by Pranesh Prakash, June 28, 2013).
- India's Closing Statement at Marrakesh on the Treaty for the Blind (June 29, 2013).

Nehaa Chaudhari participated as a speaker at the 26th session of the Standing Committee on Copyrights and Related Rights in Geneva, December 16 to 20, 2013. CIS gave its statement on:

- Limitations and Exceptions for Libraries and Archives, and
- Limitations and Exceptions for Education, Teaching and Research Institutions and Persons with Other Disabilities.
- India and the United States introduced 6 proposals on the WIPO Broadcast Treaty.

Puneeth Nagraj participated in this event:

- 9th Session of the WIPO Advisory Committee on Enforcement (organized by WIPO, March 3 - 5, 2014, Geneva).

Submissions

- Comments on the Draft Guidelines for Computer Related Inventions (by Puneeth Nagraj, July 26, 2013). CIS submitted its comments to the office of the Controller General of Patents Designs & Trademarks, Mumbai.

- Comments on Proposed WIPO Treaty for the Protection of Broadcasting Organizations (by Nehaa Chaudhari, December 7, 2013). CIS submitted its comments to the Ministry of Human Resource Development.

Blog Entries

- WIPO Standing Committee on Copyright and Related Rights (SCCR) 26th Session- Consolidated Notes (Part 1 of 3) (by Nehaa Chaudhari, March 18, 2014).
- WIPO Standing Committee on Copyright and Related Rights (SCCR) 26th Session- Consolidated Notes (Part 2 of 3) (by Nehaa Chaudhari, March 20, 2014).
- WIPO Standing Committee on Copyright and Related Rights (SCCR) 26th Session- Consolidated Notes (Part 3 of 3) (by Nehaa Chaudhari, March 31, 2014).

Free Trade Agreement

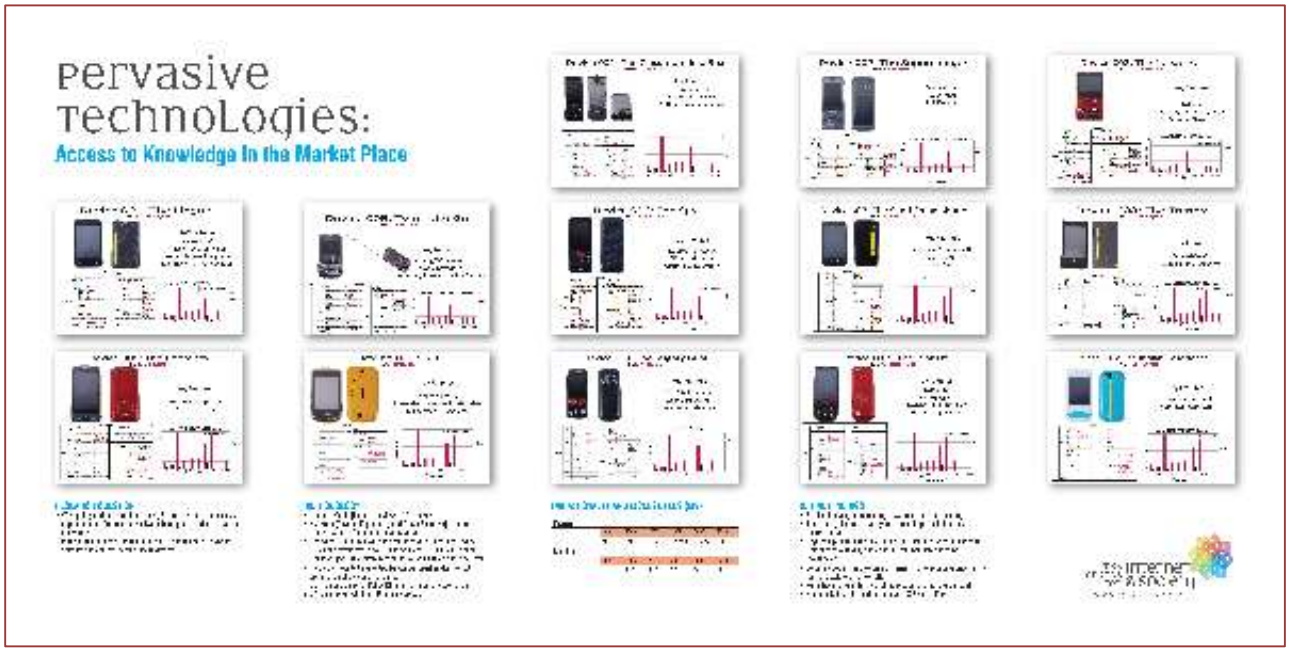
- India- EU FTA: A Note on the Copyright Issues (by Nehaa Chaudhari, June 18, 2013). Nehaa gives us an overview of some of the provisions of the Free Trade Agreement (FTA) and the copyright issues identified therein.
- India - EU Proposed Free Trade Agreement: Issues Surrounding Data Protection and Security (by Pranav Menon, June 27, 2013). In this paper, Pranav analyses the various data security and data protection issues that have arisen over the course of the negotiations of the India- EU FTA.

Parallel Imports

Pranesh Prakash's writings on parallel imports (for example, there is no provision of the Copyright Act by which the owner or licensee of copyright is given the exclusive right to import a copyrighted work into India, and why it is pertinent to distinguish black market imports from parallel imports) have been cited in a report on the Impact of Parallel Imports on Copyrighted Works released by the National Council of Applied Economic Research. The research study was commissioned by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India, to examine parallel import restrictions and outline the issues of concern for the producers of copyright material who import their own or their subsidiaries' goods produced abroad, and outline the concerns of the consumers of these products in India. The following outputs from Pranesh were cited in the report:

- Why Parallel Importation of Books Should Be Allowed (by Pranesh Prakash, January 25, 2011).
- Indian Law and "Parallel Exports"(by Pranesh Prakash, February 1, 2011).
- Thomas Abraham's Rebuttal on Parallel Importation (by Pranesh Prakash, February 10, 2011).
- Exhaustion: Imports, Exports and the Doctrine of First Sale in Indian Copyright Law (by Pranesh Prakash, Manupatra Intellectual Property Reports, February 2011, Vol. 1, Part 2, pp. 149 – 160).

Pervasive Technologies



Pictured above: A poster of different devices explaining in detail the key features of those phones that we are examining as part of our research on Pervasive Technologies. The poster above was displayed during the CIS 5 year exhibition.

- Pervasive Technologies: Patent Pools (by Nehaa Chaudhari, June 27, 2013). The research paper gives an analysis of patent pools. She discusses the working of a patent pool, study of patent pool in other areas of technology, and patenting in telecom and related technology.
- India's Obligations under Bilateral Investment Treaties (Part A): "Bilateral Inhibiting Treaty?" — Investigating the Challenges that Bilateral Investment Treaties pose to the Compulsory Licensing of Pervasive Technology Patent Pools (by Gavin Pereira, August 31, 2013). Gavin Pereira attempts to address the challenges that India's obligations under Bilateral Investment Treaties may pose to the establishment of a patent pool in the country.

Participation in Events

- Governance in the Age of the Internet and Free Trade Agreements (organized by Thai Netizen Network and co-hosted by the Ministry of Information and Communication and the National Science and Technology Development Agency, Queen Sirikit National Convention Center, June 8, 2013). Sunil Abraham was a speaker.
- An International Conference on Interface between Intellectual Property and Competition Law (organized by ASSOCHAM, July 12, 2013). Nehaa Chaudhari participated in the conference and shares select notes in a blog post.
- The Law and Economics of Copyright Users Rights (organised by the American University Washington College of Law, Massachusetts Ave., NW, Washington DC, September 26, 2013). Sunil Abraham presented the Pervasive Technologies project.

- Indo-European Conference on the Role of the Patent System in Fostering Innovation and Technology Transfer (organized by European Patent Office, FICCI and European Business & Technology Centre, November 29, 2013, New Delhi). Nehaa Chaudhari participated in this conference.
- 3rd Global Congress on IP and the Public Interest & Open A.I.R. Conference on Innovation and IP in Africa (organized by University of Cape Town, December 9-13, 2013). Sunil Abraham participated as a speaker in the sessions on Bridging into the Global Congress: Global Issues, Local Answers?, User Rights Track: What Medicines Can Teach Tech: Exploring Patent Pooling and Compulsory Licensing in the Indian Mobile Device Market, User Rights Track: Reclaiming the World Trade Organisation: A Modest Proposal for a WTO Agreement on the Supply of Global Public Goods, and was a keynote speaker on the Freedom Continuum. Nehaa Chaudhari also participated in this event.
- 2nd International Conference on Managing Intellectual Property Rights and Strategy (MIPS 2014) (organized by Shailesh J. Mehta School of Management, IIT Bombay with support from the Ministry of Human Resources Development IPR Chair Project, Government of India, January 30 – February 2, 2014). Nehaa Chaudhari was a panelist at the session on "An Unexamined Premise: The Relevance of a Twenty-year Patent Term for Various Sectors". She gave a talk on the re-examining the 20 year patent term for software.
- Consultation on Institutional Arrangements for IP management under MHRD (organized by the Planning Commission and Ministry of Human Resource Development, New Delhi, February 21, 2014). Nehaa Chaudhari participated in this consultation.
- National Conference on Use of Technology in Higher Education (organized by the Ministry of Human Resource and Development and Planning Commission in partnership with Microsoft Research and British Council, Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay, February 25, 2014). Nehaa Chaudhari participated in the event as a panelist in the session on "Future of Content Creation".
- 2nd International Conference Competition Law - Challenges in the Implementation (organized by ASSOCHAM, New Delhi, March 8, 2014). Nehaa Chaudhari participated in the event.

Articles

- Copyrights and Copywrongs Why the Government Should Embrace the Public Domain (by Pranesh Prakash, Yojana Issue, August 2013).

Blog Entries

- On the Unfortunate Rise of the Indian SLAPP Suit (by Ujwala Uppaluri, May 27, 2013).
- Do You Have the Right to Unlock Your Smart Phone? (by Puneeth Nagaraj, August 7, 2013).
- Are Indian Consumer Laws Ready for the Digital Age? (by Vipul Kharbanda, August 8, 2013).
- Mobile Phone Patents: Prior Art Survey (by Nehaa Chaudhari, October 23, 2013).

- Ambiguity in the App Store: Understanding India's emerging IT sector in light of IP (by Samantha Cassar, October 24, 2013).
- History of Creative Commons in India (by Priyank Dwivedi, November 13, 2013).
- Open Letter to the Vatican: Request for Holy See to Comment on IPR (by Samantha Cassar, January 31, 2014).
- The Game of IPR: Insights from the 6th Global Intellectual Property Convention in Hyderabad (by Samantha Cassar, January 31, 2014).
- Can Judges Order ISPs to Block Websites for Copyright Infringement Part 1, 2 and 3 (by Ananth Padmanabhan, January – February, 2014).
- NGO Profile: Knowledge Ecology International (by Puneeth Nagraj, March 11, 2014).
- 004: A License to Share (by Devika Agarwal, March 17, 2014)
- Broadcast Treaty: An Overview (by Varun Baliga, March 20, 2014).
- Cultural Interests vs. Modernization: Robert Shapiro on IPR & Innovation in India (by Samantha Cassar, March 31, 2014).

Media Coverage

- Dictionary words in software patent guidelines puzzle industry (by C.H. Unnikrishnan, Livemint, August 26, 2013). CIS work on Access to Knowledge is mentioned.
- Pranesh Prakash: Influencing India's IP Laws (by Samar Srivastava, Forbes India, February 15, 2014).

Openness

As part of our research on Openness we critically alternatives to existing regimes of intellectual property rights, and transparency and accountability, and study Open Government Data, Open Access to Scholarly Literature, Open Access to Law, Open Content, Open Standards, and Free/Libre/Open Source Software.

Research Papers

- Use of Open Access Journals by Indian Researchers (by Subbiah Gunasekharan and Prof. Subbiah Arunachalam, May 27, 2013). The authors report the use made by Indian scientists of open access journals that are indexed in Science Citation Index (SCI) Expanded. Web of Science (WoS) – SCI Expanded, indexes 8,368 journals, of which 836 are open access. The authors obtained the list of 836 open access journals from Thomson Reuters (Scientific).
- Use made of Open Access Journals by Indian Researchers to Publish their Findings (by Madhan Muthu and Prof. Subbiah Arunachalam, May 28, 2013). The authors have looked at India's contribution to all seven Public Library of Science (PLoS) journals, 10 BioMed Central (BMC) journals and Acta Crystallographica Section E: Structure Reports. India's contribution to BMC and PLoS journals, on the other hand, is modest at best. It is therefore suggested that the better option for India is institutional self-archiving.

Note: *The above papers were written earlier but only recently mirrored on the website*.

Submission

- Draft ICAR Open Access Policy (by Nehaa Chaudhari, May 28, 2013). The comments were submitted to the Indian Council for Agricultural Research.

Columns

- Big Data, People's Lives, and the Importance of Openness (by Nishant Shah, DML Central, June 24, 2013).
- Open Access: An Opportunity for Scientists around the Globe (by Subbiah Arunachalam, Euro Scientist, September 25, 2013).

Events Organised

Above: Participants from the RHoK Workshop in Bangalore

- RHoK Global Event (Centre for Internet and Society, Bangalore, June 1 – 2, 2013). Yogesh Londhe shares a post-event report.
- Delhi: Digital Activism in Europe (The Sarai Programme, Centre for the Study of Developing Societies, New Delhi, July 8, 2013). Bernadette Längle gave a talk about the hacker scene and digital activism in Europe, with a focus on the Chaos Computer Club.
- Open Hardware Lab: Play & Invent + Bonus Film Screening (CIS, Bangalore, August 4, 2013). There was a film screening of Theremin: An Electronic Odyssey at the event.
- Open Hardware Lab: Play & Invent + Bonus Film Screening (CIS, Bangalore, August 4, 2013). A hangout was done with CIS Lab Community and with members of the Computer Club of India and Arduino enthusiasts.
- What is happening in South America and how Openness is an opportunity to Social, Political and Activist Movements? (Centre for Internet and Society, Bangalore, January 17, 2014).
- Bitcoin & Open Source with Aaron Koenig (CIS, Bangalore, February 7, 2014)

Participation in Events

- e-DIRAP Google+ Hangout on Open Government (organised by Google, July 25, 2013). Sunil Abraham was a panelist.

Media Coverage

- Beyond Property Rights: Thinking About Moral Definitions of Openness (by David Eaves, Tech President, August 6, 2013). Sunil Abraham is quoted.
- Extending The Spectrum Of Openness To Include The Moral Right To Share (by Glyn Moody, Techdirt, August 19, 2013). Sunil Abraham is quoted.

Blog Entries

- e - DIRAP Google+ Hangout: Open Government (by Christine Apikul, September 18, 2013).
- The Indian Council of Agricultural Research Adopts an Open Access Policy (by Nehaa Chaudhari, September 30, 2013).

Wikipedia

Wikimedia Foundation has funded CIS to anchor the growth of Wikimedia movement in India. As part of its project of supporting and developing the growth of Indic language communities and projects by community collaborations and partnerships, the (A2K) team organised/co-organised about 50 events in the year 2013-14:

The CIS-A2K Team

CIS-A2K team consists of three members based in Bangalore: T. Vishnu Vardhan, Dr. U.B. Pavanaja and Subhashish Panigrahi and one team member Nitika Tandon who is working from Delhi office. Noopur Raval, and Syed Muzammiluddin left the organization during the year.

Announcements

- Access to Knowledge Work Plan (April 2013 - June 2014): CIS-A2K team announced its detailed plan with projection of outcomes and expected impact of the A2K programme activities. The document was made in consultation with various stakeholders and keeping in mind the objectives, opportunities and challenges faced by each of the Indian language Wikimedia projects.
- WMF-A2K Revised Budget (draft) and Utilization (Sept 2012 - Feb 2013): In an effort to increase transparency with the working of CIS-A2K programme, the team published the A2K Programme Budget along with the utilization for the aforesaid period. CIS has given an open disclosure of the Access to Knowledge budget to Wikimedia India and the global community.
- CIS Signs MoU with TISS, Mumbai: CIS-A2K team signed a MoU with TISS as part of which the A2K team will collaboratively work towards building digital knowledge partnerships with select higher education institutions.

- CIS Signs MoU with Goa University: The A2K team at CIS signed MoU with the Goa University to digitize the "Konkani Vishwakosh" under the Creative Commons license and build a digital knowledge partnership to enhance digital literacy in Konkani language.
- Konkani Vishwakosh Digitization Project: CIS in collaboration with the University of Goa is doing a two-month project on digitization of Konkani Vishwakosh.
- CIS Signs MoU with Christ University, Bangalore (November 20, 2013): The A2K team signed a MoU as part of which CIS-A2K and Christ University will impart Wikipedia education in Indian classrooms.
- CIS-A2K, KIIT University and Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences sign MoUs (January 11, 2014): KIIT University, Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences and CIS-A2K have entered into a memorandum of understanding (MoUs) for furthering Odia Wikipedia.

Events Organised

Note: *This is inclusive of events organised and co-organised as well. Some of the event reports were published later*:

- Telugu Wiki Mahotsavam 2013 (organised by Telugu Wikipedia Community and CIS, Hyderabad, April 9 – 11, 2013). T. Vishnu Vardhan was one of the trainers at the Wikipedia Academy at Centre for Good Governance on April 9, 2013. Vishnu spoke about the Access to Knowledge work in one of the sessions of Wikimedia Meeting with Media Heads on April 10, 2013. Vishnu Vardhan gave a talk on A2K's plans for the growth of Telugu Wikipedia in 2013-14 at the Telugu Wikipedia general meeting on April 11, 2013. Vishnu also gave a talk about Access to Knowledge in the digital era at the Wiki Chaitanya Vedika on April 11, 2013.
- Kannada Wikipedia Workshop (April 29, 2013, Govinda Pai Research Centre, MGM College Udupi). Dr. U.B. Pavanaja led the workshop and gave a talk on Kannada Wikipedia.

Pictured above: Participants of the Kannada Wikipedia workshop for bloggers

- A 'Kannada' Wikipedia Workshop for Bloggers (Suchitra, Bengaluru, June 23, 2013). Dr. U.B. Pavanaja conducted the workshop.
- A Kannada Wikipedia Workshop (organized by CIS-A2K team, July 21, 2013, Hubli). Dr. U.B. Pavanaja gave training to the participants on Wikipedia. Leading newspapers like the Times of India, Vijaya Karnataka, Deccan Herald, VijayaVani, Prajavani, Samyukta Karnataka and HosaDiganta covered the event. Scanned versions of the published articles can be viewed here.
- A Kannada Wikipedia Workshop at Sagara (organized by CIS-A2K team, Sagara, July 28, 2013). Dr. U.B. Pavanaja gave a talk on Wikipedia and Kannada Wikipedia.
- A Workshop on Posting Articles in Kannada on Wikipedia (co-organised with the Centre for Proficiency Development Placement Service, University of Mysore, CPDPS premises, Manasagangotri, August 6, 2013). Dr. U.B. Pavanaja is conducted a workshop. The announcement was made in an article by R. Krishna Kumar in the Hindu on August 2, 2013.
- A Kannada Wikipedia Workshop in Mysore (University of Mysore, August 6, 2013): This is a report of the workshop conducted last month. Dr. Pavanaja conducted the workshop.

- Indian Language Wikipedia Training Workshop (TISS, Mumbai, August 16, 2013). Dr. U.B.Pavanaja was the trainer at this workshop. This workshop was organized as part of the CIS-A2K MoU with TISS. This is also part of the Indian Language Mela being organized by Centre for Indian Languages in Higher Education, TISS.
- Indian Language Wikipedia Training Workshop (TISS, Tuljapur, August 24, 2013). Abhishek Suryavanshi was the trainer for this workshop.
- Wikipedia Introductory Workshop (Department of Computer Science and Technology, University of Goa, September 28, 2013). Nitika Tandon conducted this workshop.
- Train the Trainer — Four-day long Residential Training Workshop in Bangalore (organised by CIS-A2K, Bangalore, October 3 – 6, 2013).

Above: Participants at the Train-the-Trainer workshop in Bangalore (by Subhashish Panigrahi, under CC-BY-SA 3.0 Unported)

- Digital Resources in Telugu: A Workshop for Research Scholars (co-organised by CIS-A2K and the English and Foreign Languages University, Hyderabad and CILHE, TISS on September 13, 2013). T. Vishnu Vardhan curated and conducted this day-long event for M.Phil and Ph.D students of the EFL University.
- Re-releasing Konkani Vishwakosh & Building Konkani Wikipedia (organised by CIS-A2K and the University of Goa, Conference Hall, Goa University, Taleigao, September 26, 2013).
- Wikipedia Introductory Workshop (co-organised by CIS-A2K and wikipedians John Noronha and Supriya Kankumbikar, September 27, 2013). Nitika Tandon participated in this workshop.
- Odisha: Wikipedia workshop at IIMC, Dhenkanal (co-organised by CIS-A2K and Odia Wikimedia community, September 30, 2013). Subhashish Panigrahi coordinated the entire event along with members of Odia Wikipedia, Dr Subas Chandra Rout, Mrutyunjaya Kar and Sasanka Sekhar Das. This was covered by Odisha Diary and eOdisha Samachar.

- Workshop on Wikipedia in the Indian Undergraduate Language Classrooms (October 1, 203, Christ University, Bangalore). Dr. U.B. Pavanaja conducted the workshop.
- వికీపీడియా:సమావేశం/బెంగుళూరు/అక్టోబర్ (UTC, Bangalore, October 12, 2013). T. Vishnu Vardhan gave a talk.
- Konkani Vishwakosh Digitization (Goa University, October 19-20, 2013). CIS-A2K team conducted the workshop. Thirty-seven people participated in the event, Nitika Tandon reports.
- Wikipedia Orientation Programme for MA Students (Christ University, Bangalore, November 12, 2013). Syed Muzammiluddin was the trainer. Twenty students participated.
- The Relaunch of Creative Commons India (co-organised by Wikimedia India, Acharya Narendra Dev College and CIS, India Islamic Cultural Centre, November 12, 2013). Dr. Shashi Tharoor, Minister of State for Human Resource Development was the chief guest at the event.
- Wikipedia Orientation Programme for the Second Language Students (Christ University, Bangalore, November 12, 13, 16 and 19, 2013). T. Vishnu Vardhan, Syed Muzammiluddin and Dr. U.B.Pavanaja were the trainers. About 1200 second language students participated in the programme.
- Documentation and Wikipedia Contribution — A One Day Workshop (Kalinga Institute of Social Studies, Bhubaneswar, November 14, 2013). The workshop was conducted by Subhashish Panigrahi.
- Talk on Documentation and Wikipedia (Kalinga School of Management, Bhubaneswar, November 16, 2013). Subhashish Panigrahi conducted the workshop.
- Konknni Wikipedia Workshop (organised by Dalgado Konknni Akademi and CIS-A2K, Goa Central State Library, November 16 and 17, 2013).
- Tenth Anniversary of Wikipedia (H N Multimedia Hall, National College, Basavanagudi, Bangalore, November 17, 2013). Dr. U R Ananthamurthy, Prof. G. Venkatasubbiah and Ravi Hegde were the guests of honour. Dr. U.B. Pavanaja conducted the workshop.
- First Phase of Odia Wikipedia Workshop (Indian Institute of Mass Communication, Bhubaneswar, November 18, 2013). Subhashish Panigrahi conducted the workshop.
- Konkani Wikipedia Workshop (Nirmala Institute of Education, Goa, November 19, 2013). Nitika Tandon conducted the event.
- Konkani Vishwakosh: Doubt Solving Session I (Goa Central State Library, November 26, 2013). Nitika Tandon conducted the session.
- Konkani Vishwakosh: Doubt Solving Session II (Goa Central State Library, November 28, 2013). Nitika Tandon conducted the session.
- Editing Sprint for Vishwakosh (Goa Central, State Library, November 30, 2013). Nitika Tandon conducted the event.
- Odia WikiMeetup (Bhubaneswar, January 11, 2014).
- Introductory talk about "Wikipedia in Academics" (KIIT School of Technology, Bhubaneswar, January 12, 2014).
- Wikipedia Editing Demonstration at NIE (Nirmala Institue of Education, Goa, January 15, 2014).

- Odia Wikipedia's 10th anniversary @ KISS (Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences, Bhubaneswar, January 28, 2014).
- Odia Wikipedia 10th anniversary (Indian Institute of Mass Communication, Dhenkanal, January 29, 2014).
- Cinemathon2014 Bangalore (organized by Pad.ma and CIS-A2K, CIS, Bangalore, February 8-9, 2014).
- Cinemathon2014 Mumbai (organized by Pad.ma and CIS-A2K, CAMP Studio, Mumbai, February 15-16, 2014).
- Wikipedia Mangalore Workshop (organized by Roshini Nilaya and CIS-A2K, Mangalore, February 26, 2014). Dr. U.B.Pavanaja gave a presentation on Wikipedia with a special focus on students and women.
- Tewiki 10th Anniversary (co-organized by CIS-A2K team and the Telugu Wikipedia community, Kakaraparti Bhavanarayana College, February 15, 2014).
- Kannada Wikipedia Workshop (organized by Kannada Times Sagara and co-sponsored by CIS-A2K, Sagara, March 1-2, 2014). Dr. U.B. Pavanaja conducted a Kannada Wikipedia workshop on March 1, followed a by edit-a-thon on Mar 2, 2014. The event was covered by Suvarna Prabha (March 1, 2014), Vijaya Karnataka (March 2, 2014) and Vijaya Vani (March 3, 2014).
- First Urdu Wikipedia Workshop (Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Hyderabad, March 4, 2014). Syed Muzamiluddin conducted the workshop. The event was covered by Taemeer News, Aalami Akhbar, and Firokhabar on March 5, 2014. A video of the event was published by Ruby News.
- Telugu Wikipedia Women's Day (Hyderabad, March 8, 2014). T. Vishnu Vardhan participated in this event. The event was covered by Andhra Prabha Telugu daily and Andhra Bhoomi.
- Wiki Women's Day (International Center Goa, March 9, 2014). Frederick Noronha conducted the workshop. The event was organized as part of the commemoration of the International Women's Day.
- Wikipedia Editathon on India Women's History (Chaitanya Bharathi Institute of Technology (CBIT), Hyderabad, March 8, 2014). The event was covered by Andhra Prabha and Andhra Bhoomi on March 8, 2014. T. Vishnu Vardhan spoke at this event and also gave a Wikipedia demonstration. Syed Muzamiluddin gave a brief Wikipedia demonstration.
- Kannada Wikipedia Workshop (SDM College, Ujire, March 23, 2014). Dr. U.B.Pavanaja conducted a workshop. Renuka Phadnis wrote a report of the event in the Hindu on March 24, 2014.
- Telugu Wikipedia at JNTUACEP (co-organized by CIS-A2K and the Department of Computer Science, JNTUACEP, Andhra Pradesh, March 28, 2014). Rahmanuddin Shaik was a speaker.
- Odisha Day 2014 (organized by CIS-A2K and Odia Wikipedia community, Jayadev Bhawan, Bhubaneswar, March 29, 2014). About 70 people participated in the event. The event was featured in the media about 14 times.

- Community Capacity Building Workshop (KIIT University, March 30, 2014). Subhashish Panigrahi along with experienced Wikipedians mentored the Odia Wikipedia community about community building strategies and outreach.

Participation in Events

- Kannada IRC Meet (organised by the Wikipedia Community, May 7, 2013). Dr. U.B. Pavanaja participated in this.
- Free Software (organized by Free Software Movement of Karnataka in partnership with Jnana Vikas Institute of Technology, Bidadi, July 24, 2013). Dr. U.B. Pavanaja made a presentation on Wikipedia.
- Workshop on e-Content Development (organised by Centre for Staff Training and Development, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Open University, Hyderabad, September 4 – 6, 2013). Vishnu Vardhan gave guest lectures on Open Source to Open Knowledge; Building Knowledge Bases and Platforms via Mass Collaboration on the Internet; e-Content in Indian languages – History, Challenges and Opportunities; Wikipedia Users to Wikipedia Authors – Exploring Wikipedia as an OER Tool; and e-Content, e-Student, e-Faculty – Reimagining classroom in the digital Age.
- Kannada Wikipedia Workshop (organised by Department of Journalism and Mass Communication, SDM College, Ujire, September 15, 2013). Dr. U.B.Pavanaja was the trainer at this workshop.
- T. Vishnu Vardhan gave a talk on Building Knowledge Bases and Platforms via Mass Collaboration on the Internet (organised by Jadavpur University, School of Cultural Texts and Records, Jadavpur University, and Department of Film Studies, Jadavpur University on September 23, 2013): http://bit.ly/163oEpz.
- Konkani Wikipedia Workshop (organised by St. Aloysius College, AIMIT, St Aloysius College (Autonomous), Beeri, Mangalore, September 13, 2013). Dr. U.B. Pavanaja was the trainer at this workshop.
- Indian Languages Mela (organised by Centre for Indian Languages in Higher Education, TISS, Mumbai, September 20-21, 2013). Tejaswini Niranjana, T. Vishnu Vardhan and Dr. U.B. Pavanaja participated in this event.
- 'Digital Humanities and Higher Education' (organised by School of Cultural Texts and Records, Jadavpur University, Kolkata, September 2013). Dr. Tejaswini Niranjana gave a talk.
- Re-sourcing Indian Cinema: Humanities Research, New Archives and Collaborative Knowledge Production (organised by the Centre for Contemporary Studies and the Centre for Study of Culture and Society, October 29, 2013). T. Vishnu Vardhan gave a talk on “Let Cinephiles Collaborate: Pleasures and Perils of Indian Film History on Wikipedia”.
- Wikimedia Diversity Conference (organized by German Wikipedia Community, GLS Campus, Berlin, November 9 – 10, 2013). T. Vishnu Vardhan was a speaker at this event and made a presentation on the challenges and opportunities for the Wikimedia movement in India.
- Wikipedia Orientation Workshop (organised by CIS-A2K and Christ University, Bangalore, December 2, 2013).

- You Too Can Write on Wikipedia! — Training workshop (National Institute of Tourism and Hotel Management, Gachibowli, Hyderabad, December 5, 2013).
- Telugu Wikipedia Training Workshop (KBN College, Vijaywada, December 16, 2013).
- Kannada Wikipedia Workshop at Alvas Vishva Nudisiri Virasat (Moodabidre, December 19 – 22, 2013). Dr. U.B. Pavanaja gave a presentation about Kannada Wikipedia and also conducted a workshop on Kannada Wikipedia as a parallel track. The event was covered by Prajavani (December 22), Hosadigantha (December 22), and Deccan Herald (December 22).
- Wikipedia Training Session @ Tiruvur (organised by CIS-A2K and Telugu Wikipedia community, Srivahini College, Tiruvur, December 19, 2013). T. Vishnu Vardhan and Rahmanuddin Shaik conducted the workshop. It was covered by Andhraprabha on December 19, 2013.
- The Dynamics of Education to Employment Journey: Opportunities and Challenges (organized by KIIT School of Management, KIIT University, Bhubaneswar, February 21-22, 2014). T. Vishnu Vardhan gave a talk.
- Sessions on Kannada Wikipedia (organized by Tumkur University, March 27, 2014). Dr. U.B.Pavanaja conducted a session on Kannada Wikipedia for students of M.Sc. Library and Information Sciences followed by an advanced Kannada Wikipedia session for students of M.A. Literature.
- The Dynamics of Education to Employment Journey: Opportunities and Challenges (organized by KIIT School of Management, KIIT University, Bhubaneswar, February 21-22, 2014). T. Vishnu Vardhan and Subhashish Panigrahi gave talks.

Articles

- Recap on Konkani Wikipedia Workshop (by Subhashish Panigrahi, Startup Goa Blog, September 9, 2013).
- ଅବସର ପରର ଦ୍ୱିତୀୟ ଜୀବନ, ଅବସର ପରେ ସକ୍ରିୟ ଭାବେ ଓଡ଼ିଆ ଉଇକିପିଡ଼ିଆରେ ଲେଖାଲେଖି ଜାରୀ ରଖିଥିବା ଜଣେ ଡାକ୍ତରଙ୍କ ସହ ଭାବାଳାପ (by Subhashish Panigrahi, Odiapua, September 10, 2013).
- ಅಂತರ್ಜಾಲದಲ್ಲಿ ನೆಟ್ಟು ಸಸಿಗೆ ಈಗ ಹತ್ತು ವರ್ಷ (by Dr. U.B. Pavanaja, Kannada Prabha, November 1, 2013). The article highlights 10 years of Kannada Wikipedia, the current status of the Kannada Wikipedia vis-a-vis number of articles, number of editors, active editors, and page views per month.
- Train The Trainer Programme for Wikipedians (by Subhashish Panigrahi, DNA, November 14, 2013). The article was edited by Rohini Lakshane.
- Odia Wikipedia: Three Years of Active Contributions Gives Life to a Ten Year Old Project (by Subhashish Panigrahi, HASTAC, January 31, 2014).
- WikiSangamotsavam 2013 brings Indian Wikimedians together (by Netha Hussain and Subhashish Panigrahi, DNA, January 14, 2014). The article was edited by Rohini Lakshane.
- Odia Language's Presence in Digital Media and Wikipedia's Role (by Subhashish Panigrahi, The Samaja, March 2, 2014).

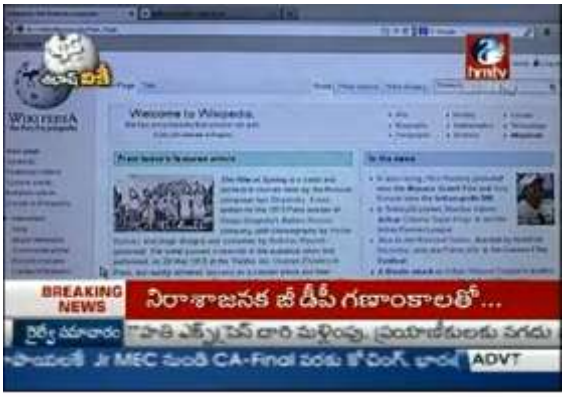
- Indian Wikimedia community coordinates Women's History Month (by Netha Hussain and Jeph Paul, Wikimedia Foundation, March 6, 2014).
- Open Education Week: Interview with Subhashish Panigrahi (by Noopur Raval, March 14, 2014).
- Open Source Project Brings 11th Century Kannada Verses Online (by Pavithra Hanchagaiah, Omshivaprakash H L and Subhashish Panigrahi, March 19, 2014).
- Vachana Sanchaya: 11th century Kannada literature to enrich Wikisource (by by Pavithra Hanchagaiah, Omshivaprakash H L and Subhashish Panigrahi, March 20, 2014).
- ଓଡ଼ିଆ ଉଇକିପିଡ଼ିଆ: ତିନି ବର୍ଷର ସକ୍ରିୟ ଅବଦାନ ୧୦ ବର୍ଷର ପ୍ରକଳ୍ପକୁ ପୁନର୍ଜୀବନ ଦେଲା (by Subhashish Panigrahi, March 20, 2014).
- Digitize any Book in the Public Domain (by Subhashish Panigrahi, Opensource.com, March 27, 2014).

Blog Entries

- Indian WikiWomen celebrate Women's History Month (by Netha Hussain, April 29, 2013).
- Analysis of Konkani Wikipedia: Facts & Challenges (by Nitika Tandon, April 30, 2013).
- Odia Wikipedia: Needs Assessment (by Subhashish Panigrahi, April 30, 2013).
- Odia Wikipedia: Needs Assessment (by Subhashish Panigrahi, May 11, 2013).
- Access to Knowledge Work Plan: Synopsis of Feedback by Wikipedians (by Nitika Tandon, May 20, 2013).
- Wikipedia Introductory Session organized for Data and India portal consultants (by Subhashish Panigrahi, May 30, 2013).
- Wikipedia Visual Editor (by Nitika Tandon, June 27, 2013).
- Wikipedia reaches Classrooms in Hyderabad (by Syed Muzammiluddin, September 20, 2013).
- Train the Trainer Program (by Subhashish Panigrahi, November 18, 2013).
- Konkani Vishwakosh Under CC-BY-SA (by Nitika Tandon, November 26, 2013).
- First ever Train-the-Trainer Program in India (by Nitika Tandon, December 5, 2013).
- Priyadarshini Tadkodkar on Konkani language (by Subhashish Panigrahi, November 17, 2013). We are featuring this here as we didn't carry this in the last newsletter.
- Varsha Kavlekar on Konkani Wikipedia Incubator (by Nitika Tandon, December 12, 2013).
- Darshan Kandolkar on Konkani Vishwakosh Digitization Process (by Nitika Tandon, December 13, 2013).
- Darshana Mandrekar speaks on Konkani Wikipedia (by Nitika Tandon, December 16, 2013).
- Pooja Tople on Wikimedia Projects (by Nitika Tandon, December 17, 2013).
- Wikipedia Editing as Assessment Tool in the Indian Higher Education Classroom (by Dr. Tejaswini Niranjana, Ashwin Kumar A.P. and T. Vishnu Vardhan, January 30, 2014).
- Wikipedia at Forefront in Christ University (by Syed Muzamiluddin, January 29, 2014).

Media Coverage

- CIS Celebrates 5 Years: A Report in Prajavani (Prajavani, May 23, 2013). Dr. U.B. Pavanja's talk "From Palm Leaf to Tablet – Journey of Kannada" was published.
- CIS Celebrates 5 Years: A Report in Udayavani (Udayavani, May 25, 2013). Udayavani published a report of the evening programme hosted as part of CIS 5 year celebrations in its Bangalore edition.



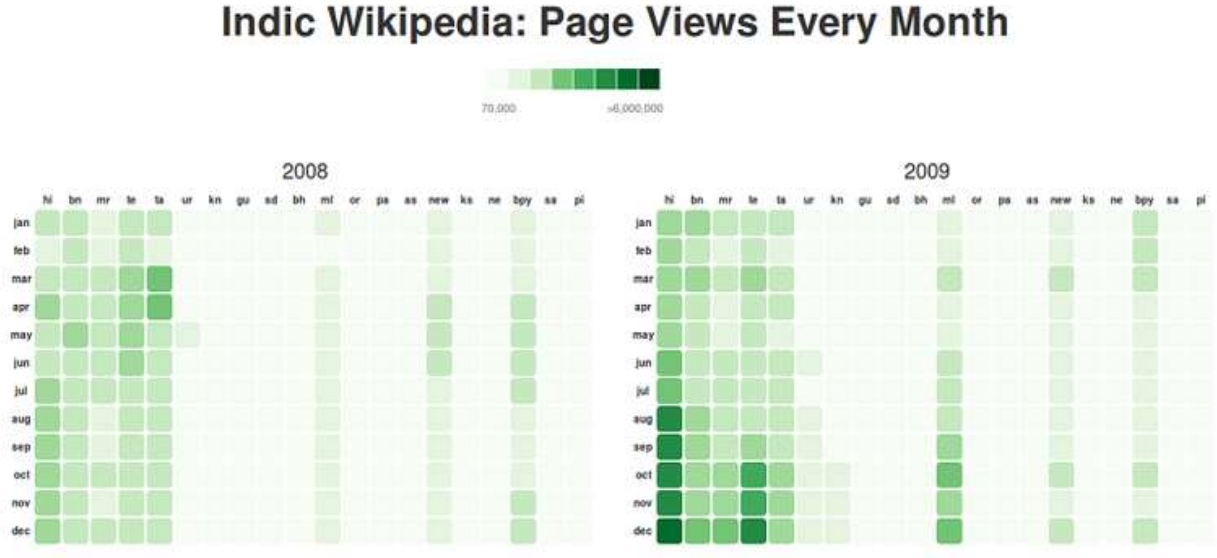
A screen shot from HMTV which featured Telugu Wikipedia

- Wikipedia Live Phone-in Programme (HMTV, June 1, 2013). T. Vishnu Vardhan took part in a one hour live phone-in programme on Wikipedia.
- Wiki donors (by Akhila Seetharaman, TimeOut Bengaluru, June 21, 2013).
- Kannada Wikipedia Workshop at Hasan (Prajavani, June 5, 2013). Dr. U.B. Pavanaja conducted the workshop on June 4, 2013.
- Kannada Wikipedia Workshop at Hasan (Samyukta Karnataka, June 5, 2013). Dr. U.B.Pavanaja conducted the workshop on June 4, 2013.
- Kannada Wikipedia Workshop at Hasan (Vijaya Karnataka, June 5, 2013). Dr. U.B.Pavanaja conducted the workshop on June 4, 2013.
- Wiki Rahasya: Panel Discussion (Suvarna News, June 13, 2013). Dr. U.B.Pavanaja participated in a panel discussion around Wikipedia in general and about Kannada Wikipedia in specific.
- Konkani Wikipedia next? (by Diana Fernandes, OHeraldO, July 27, 2013).
- 'Help Konkani Wikipedia come out of incubation' (Deccan Herald, September 13, 2013).
- Konkani Vishwakosh relaunch tomorrow (The Hindu, September 26, 2013).
- Goa University re-releasing Konkani encyclopaedia on Sept 26 (The Times of India, September 24, 2013).
- Goa University announces plan to upload Konkani encyclopedia on Wikipedia (Navhind Times, September 27, 2013).
- Konkani Wikipedia from Goa University in 6 months (The Times of India, September 27, 2013).
- Konkani Wikipedia in the making (by Prakash Kamat, The Hindu, September 29, 2013).
- For the love of Konkani: Preserving Goa's official language (by Joanna Lobo, DNA, September 29, 2013).

- Goa University to make available online Konkani Wikipedia, within 6 months (by Jagran Josh, September 30, 2013).
- Goa University Partners CIS India to Build Konkani Wikipedia (by Apurva Chaudhary, Medianama, September 30, 2013).
- Mangalore: Konkani writers resolve to form all-India forum at JKS conference (Daijiworld, October 1, 2013).
- Wikipedia in Indian Languages on Mobile Phones (by Megha Prakash, Sci Dev Net, October 15, 2013).
- कोंकणी विश्वकोश 'विकिपीडिया' वर (Navprabha Daily, October 22, 2013). A detailed article about the digitalization of Konkani Vishwakosh.
- Kannada Wikipedia and its Tenth Anniversary (RadioCity, November 2, 2013).
- Indian Govt to Build Machine Translation System for 22 Indic Languages (by Brindaalakshmi, Medianama, November 14, 2013).
- 10th anniversary of Kannada Wikipedia (by ND Shiva Kumar, The Times of India, November 15, 2013).
- Tenth Anniversary of Kannada Wikipedia (Udayavani, November 15, 2013).
- ಕನ್ನಡ ವಿಕಿಪೀಡಿಯಕ್ಕೆ ಈಗ ದಶಮಾನೋತ್ಸವ. ಅದರ ಪ್ರಯುಕ್ತ ಒಂದು ಆಚರಣೆ (Avadhi Website, November 16, 2013).
- ಕನ್ನಡ ವಿಕಿಪೀಡಿಯಗೆ 10, ಬೆಳವಣಿಗೆ ಸಾಲದು: ಪ್ರೊ .ಜಿವಿ (OneindiaKannada, November 17, 2013).
- Tenth Anniversary of Kannada Wikipedia (Vijayavani, November 17, 2013).
- ಕನ್ನಡ ವಿಕಿಪೀಡಿಯಕ್ಕೆ ದಶಮಾನೋತ್ಸವ ಸಂಭ್ರಮ (Prajavani, November 18, 2013).
- ಕನ್ನಡದ ಆನ್‌ಲೈನ್ ವಿಶ್ವಕೋಶ ದುರ್ಬಲ (Vijaya Karnataka, November 19, 2013).
- Panaji: DKA organizes two day Konkani Wikipedia workshop (Daijiworld, November 18, 2013).
- Digitising contest to preserve rare books in Malayalam (The Hindu, January 4, 2014).
- 'With Internet in every pocket, power to the people' (by Shubhadeep Chaudhury, The Tribune, January 12, 2014). Shubhadeep interviews T. Vishnu Vardhan on internet and social media.
- ଆଦିବାସୀ ଭାଷାର ଉନ୍ନତିକଳ୍ପେ ଉଇକିପିଡ଼ିଆ (Odishan.com, January 12, 2014).
- KIIT University to lead building free knowledge repository initiative (India Education Diary.com, January 20, 2014).
- Odisha: KISS to create tribal languages and heritage repository (Odisha Diary Bureau, January 20, 2014).
- FDC recognition for the Centre for the Internet and Society (Wikimedia Foundation, January 30, 2014). Wikimedia Foundation published a resolution declaring CIS eligible for funding through the Annual Plan Grants program.
- Tech-savvy students given tips to enter IT field (The Times of India, January 31, 2014).
- Odia Wikipedia (Sanchar, January 31, 2014).
- Father-son duo promote Punjabi online (by Jatinder Preet, Sunday Guardian, February 1, 2014).

- ୧୦ ବର୍ଷରେ ଓଡ଼ିଆ ୱିକିପିଡିଆ (Rabibara Sambad (Sunday supplement of Odia newspaper The Sambad), February 9, 2014). This is a feature about Odia Wikipedia's 10th anniversary and the story of a dead volunteer community reviving after 8 years.
- Wikipedia Mangalore Workshop (Prajavani, February 27, 2014).
- Integrating Urdu with Modern Technology the Need of Hour (Daily Taskeen, March 6, 2014).
- ଓଡ଼ିଶା ଦିବସ: ଓଡ଼ିଆ ଭାଷା ଭିତ୍ତିରେ ରାଜ୍ୟ ଗଠନର ୭୯ ବର୍ଷ (Odishan.com, March 27, 2014).
- Odia Wikipedia (The Telegraph, March 29, 2014). Subhashish Panigrahi spoke about Odia Wikipedia plan.
- Odia Wikimedia community celebrated Odisha day, bringing 14 copyright free Odia books (Odishadiary, March 29, 2014): <web-link>1lJJ4ur.
- Odia Wikipedia Brings 14 Copyright Free Odia Books and a Free Odia Font (Odishabarta, March 29, 2014). Subhashish Panigrahi shared the vision of the Wikimedia movement.
- 'Digitisation only way to preserve valuable literature for posterity' (Odisha Sun Times, March 29, 2014).
- Odia Wikipedia to Digitise 14 Books (The Pioneer, March 30, 2014).
- ଓଡ଼ିଆରେ ଉଇକିପିଡିଆ ଓ ଉଇକିପାଠାଗାର: ଓଡ଼ିଆ ପୁସ୍ତକ ଏଣିକି ମୁକ୍ତରେ ମିଳିବ ଇଣ୍ଟରନେଟରେ (Odishan, March 30, 2014): link to the news. Subhashish Panigrahi read out the annual report.
- Odisha Day 2014 (Odisha Samay, March 30, 2014).
- Odisha Day 2014 (Sambad, March 31, 2014): link.
- Emphasis on developing vernacular encyclopaedias (The Hindu, March 30, 2014).

Indic Wikipedia Visualisation Project



Above: A screen shot of Page View statistics

- Indic Wikipedia Visualisation Project #2: Visualising Page Views and Project Pages (by Sajjad Anwar and Sumandro Chattapadhyay, April 22, 2013).

Comments

- Draft ICAR Open Access Policy (by Nehaa Chaudhari, May 28, 2013). The comments were submitted to the Indian Council for Agricultural Research.

Celebrating 5 Years of CIS

Pictured above: Nishant Shah is briefing visitors about CIS work on Internet Governance during the exhibition.

As a move to promote transparency, CIS invited the general public to be its auditors by throwing open its account books and contracts which show how it has spent the Rs. 13.13 crores received from its donors besides showcasing its work and accomplishments over the period. The open exhibition on all four days (May 20 – 23, 2013, 10.00 a.m. to 8.00 p.m.) was held at the CIS offices in Delhi and Bangalore. The evening programmes were held in Bangalore. We had about 170 visitors. Well-known artists like Kiran Subbaiah, Tara Kelton, Sharat Chandra Ram and Navin Thomas featured their work and gave live demonstrations.

On May 20, Vibodh Parthasarathi gave a talk on Why did I buy a set-top box?: What we know, don't know and need to know about Digitalisation. The report Mapping Digital Media: India published by Open Society Foundations for which he was a co-author was released on the occasion. This was followed by the screening of seven 2-minute films by Kamini Menon and Christy Raj. CIS in partnership with Video Volunteers had been documenting the cyber cafes of

rural India. The first day of the event ended with a Hindustani Classical performance by Aditya Dipankar.

On May 21, Sabaka, a 1954 film produced and directed by Frank Ferrin starring Boris Karloff, Reginald Denny, June Foray, et.al, was screened. Lawrence Liang then gave a talk on Slouching towards Tlön: An Encyclopedia for the 2nd century of Indian cinema. On May 22, there were four different presentations on Cybersecurity, Privacy and Surveillance. Maria Xynou gave a talk on the Indian Surveillance State, Bernadette Längle gave a talk on Why Privacy and How, a presentation on Cyber Security by Laird Brown and Purba Sarkar, and a presentation on Faking Fingerprints by Bernadette Längle. Dr. Chandrashekhara Kambara was the chief guest for the final day, May 23. He gave a talk on Kannada in modern era and right after Dr. Pavanaja gave a talk on From Palm Leaf to Tablet – Journey of Kannada. The exhibition concluded with a Carnatic music performance by Nirmita Narasimhan. All posters displayed during the exhibition can be found here.

Pictured above: Aditya Dipankar giving Hindustani Classical performance during the exhibition.

INTERNET GOVERNANCE

CIS works on policy issues relating to freedom of expression primarily focusing on the IT Act and issues of liability of intermediaries for unlawful speech and simultaneously ensuring that the right to privacy is safeguarded. As part of this research it is engaged in two different projects. The first one under a grant from Privacy International and International Development Research Centre (IDRC)) is on surveillance and freedom of expression (SAFEGUARDS). The second one (which was recently started under a grant from MacArthur Foundation) is on studying the restrictions placed on freedom of expression online by the Indian government. Over the past one year CIS organised round-table conferences in Delhi, Kolkata, Chennai and Bangalore, and drafted the Privacy Protection Bill, 2013 (with amendments based on public feedback gathered from the privacy round-tables):

Privacy

Privacy Protection Bill

In 2013 CIS drafted the Privacy Protection Bill as a citizens' version of privacy legislation for India. Since April 2013, CIS has been holding Privacy Round-tables in collaboration with FICCI and DSCI, with the objective of gaining public feedback to the Privacy Protection Bill and other possible frameworks for privacy in India. Based on public feedback from round-tables held in Delhi, Bangalore and Chennai the bill was amended. Bhairav Acharya on behalf of CIS drafted an updated version of the bill which was put up for comments.

Book on Privacy

CIS in partnership with Privacy International, UK, Privacy International and Society in Action Group, Gurgaon is working on finalizing the chapters for a book on privacy. The following draft chapters were reviewed and updated recently:

- Freedom of Expression and Privacy
- Health and Privacy
- E-Governance, Identity and Privacy
- Telecommunications and Internet Privacy
- Consumer Privacy
- Law Enforcement, National Security and Privacy

Submission / Comments

- Re: The Human DNA Profiling Bill, 2012 (by Bhairav Acharya, October 9, 2013). CIS provided clause-by-clause comments on the on the Working Draft version of the Human DNA Profiling Bill.

India Privacy Monitor Map

CIS built a first of its kind Privacy Watch in India. The map includes data on the UID, NPR and CCTNS schemes, as well as on the installation of CCTV cameras and the use of drones throughout the country. Maria Xynou with assistance from Srinivas Atreya made the India Privacy Monitor Map.

Above is a screen shot of the publicly funded citizen monitoring projects

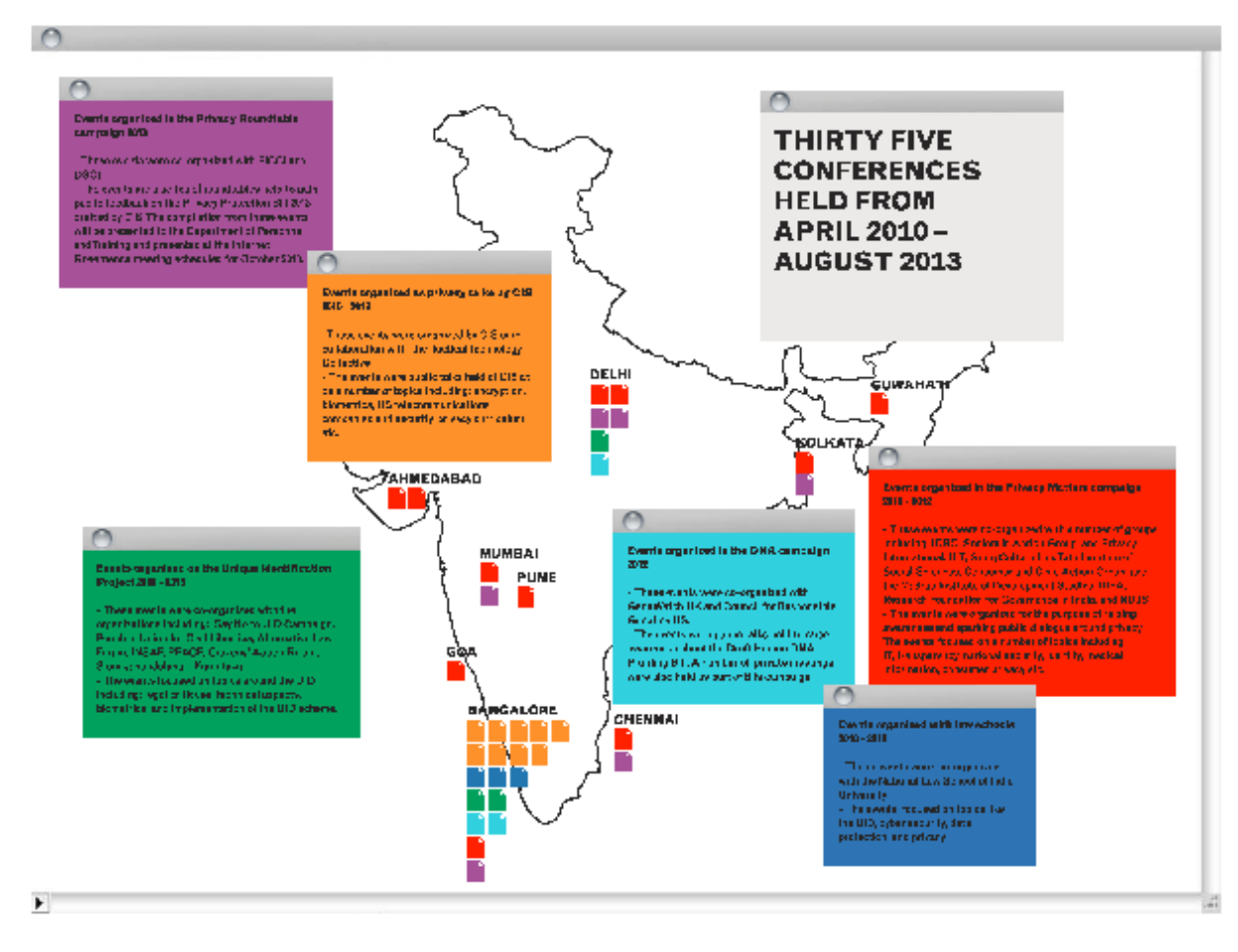
Events Organised

Pictured above: A banner of the Roundtable on Privacy with logos of the organizers that was displayed in all the seven roundtables held last year.

- CIS in partnership with FICCI and DSCI organized seven roundtables as part of the SAFEGUARD project. The privacy round-tables were held in: New Delhi (April 13, 2013), Bangalore (April 20, 2013), Chennai (May 18, 2013), Mumbai (June 15, 2013), Kolkata (July 13, 2013), New Delhi (August 24, 2013), and again in New Delhi (October 19, 2013).

- Consilience – 2013 (co-organised with the Law and Technology Committee of National School of India University, Bangalore, May 25 and 26, 2013). Data protection and cyber security in India was discussed.
- Learn to Secure Your Online Communication! (CIS, Bangalore, June 30, 2013). A Crypto Party was organised.
- Learn to Secure Your Online Communication! (IIC, Delhi University, South Campus, New Delhi, July 6, 2013). A Crypto Party was organised.
- Digital Activism in Europe (The Sarai Programme, Centre for the Study of Developing Societies, New Delhi, July 8, 2013). Bernadette Längle gave a talk.
- Dharamsala: Learn to Secure Your Online Communication! (Dharamsala, July 13, 2013). A cryptoparty was held in Dharamsala. This was also covered in an article published in the Caravan on August 1, 2013.
- The Hackers Way of Reshaping Policies (CIS, Bangalore, August 2, 2012). Bernadette Langle gave a talk on privacy.
- The Hackers Way of Reshaping Policies (CIS, Bangalore, August 2, 2013). Bernadette Langle gave a talk on different ways to reshape policies.
- Chennai: Learn to Protect your Online Activities! (Asian College of Journalism, Taramani, Chennai, August 7, 2013). A Crypto Party was organised.
- The Phishing Society: Why 'Facebook' is more dangerous than the Government Spying on You - A Talk by Maria Xynou (CIS, Bangalore, August 7, 2013). Maria Xynou gave a talk on phishing society.
- Learn to Protect your Online Activities! (ACJ - Asian College of Journalism, Second Main Road (Behind M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation), Taramani, Chennai, August 7, 2013).
- Privacy Meeting: Brussels – Bangalore (CIS, Bangalore, August 14, 2013). Gertjan Boulet and Dariusz Kloza gave a talk on privacy.
- Learn to Protect your Online Activities! (CIS, Bangalore, August 17, 2013). A Crypto Party was held at CIS.
- A Privacy Meeting with the Federal Trade Commission (co-organised by CIS and the Federal Trade Commission, Imperial Hotel, Janpath, New Delhi, September 20, 2013). Elonnai Hickok participated in this meeting.
- Public Law and Jurisprudential Issues of Privacy (CIS, Bangalore, September 27, 2013): Abhayraj Naik, a graduate from the National Law School of India University, Bangalore, and the Yale Law School gave a talk on public law and jurisprudential issues related to privacy.
- Panel on Privacy, Surveillance & the UID in the post-Snowden era (Institution of Agricultural Technologists, Bangalore, November 30, 2013).
- Big Democracy: Big Surveillance - A talk by Maria Xynou (CIS, Bangalore, December 3, 2013).
- Legal Issues pertaining to Cloud Computing (NLSIU Campus, Bangalore, December 14-15, 2013).
- Biometrics or Bust? Implications of the UID for Participation and Inclusion (CIS, Bangalore, January 10, 2014). Malavika Jayaram gave a talk.

- Digital Citizens: Why Cyber Security and Online Privacy are Vital to the Success of Democracy and Freedom of Expression (CIS, Bangalore, January 14, 2014). Michael Oghia gave a talk.
- CPDP 2014 Reforming Data Protection: The Global Perspective (organised by CPDP, Brussels, January 22 – 24, 2014). CIS was one of the sponsors for this event. Malavika Jayaram was a speaker.
- The Future of the Internet, Who Should Govern It and What is at Stake for You? (organised by Internet and Mobile Association of India, Cellular Operators Association of India, Internet Democracy project, Media for Change, SFLC and CIS, India International Centre, January 29, 2014). Chinmayi Arun moderated a session. Snehashish Ghosh participated in the event as a speaker.
- Counter Surveillance Panel: DiscoTech & Hackathon (co-organized by CIS, MIT Centre for Civic Media Co-Design Lab, Tactical Technology Collective, Hackteria.org, and Shristi School of Art, Design and Technology, Bangalore, March 1, 2014).



Pictured above: A total of 35 privacy events were organized in India from April 2010 to August 2011 across the cities of Bangalore, Mumbai, Pune, Chennai, Delhi, Kolkata and Guwahati as part of our research on Privacy with Privacy International. This is mapped above.

Miscellaneous

- Or-bits.com — A Talk by Marialaura Ghidini (CIS, Bangalore, April 19, 2013). Marialaura Ghidini gave a talk about the creation and activities of or-bits.com, a web-based curatorial platform that she founded in 2009.
- The Geopolitics of Information Controls: A Presentation by Masashi Crete-Nishihata (TERI, Bangalore, June 19, 2013). About 20 people participated in the event.
- Mapping Digital Media: Broadcasting, Journalism and Activism in India (co-organised by Alternative Law Forum, Maraa and CIS, Bangalore International Centre, October 27, 2013). Samantha Cassar has blogged about the event. It was covered by the New Indian Express and the Hindu on October 28, 2013.
- IDEX Impact Assessment Workshop (organised by IDEX, CIS, Bangalore, November 16, 2013).
- The Evolving Cyber Threat and How to Address It (CIS, Bangalore, November 22, 2013).
- Nullcon Goa Feb 2014 — International Security Conference (organised by Nullcon, Bogmallo Beach Resort, Goa, February 12 – 15, 2014). CIS was one of the sponsors for this event.

Participation in Events

- ICT, Law and Innovation: Recent Developments, Challenges and Lessons Learned (organised by Bilgi University, Istanbul, May 2013). Chinmayi Arun was a speaker on the Internet Governance panel at Towards a Global Network of Internet and Society Centres.
- Biometrics or bust? India's Identity Crisis (organized by the Oxford Internet Institute, July 2, 2013). Malavika Jayaram was a speaker.
- Connaught Summer Institute on Monitoring Internet Openness and Rights (organized by the Munk School of Global Affairs, Bloor Street West, July 23, 2013). Malavika Jayaram participated in this event and spoke on "India's Civil Liberties Crisis: Digital Free Will in Free Fall".
- Summer School 2013 (organized by the Research Center of Media and Communication at the University of Hamburg, Germany, July 29 – August 2, 2013). Dr. Nishant Shah was a panelist in the session on "Guilty until Proven Innocent: Pirates, Pornographers, Terrorists and the IT Act in India".
- Meeting of a Sub-committee on DNA Profiling Bill (Hyderabad, August 6, 2013). Sunil Abraham participated in this meeting for discussing the draft bill.
- Surveillance: Privacy Vs Security (organized by the Foundation for Media Professionals, India International Centre, New Delhi, August 17, 2013). Pranesh Prakash was a panelist.
- Young Scholar Tutorials (organised by Communication Policy Research South, September 3-4, 2013). Nehaa Chaudhari participated in this event.
- Privacy and Surveillance in India (organised by the Centre for Culture, Media and Governance, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, September 18, 2013). Sunil Abraham gave a talk.
- Syllabus: "Policy and regulation conducive to rapid ICT sector growth in Myanmar: An introductory course" (organised by LIRNEasia in collaboration with Myanmar ICT

Development Organization, and with support from the Open Society Foundation and the International Development Research Centre of Canada, September 28 – October 5, 2013). Sunil Abraham is supporting Prof. Samarajiva on the last optional day of this course in Yangon.

- Congress on Privacy and Surveillance (organised by Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, Lausanne, September 30, 2013). Maria Xynou participated in this event.
- Free Speech and Media in South Asia: Human Rights Concerns in a Globalizing World (organised by the Programme in Comparative Media Law and Policy, Centre for Socio-Legal Studies, University of Oxford, in collaboration with the Centre for Media and Governance, National Law University, Delhi, Oxford University, October 25, 2013). Chinmayi Arun spoke about "Privacy and Surveillance in India" in a panel discussion.
- Religious Pluralism and the Tensions between Freedom of Expression and Respect for the 'Other' (organised by Reset-Dialogues on Civilizations project, in cooperation with Jamia Millia Islamia, India Habitat Centre, New Delhi, October 10, 2013). Chinmayi Arun was a speaker at the session on "Democracy and the Tension between Freedom of Speech and Respect for the Other's Religion, Culture, Identity, India and Europe".
- Fragmentation in a Democracy: The Role of Social Movements and the Media (organised by the Observer Research Foundation, Delhi and Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung, Berlin at Observer Research Foundation, New Delhi, October 16, 2013). Sunil Abraham was a panelist in the session on "Impact of Media, Social Media & Technology on Democracy / Governance".
- Internet, Mobile & Digital Economy Conference (IMDEC) 2013 (organised by FICCI, in association with the Ministry of Communications & IT, Government of India, New Delhi, October 25, 2013). Sunil Abraham participated as a speaker in the session on "The Internet We Want: A Multistakeholder Approach".
- Chances and Risks of Social Participation (organised by Alexander von Humboldt Institute for Internet and Society and Friedrich Ebert Foundation, Berlin, November 22, 2013). Dr. Nishant Shah gave the keynote.
- Expert Committee Meeting on Human DNA Profiling Bill (organised by the Ministry of Science & Technology, Government of India, New Delhi). Sunil Abraham participated in the meeting.
- Convention on Crisis of Capitalism and brazen onslaught on Democracy (organized by INSAF, December 6, 2013). Snehashish Ghosh participated as a speaker.
- International View of the State-of-the-Art of Cryptography and Security and its Use in Practice (IV) (jointly organized by Microsoft Research India, Indian Institute of Science, and Indian Institute of Technology Madras, December 6, 2013). Sunil Abraham was a panellist.
- Technology in Government and Topics in Privacy (organized by Data Privacy Lab, CGIS Cafe, Cambridge Street, Harvard University Campus, December 9, 2013). Malavika Jayaram participated as a speaker on Biometrics in Beta – India's Identity Experiment.
- Cyberscholars Working Group at MIT (organized by the Berkman Center for Internet & Society, Harvard University, December 12, 2013): Malavika Jayaram made a presentation on Biometrics or Bust - India's Identity Crisis.

- Seventh NLSIR Symposium on "Bridging the Security-Liberty Divide" (organised by National Law School, Bangalore, December 21-22). Chinmayi Arun and Bhairav Acharya were speakers at this event.
- Seminar on "Hate Speech and Social Media" (organized by NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad and British Deputy High Commission, Hyderabad, January 4 – 5, 2014). Chinmayi Arun was one of the speakers.
- Multistakeholders Consultation on International Public Policy Issues (organized by the Department of Electronics & Information Technology, New Delhi, January 21, 2014). Snehashish Ghosh participated in this meeting.
- Internet Governance and India: The Way Forward (organized by Observer Research Foundation, New Delhi, January 22, 2014). Snehashish Ghosh participated in the event.
- Data Privacy Day 2014 (organized by Data Security Council of India, Infosys, Bangalore, January 28, 2014). Elonnai Hickok was a panelist.
- TACTIS Symposium 2014 (organized by Tata Consultancy Service, TCS Siruseri, Chennai, January 28 and 29, 2014). Sunil Abraham gave the keynote address.
- RightsCon Silicon Valley 2014 (organized by RightsCon, San Francisco, March 3 and 4, 2014). Pranesh Prakash and Malavika Jayaram were speakers at this event.
- Internet Governance Round-table (hosted by British High Commission, New Delhi, March 4, 2014). Geetha Hariharan participated in the round-table conference.
- "The Internet and Controls: A Disturbing Scenario" (organized by Bangalore International Centre, TERI, Bangalore, March 7, 2014). Sunil Abraham chaired and moderated the session.
- How to Engage in Broadband Policy and Regulatory Processes (organized by LIRNEasia with the support of the Ford Foundation, Gurgaon, March 9, 2014). Sunil Abraham taught Surveillance and Privacy.
- International Conference on Cyberlaw & Cybercrime (organized by Cyberlaws.net and Pawan Duggal Associates, New Delhi, March 13, 2014). Sunil Abraham was a panelist.
- ICANN and Global Internet Governance: The Road to São Paulo, and Beyond (organized by the NonCommercial Users Constituency and ICANN, Raffles City Convention Centre, Singapore, March 21, 2014). Pranesh Prakash was a speaker. Geetha Hariharan participated in the event.
- Panel Discussion – Intermediary Liability & Freedom of Expression in India (organized by the Centre for Communication Governance at NLU Delhi in association with the Global Network Initiative, Washington D.C., India International Centre Annex, New Delhi, March 26, 2014). Bhairav Acharya participated in the event.
- Governance issues for private data stores (co-hosted by Harvard Faculty Club and Web Science Trust, 20 Quincy Street, Cambridge, March 28, 2014). Malavika Jayaram was a speaker at this event.
- Cyber Dialogue 2014 (organized by the Canada Centre for Global Security Studies, Munk School of Global Affairs, University of Toronto, March 30 – 31, 2014). Malavika Jayaram participated in the event.

Internet Governance Forum

Sunil Abraham, Pranesh Prakash and Chinmayi Arun participated in the Internet Governance Forum held in Bali, Indonesia in the month of October. Overall, CIS spoke in 7 panels:

- Charting the Charter: Internet Rights and Principles Online (organised by IRP Coalition, October 22, 2013). Pranesh Prakash was a panelist.
- Fair process frameworks for cross-border online spaces (organised by the Internet & Jurisdiction Project, Civil Society of France, Western Europe and Others Group and Internet & Jurisdiction Project, Civil Society of Germany, Western Europe and Others Group, October 22, 2013). Sunil Abraham and Chinmayi Arun were panelists for this workshop.
- Removing Barriers to Connectivity: Connecting the Unconnected (organised by Internet Society and ETNO, October 23, 2013). Pranesh Prakash was a panelist.
- FOSS: Smart Choice for Developing Countries (organised by TechNation and Open Source Alliance of Central Asia, October 23, 2013). Sunil Abraham spoke on FOSS and IT Growth Policies in South Asia.
- Privacy: from regional regulations to global connections? (organised by Internet Society, Bali, October 24, 2013). Sunil Abraham was one of the panelists.
- Human rights, freedom of expression and free flow of information on the Internet (a Focus Session on Openness, October 24, 2013). Pranesh Prakash was a speaker at this event.
- Taking Stock: Emerging Issues - Internet Surveillance (a session on Internet Surveillance, October 25, 2013). Pranesh Prakash made intervention in this session.Tweets from Bali IGF 2013: To enable research by those who didn't want to mess around with Twitter's APIs, CIS has made available tweets from the IGF as downloadable .CSV files.

Newspaper Columns / Articles

Note: *This is inclusive of privacy as well as free speech and expression*:

- Off the Record (by Nishant Shah, Indian Express, April 6, 2013).
- Indian Surveillance Laws & Practices Far Worse than US (by Pranesh Prakash, Economic Times, June 13, 2013).
- World Wide Rule (by Nishant Shah, Indian Express, June 14, 2013). Nishant Shah reviews Schmidt and Cohen's book “The New Digital Age”.
- Way to Watch (by Chinmayi Arun, Indian Express, June 26, 2013).
- The State is Snooping: Can You Escape? (by Snehashish Ghosh, India Together, June 26, 2013).
- How Surveillance Works in India (by Pranesh Prakash, New York Times, July 10, 2013).
- Can India Trust Its Government on Privacy? (by Pranesh Prakash, New York Times, July 11, 2013).
- India: Privacy in Peril (by Bhairav Acharya, Frontline, July 12, 2013).
- Parsing the Cyber Security Policy (by Chinmayi Arun, The Hoot, and cross-posted in Free Speech Initiative, July 13, 2013).
- You Have the Right to Remain Silent (by Nishant Shah, Down to Earth, July 22, 2013).

- Freedom from Monitoring: India Inc Should Push For Privacy Laws (by Sunil Abraham, Forbes India Magazine, August 21, 2013).
- Out of the Bedroom (by Nishant Shah, Indian Express, August 25, 2013).
- The National Cyber Security Policy: Not a Real Policy (by Bhairav Acharya, Observer Research Foundation's Cyber Security Monitor Vol. I, Issue.1, August 2013).
- Privacy Law Must Fit the Bill (by Sunil Abraham, Deccan Chronicle, September 9, 2013).
- What India can Learn from the Snowden Revelations (by Elonnai Hickok, Yahoo, October 23, 2013). The title of the article was changed in the version published by Yahoo.
- Open Secrets (by Nishant Shah, Indian Express, October 27, 2013).
- I Just Pinged to Say Hello (by Nishant Shah, Indian Express, November 24, 2013).
- Big Brother is Watching You (by Chinmayi Arun, The Hindu, January 3, 2014).
- Making the Powerful Accountable (by Chinmayi Arun, The Hindu, January 30, 2014).
- Video Games: A Case Study of a Cross-cultural Video Collaboration (by Larissa Hjorth and Nishant Shah, January 31, 2014). A new book focusing on Palestinian artists' video, edited by Bashir Makhoul and published by Palestinian Art Court- al Hoash, 2013, includes a chapter co-authored by Larissa and Nishant.
- The Internet Way (by Nishant Shah, Biblio Vol. 19 No.8 (1&2), January – February 2014). Dr. Nishant Shah's review of the book "The Everything Store: Jeff Bezos and the Age of Amazon" by Bantam Press/Random House Group, London can be found on page 16.
- Surveillance and the Indian Constitution - Part 3: The Public/Private Distinction and the Supreme Court's Wrong Turn (by Gautam Bhatia, Indian Constitutional Law and Philosophy Blog, February 25, 2014). This was originally published on Indian Constitutional Law and Philosophy Blog.
- Big Democracy, Big Surveillance: India's Surveillance State (by Maria Xynou, Open Democracy, February 28, 2014).
- Will You be Paid to Post a Picture? (by Nishant Shah, Indian Express, February 18, 2014).
- Privacy worries cloud Facebook's WhatsApp Deal (by Sunil Abraham, March 20, 2014).
- The Age of Shame (by Dr. Nishant Shah, Indian Express, March 30, 2014).

Blog Entries

- India´s ´Big Brother´: The Central Monitoring System (CMS) (by Maria Xynou, April 8, 2013).
- Comparative Analysis of DNA Profiling Legislations from Across the World (by Srinivas Atreya, May 23, 2013).
- India Subject to NSA Dragnet Surveillance! No Longer a Hypothesis — It is Now Officially Confirmed (by Maria Xynou, June 13, 2013).
- SEBI and Communication Surveillance: New Rules, New Responsibilities? (by Kovey Coles, June 27, 2013).
- Open Letter to "Not" Recognize India as Data Secure Nation till Enactment of Privacy Legislation (by Elonnai Hickok, June 19, 2013).

- Open Letter to Prevent the Installation of RFID tags in Vehicles (by Maria Xynou, June 27, 2013).
- The Difficult Balance of Transparent Surveillance (by Kovey Coles, July 10, 2013).
- Moving Towards a Surveillance State (by Srinivas Atreya, July 15, 2013).
- An Interview with Reijo Aarnio (by Maria Xynou, July 19, 2013). Maria conducted an interview with Reijo, the Finnish Data Protection Ombudsman.
- More than a Hundred Global Groups Make a Principled Stand against Surveillance (by Elonnai Hickok, July 31, 2013).
- The Audacious 'Right to Be Forgotten' (by Kovey Coles, July 31, 2013).
- 'Ethical Hacker' Saket Modi Calls for Stronger Cyber Security Discussions (by Kovey Coles, August 5, 2013).
- Ethical Issues in Open Data (by Kovey Coles, August 7, 2013).
- FinFisher in India and the Myth of Harmless Metadata (by Maria Xynou, August 13, 2013).
- An Interview with Suresh Ramasubramanian (by Elonnai Hickok, September 6, 2013)
- The National Privacy Roundtable Meetings (by Bhairav Acharya, September 19, 2013). Bhairav provides an analysis of the six round table meetings held in the cities of New Delhi, Bangalore, Chennai, Mumbai, and Kolkata.
- Transparency Reports — A Glance on What Google and Facebook Tell about Government Data Requests (by Prachi Arya, September 12, 2013).
- The Central Monitoring System: Some Questions to be Raised in Parliament (by Bhairav Acharya, September 19, 2013).
- CIS and International Coalition Calls upon Governments to Protect Privacy (by Elonnai Hickok, September 25, 2013).
- An Analysis of the Cases Filed under Section 46 of the Information Technology Act, 2000 for Adjudication in the State of Maharashtra (by Bhairav Acharya, September 30, 2013): This is a brief review of some of the cases related to privacy filed under section 46 of the Information Technology Act, 2000 seeking adjudication for alleged contraventions of the Act in the State of Maharashtra.
- Concerns Regarding DNA Law (by Bhairav Acharya, October 9, 2013).
- Interview with Big Brother Watch on Privacy and Surveillance (by Maria Xynou, October 15, 2013).
- Interview with Bruce Schneier (by Maria Xynou, October 17, 2013).
- An Interview with the Tactical Technology Collective (by Maria Xynou, October 18, 2013).
- Interview with Dr. Alexander Dix (by Maria Xynou, October 23, 2013).
- Open Letter to Members of the European Parliament of the Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs Committee (by Elonnai Hickok, October 23, 2013).
- An Interview with Jacob Kohnstamm (by Elonnai Hickok, October 25, 2013).
- Spy Files 3: WikiLeaks Sheds More Light on the Global Surveillance Industry (by Maria Xynou, October 25, 2013).
- An Interview with Caspar Bowden (by Maria Xynou, November 6, 2013).

- India's Response to WGEC Questionnaire (by Snehashish Ghosh, November 13, 2013).
- Why 'Facebook' is More Dangerous than the Government Spying on You (by Maria Xynou, November 19, 2013).
- CIS Supports the UN Resolution on "The Right to Privacy in the Digital age" (by Elonnai Hickok, November 30, 2013).
- Can Bitcoin Be Banned by the Indian Government? (by Vipul Kharbanda, December 24, 2013).
- Misuse of Surveillance Powers in India (Case 1) (by Pranesh Prakash, December 6, 2013).
- Brochures from Expos on Smart Cards, e-Security, RFID & Biometrics in India (by Maria Xynou, December 18, 2013).
- India's Identity Crisis (by Malavika Jayaram, December 31, 2013 Internet Monitor Annual Report: Reflections on the Digital World, published by Harvard's Berkman Center for Internet and Society).
- Letter requesting public consultation on position of GoI at WGEC (by Snehashish Ghosh, January 7, 2014).
- Electoral Databases – Privacy and Security Concerns (by Snehashish Ghosh, January 16, 2014).
- GNI Assessment Finds ICT Companies Protect User Privacy and Freedom of Expression (by Elonnai Hickok, January 20, 2014).
- Surveillance and the Indian Constitution - Part 1: Foundations (by Gautam Bhatia, January 13, 2014).
- Surveillance and the Indian Constitution - Part 2: Gobind and the Compelling State Interest Test (by Gautam Bhatia, January 27, 2014).
- Interview with Mathew Thomas from the Say No to UID campaign - UID Court Cases (by Maria Xynou, January 27, 2014). Maria interviewed Mathew Thomas on UID.
- India's Central Monitoring System (CMS): Something to Worry About? (by Maria Xynou, January 30, 2014).
- February 11: The Day We Fight Back Against Mass Surveillance (by Divij Joshi, February 14, 2014).
- Calcutta High Court Strengthens Whistle Blower Protection (by Divij Joshi, February 24, 2014).
- CIS Welcomes 52nd Report on Cyber Crime, Cyber Security, and Right to Privacy (by Elonnai Hickok, February 24, 2014).
- UIDAI Practices and the Information Technology Act, Section 43A and Subsequent Rules (by Elonnai Hickok, February 25, 2014).
- Comparison of Section 35(1) of the Draft Human DNA Profiling Bill and Section 4 of the Identification Act Revised Statute of Canada (by Elonnai Hickok, March 3, 2014).
- New Standard Operating Procedures for Lawful Interception and Monitoring (by Divij Joshi, March 13, 2014).
- NTIA to give up control of the Internet's root (by Pranesh Prakash, March 18, 2014).
- Net Neutrality and Privacy (by Divij Joshi, March 20, 2014).

- European Union Draft Report Admonishes Mass Surveillance, Calls for Stricter Data Protection and Privacy Laws (by Elonnai Hickok, March 20, 2014).
- Leaked Privacy Bill: 2014 vs. 2011 (by Elonnai Hickok, March 31, 2014).
- Intermediary Liability Resources (by Elonnai Hickok, March 31, 2014). This blog post will be updated on an ongoing basis.

Information Technology

Jadine Lannon, an intern at CIS performed a clause-by-clause analysis of the IT (Amendment) Act, 2008 and the Indian Telegraph Act, 1885:

- IT (Amendment) Act, 2008, 69A Rules: Draft and Final Version Comparison (April 27, 2013).
- Indian Telegraph Act, 1885, 419A Rules and IT (Amendment) Act, 2008, 69 Rules (April 28, 2013).
- IT (Amendment) Act, 2008, 69 Rules: Draft and Final Version Comparison (April 30, 2013).
- IT (Amendment) Act, 2008, 69B Rules: Draft and Final Version Comparison (April 30, 2013).

The following rules were also published:

- Information Technology (Procedure and Safeguards for Interception, Monitoring and Decryption of Information) Rules, 2009.
- Information Technology (Procedure and safeguard for Monitoring and Collecting Traffic Data or Information) Rules, 2009.
- Rules Under Section 419A of the Indian Telegraph Act, 1885.

Cyber Stewards Project

As part of its project on mapping cyber security actors in South Asia and South East Asia with the Citizen Lab, Munk School of Global Affairs, University of Toronto and the International Development Research Centre, Canada, CIS conducted 13 interviews with these individuals: Christopher Soghian (May 28, 2013), Ram Mohan (June 30, 2013), Eva Galperin (July 10, 2013), Marietje Schaake (July 11, 2013), Amelia Andersdotter (July 12, 2013), Lhadon Tethong (July 15, 2013), Jochem de Groot (July 18, 2013), Jeff Moss (July 23, 2013), Saikat Datta (August 5, 2013), Lawrence Liang (September 10, 2013), Anja Kovacs (October 15, 2013), Namita A. Malhotra (November 15, 2013), and Pranesh Prakash (December 31, 2013).

As part of this project we brought out one documentary film: DesiSec: Cybersecurity and Civil Society in India

Above: A screen shot of the Cyber Security film

- First Look: Cyber Security Film (by Purba Sarkar, November 18, 2013). The trailer was presented by Laird Brown at the IGF.

News and Media Coverage

CIS gave its inputs to the following media coverage:

- Clarify and define terms in IT rules, panel tells govt. (by Prashant Jha, Hindu, April 1, 2013).
- India takes its first serious step toward privacy regulation – but it may be misguided (Privacy Surgeon, April 9, 2013).
- Regulating Social Media: Unrealistic, Impossible, Necessary? (NDTV, April 11, 2013). Pranesh Prakash participated in a discussion on social media aired on NDTV.
- Social media may influence 160 LS seats in 2014 (by Zia Haq, Hindustan Times, April 12, 2013).
- Vote: Will Social Media Impact the Election? (by R. Jai Krishna, Wall Street Journal, April 15, 2013).
- Untangling the web of India's 'ungovernable' Net (Deutsche Welle, April 15, 2013).
- CIS in GNI Annual Report (April 25, 2013).
- Is free speech an Indian value? (by Satarupa Sen Bhattacharya, India Together, April 27, 2013).
- Sex on-the-go (by Anand Holla, Mumbai Mirror, May 4, 2013).
- CIS anniversary (Hindu Business Line, May 5, 2013).
- Central Monitoring System to make government privy to phone calls, text messages and social media conversations (by Indu Nandakumar, May 7, 2013).
- Messaging apps find another foe in India's market regulator (Quartz, May 8, 2013).

- 2nd Expert Committee meeting on draft 'Human DNA Profiling Bill 2012 (organized by the Department of Biotechnology, May 13, 2013). Sunil Abraham was nominated as one of the members of this committee and participated in the meeting that took place under the Chairmanship of Dr. T. S. Rao, Adviser, DBT.
- A sub-committee has been constituted as per the recommendations of the Expert Committee of DNA Profiling Bill. The sub-committee had a meeting in Hyderabad on August 6, 2013. Sunil Abraham is one of the members of the sub-committee.
- India's Rs 400-crore Central Monitoring System to snoop on all communication (Tech 2, May 9, 2013).
- Is India's government becoming Big Brother? (by Talia Ralph and Jason Overdorf, May 9, 2013).
- Worldwide Playground (Telegraph, May 15, 2013).
- NGO invites public to peruse its accounts (by Vandana Kamath, May 18, 2013).
- Online privacy should not come at the cost of security: Sunil Abraham (by Anirban Sen, May 19, 2013).
- A lifetime of five years on the internet (by Subir Ghosh, DNA, May 19, 2013).
- CIS highlights changes ushered in by the Internet (Hindu, May 22, 2013).
- Burma to host first Internet freedom forum (by Chan Myae Khine, Asian Correspondent, May 22, 2013).
- INET Bangkok to Explore Internet's Impact on Thailand's Economy and Society (BusinessWire, May 30, 2013).
- Shooting cyber cafes before they die (by Bangalore Mirror, May 31, 2013).
- Indian student in Cornell University hacks into ICSE, ISC database (by Kim Arora, Times of India, June 6, 2013).
- 'Hacking' sparks row over exam evaluation (by Vasudha Venugopal and Karthik Subramanian, Hindu, June 7, 2013).
- Internet firms deny existence of PRISM (by Javed Anwer and Ishan Srivastava, Times of India, June 8, 2013).
- Indian Government Quietly Brings In Its 'Central Monitoring System': Total Surveillance Of All Telecommunications (Tech Dirt, June 8, 2013).
- Facebook, Google deny spying access (by Javed Anwer, Times of India, June 9, 2013).
- Govt mulls advisory on privacy issues related to Google, Facebook (by Thomas K Thomas, Hindu Business Line, June 10, 2013).
- Cyber experts suggest using open source software to protect privacy (by Kim Arora, Times of India, June 22, 2013).
- Govt goes after porn, makes ISPs ban sites (by Javed Anwer, Times of India, June 26, 2013).
- Indian govt blocks 40 smut sites, forgets to give reason (by Phil Muncaster, The Register, June 27, 2013).
- Concerns over central snoop (by Aloke Tikku, Hindustan Times, June 28, 2013).
- Internet users enraged over US online spying (by Maitreyee Boruah, Times of India, June 29, 2013).

- Issue of duplication of identities of users under control: Nilekani (by Anirban Sen, Livemint, June 29, 2013).
- In India, Prism-like Surveillance Slips Under the Radar (by Anjan Trivedi, Time World, June 30, 2013).
- Google brings tabs to sneak advertisements into your inbox (by Indu Nandakumar, Economic Times, July 30, 2013).
- How the world's largest democracy is preparing to snoop on its citizens (by Leslie D' Monte and Joji Thomas Philip, July 3, 2013).
- Geeks have a solution to digital surveillance in India: Cryptography (by Joanna Lobo, DNA, July 7, 2013).
- India's centralised snooping system facing big delays (by Phil Muncaster, The Register, July 9, 2013).
- India's Central Monitoring System: Security can't come at cost of privacy (by Danish Raza, FirstPost, July 10, 2013).
- Is CMS a Compromise of Your Security? (by Rohin Dharmakumar, Forbes India magazine, July 12, 2013).
- Snooping technology: Will CMS work in India? (by Pierre Fitter, FirstPost, July 17, 2013).
- सावधान आपके प्रोफ़ाइल पर है पुलिस की नजर! (by Parul Aggarwal, BBC, July 18, 2013).
- Your life's an open Facebook (by Shikha Kumar, DNA, July 21, 2013).
- Concerns over central snoop (by Aloke Tikku, Hindustan Times, June 28, 2013).
- Your telco could help spy on you (by Joji Thomas Philip, Leslie D'Monte and Shauvik Ghosh, LiveMint, July 30, 2013).
- Crypto Night (by Rahul M., Caravan, August 1, 2013).
- Facebook: Limiting access to social media can restrict freedom of speech (by Kim Arora, The Times of India, August 1, 2013).
- Token disclosures? (by Deepa Kurup, The Hindu, August 4, 2013).
- Memeâ€™s the word now (by Padmaparna Ghosh, The Times of India, August 4, 2013).
- Chinese hackers baiting Indian govt, corporate employees: report (by Moulishree Srivastava and Anirban Sen, Livemint, August 9, 2013).
- Mixed signals? Supreme Court notices to states on Facebook arrests (NDTV, August 16, 2013).
- Balancing vigilance and privacy (by Prashant Jha, The Hindu, August 18, 2013).
- How Next-Gen Smartphone Users are Being Bought and Sold (by Rohin Dharmakumar, Forbes India Magazine, August 13, 2013, and IBN Live, August 19, 2013).
- Dear Milind Deora, Prakash Javadekar Deserved The Truth (by Rohin Dharmakumar, Forbes India, August 22, 2013).
- Election campaign: parties draw battle lines on media platforms (by Venkatesh Upadhyay, Livemint, August 26, 2013).
- India's Internet Privacy Woes (by Rohin Dharmakumar, Forbes India Magazine, August 26, 2013).
- Cyberspying: Government may ban Gmail for official communication (The Times of India, August 30, 2013).

- Indian government to bar politicians from using Gmail for official business (by Neil McAllister, The Register, August 30, 2013).
- Gmail ban looms for Indian gov't workers (by Beatrice Thomas, Arabian Business.com, September 1, 2013).
- Indien: Regierung will Nutzung von US-Mailprovidern in Verwaltungen verbieten (Netzpolitik, September 3, 2013).
- A dangerous trend: social media adds fire to Muzaffarnagar clashes (by Zia Haq, The Hindustan Times, September 9, 2013).
- Three Years Later, IPaidABribe.com Pays Off (by Jessica McKenzie, TechPresident, September 23, 2013).
- Indian biometric ID plan faces court hurdle (by John Ribeiro, Computer World, September 25, 2013).
- Decline in web freedom steepest in India: Report (by Javed Anwer, The Times of India, October 3, 2013).
- Google survey: 37% of urban Indian voters are online (by Anuja and Moulishree Srivastava, Livemint, October 8, 2013).
- The quest for genuine clout on the internet (by Karthik Subramanian, October 13, 2013).
- India believes in Complete Freedom of Cyber Space: Kapil Sibal (by Elizabeth Roche, Livemint, October 14, 2013).
- Location Tracking: Why the Govt-Mobile Manufacturer War Won't End Soon (by Danish Raza, FirstPost, October 15, 2013).
- Bouquets & brickbats for Google's new privacy policy (by Indu Nandakumar, Economic Times, October 18, 2013).
- Bali meet to discuss Internet governance issues (by Moulishree Srivastava, October 22, 2013).
- Indian politicians yet to tap voters online: CIS's Abraham (by Venkatesh Upadhyay, Livemint, October 22, 2013).
- Beyond the Searchlight (by Debarshi Dasgupta, October 23, 2013).
- Nowhere to hide: Govt making your personal details public (by FirstPost editors, FirstPost, October 28, 2013).
- Your private data may be online, courtesy govt (by Somesh Jha and Surabhi Agarwal, Business Standard, October 29, 2013).
- Saving privacy as we knew it (by Somesh Jha and Surabhi Agarwal, Business Standard, October 29, 2013).
- E-governance hopes rise as India crosses 1 billion transactions (by J Srikant, Economic Times, October 29, 2013).
- EC guidelines on social media: Welcome move, but not enough (by Shruti Dhapola, FirstPost, November 1, 2013).
- NSA leaks helping India become 'Big Brother' state? (British Broadcasting Corporation, November 1, 2013).
- Spy agencies, IB and RAW, put spanner in proposed privacy law (by Nagender Sharma and Aloke Tikku, Hindustan Times, November 2, 2013).

- India must support UN's e-snooping move: Human rights activists (by Indu Nandakumar, Economic Times, November 11, 2013).
- Social media promotions can backfire, too (by Ratna Bhushan and Varuni Khosla, The Times of India, November 11, 2013).
- YouTube is the answer to what has changed in India (by Moulishree Srivastava, Livemint, November 20, 2013).
- When the virtual world wakes up the real one (by Malini Nair, November 24, 2013).
- MongoDB startup hired by Aadhaar got funds from CIA VC arm (by Lison Joseph, Economic Times, December 3, 2013).
- A Three-Way Race Draws Delhi's Young, and Everyone Else, Out to Vote (by Betwa Sharma, New York Times, December 4, 2013).
- India for UN body to resolve internet governance issues (by Kim Arora, The Times of India, December 5, 2013).
- Card transactions with Aadhaar validation need more time: experts (by Kirti V. Rao and Moulishree Srivastava, Livemint, December 5, 2013).
- Indian government wakes up to risk of Hotmail, Gmail (originally published by AFP, December 7, 2013). This was also mirrored in Reuters, Dawn, NDTV, The Malaysian Insider and Asia One Digital. A slightly modified version was published by Silicon India on December 11, 2013.
- Pranesh Prakash has been elected as the Asia-Pacific representative to the executive committee of the NonCommercial Users Constituency (NCUC) (part of the Non-Commercial Stakeholders Group, which is in turn part of the Generic Names Supporting Organization, which is in turn part of ICANN).
- Inventions that will make a difference (by Geeta Padmanabhan, The Hindu, January 1, 2014).
- Rise of the bot: all you need to know about the latest threat online (by Danish Raza, Hindustan Times, January 5, 2014).
- Despite apex court order, IOC proceeds with Aadhaar-linked DBT (by Deepa Kurup, The Hindu, January 6, 2014).
- Worldwide: International Privacy - 2013 Year in Review – Asia (by Gonzalo S. Zeballos, James A. Sherer and Alan M. Pate, Mondaq Yearly Review, January 8, 2014).
- Election panel rejects Google's proposal for electoral services tie-up (by Anuja and Moulishree Srivastava, Livemint, January 9, 2014).
- Social Notworking - 'Murder by Twitter'(by Malini Nair, The Times of India, January 19, 2014).
- The net is taking over (by Veenu Sandhu and Surabhi Agarwal, Business Standard, January 24, 2014).
- The Dangers of Birdsong (by Namrata Joshi, January 25, 2014).
- Is Bhutan selling its soul to Google? (by Lucky Wangmo from Thimphu and Pema Seldon form Bangalore, Business Bhutan, January 25, 2014).
- What is net neutrality and why it is important (The Times of India, January 30, 2014).
- The Dangers of Birdsong (by Namrata Joshi, Outlook, January 25, 2014).
- A Tale of Two Internet Campaigns (by Deepa Kurup, The Hindu, February 11, 2014).

- Dark days for the creative class in India: Siddiqui (by Haroon Siddiqui, thestar.com, February 16, 2014).
- The Forbes India 30 Under 30 List (by Abhilasha Khaitan, Forbes India, February 21, 2014). Pranesh Prakash features in the list.
- India 'tea parties' enable politicians to woo urban youth with technology (by Avantika Chilkoti, Financial Times, February 26, 2014).

Google Policy Fellowship

CIS invited applications for the third Google Policy Fellowship programme. A total of 54 candidates applied for the fellowship. Debarshi Mukherjee, a student at the Rajiv Gandhi School of Intellectual Property Law was selected as the Google Policy Fellow. Successful candidates are given an opportunity to develop research and debate on the fellowship focus areas, which include Access to Knowledge, Openness in India, Freedom of Expression, Privacy, and Telecom, for a period of about ten weeks starting from July 7, 2013 upto October 1, 2013.

KNOWLEDGE REPOSITORY ON INTERNET ACCESS

CIS in partnership with the Ford Foundation executed a project to create a knowledge repository on Internet and society. CIS and Ford Foundation jointly organised two Internet Institutes. The first one was held in Golden Palms, Bangalore from June 8 to 14, 2013 and the second one was held in Yashada, Pune from February 11 to 17, 2014. A draft repository comprising content targeted primarily at civil society with a view to enabling their informed participation in the Indian Internet and ICT policy space was created. This was presented at the second institute held in Pune. The repository is available at www.internet-institute.in. The repository is being reviewed and updated and will be published on the website soon.

Pictured above participants in an activity trying to make the longest network possible with their personal belongings during the first Internet Institute held at Golden Palms in Bangalore.

Institute on Internet and Society - I (supported by Ford Foundation, Golden Palms Resort, Bangalore, June 8 – 14, 2013). Pranesh Prakash, Bernadette Längle, Vir Kamal Chopra, AK Bhargava, Ananth Guruswamy, Archana Gulati, Chakshu Roy, Elonnai Hickok, Gaurab Raj Upadhaya, Helani Galpaya, Michael Ginguld, Dr. Nadeem Akhtar, C. Nandini, Dr. Nirmita Narasimhan, Dr. Nishant Shah, Parminder Jeet Singh, Ravikiran Annaswamy, Dr. Ravina Aggarwal, Satyen Gupta, Dr. Subbiah Arunachalam, Sunil Abraham, Tulika Pandey and T. Vishnu Vardhan were speakers at the event. The presentations and videos can be accessed in this report.

Institute on Internet and Society – II (supported by Ford Foundation, Yashada, Pune, February 11 – 17, 2014). Sunil Abraham, Bishakha Datta, Ravina Aggarwal, Nishant Shah, Ravikiran Annaswamy, Kingsley John, Prof. G. Nagarjuna, Nisha Thompson, Bhairav Acharya, Nehaa Chaudhari, Prashant Naik, Manu Srivastav, Payal Malik, Dr. Abhijeet Safai, Muthu Madhan, Chinmayi Arun, and Laura Stein were speakers at the event. Chapters of the Knowledge Repository on Internet Accessed can be accessed here.

Pictured above: Participants at the Internet Institute event organized at Yashada in Pune

Above: Participants from Pune workshop in front of Yashada building on Day 3

TELECOM

CIS is involved in promoting access and accessibility to telecommunications services and resources and has provided inputs to ongoing policy discussions and consultation papers published by TRAI. It has prepared reports on unlicensed spectrum and accessibility of mobile phones for persons with disabilities and also works with the USOF to include funding projects for persons with disabilities in its mandate:

Submission

- TRAI Consultation Paper on Spectrum (by Shyam Ponappa and A.B. Beliappa, August 31, 2013). The submission was made to the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India on August 21, 2013.

Newspaper Columns

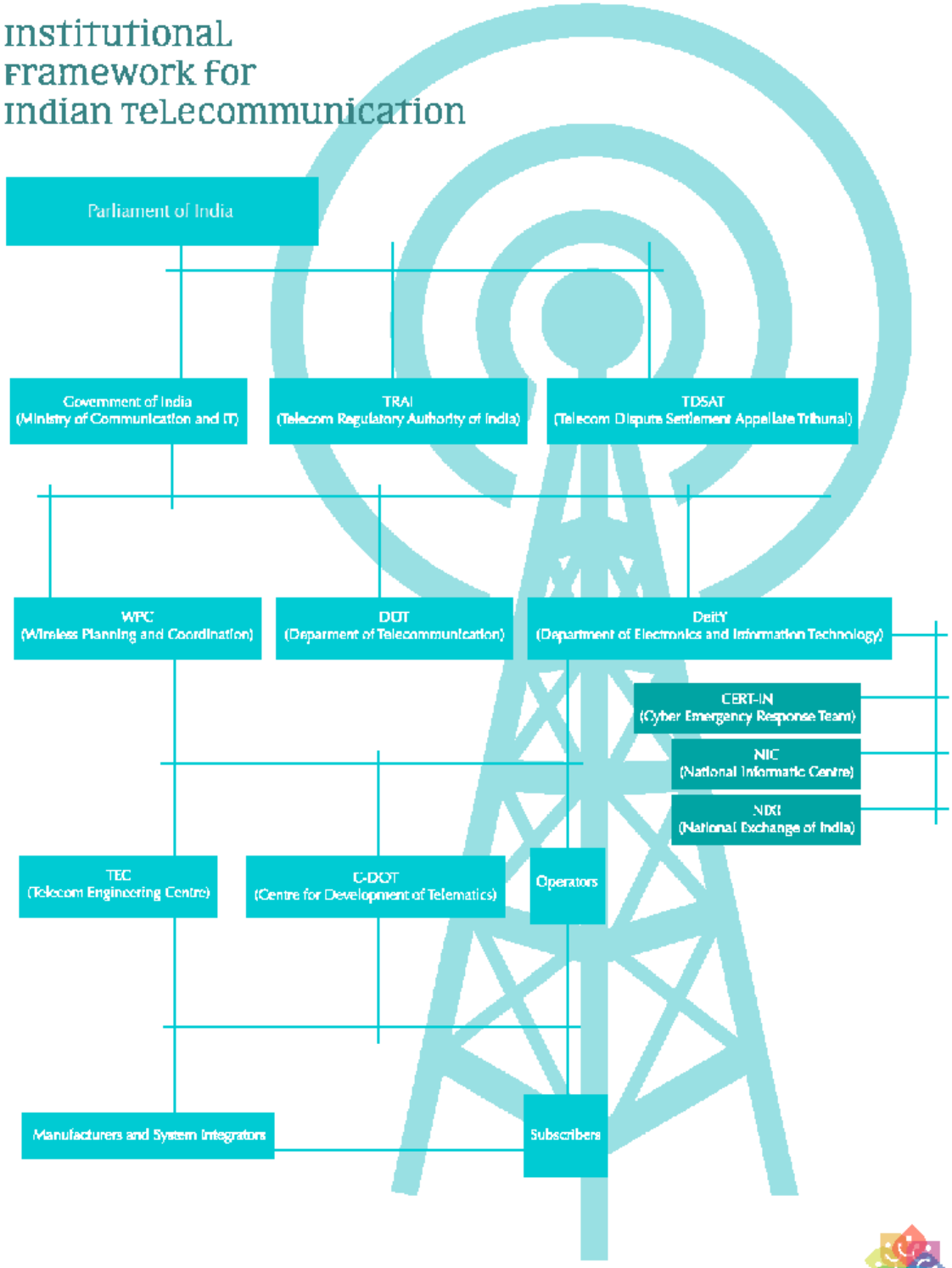
- Prioritizing Communications & Energy (by Shyam Ponappa, Business Standard and Organizing India Blogspot, April 4, 2013).
- Configuring a 'Non-Toothless' Regulator (TRAI) (by Shyam Ponappa, Business Standard, May 9, 2013 and Organizing India Blogspot, May 10, 2013).
- Law & Order through Traffic Systems (by Shyam Ponappa, Business Standard, June 5, 2013 and cross-posted in Organizing India Blogspot).
- Building Up vs Tearing Down (by Shyam Ponappa, July 3, 2013, originally published in the Business Standard, and also mirrored in Organizing India Blogspot).
- Breaking into the Closed Circle: Domestic High-Tech Manufacturing Needs Access To Markets (by Shyam Ponappa, originally published in the Business Standard, July 31, 2013 and also mirrored in Organizing India Blogspot, August 1, 2013).
- Regrouping for Growth - Interest Rates – III (originally published in the Business Standard on September 4, 2013 and mirrored in Organizing India Blogspot on September 6, 2013).
- Predictability in Infrastructure (by Shyam Ponappa, Business Standard, November 6, 2013 and Observer India Blogspot, November 10, 2013).
- For a Telecom Revival (by Shyam Ponappa, Business Standard, December 4, 2013 and Organizing India Blogspot, December 5, 2013).
- Centre- or State-Driven Development? (by Shyam Ponappa, Business Standard, February 5, 2014, Observer India Blogspot, February 7, 2014).
- Extractive Charges on Spectrum & Petroleum (by Shyam Ponappa, Business Standard, March 5, 2014, Observer India Blogspot, March 6, 2014)

Blog Entries

- From Open Citizen Radio Networks to the Race for .RADIO gTLD (by Sharath Chandra Ram, April 30, 2013).
- An Introduction to Spectrum Sharing (by Beli, February 24, 2014)

Participation in Event

- Broadband Policy Course (organised by Lirne Asia, Bangalore, April 5 – 6, 2013). Nirmita Narasimhan and Snehashish Ghosh attended the course.



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DIGITAL NATIVES

Digital Natives with a Cause? examines the changing landscape of social change and political participation in light of the role that young people play through digital and Internet technologies, in emerging information societies. Consolidating knowledge from Asia, Africa and Latin America, it builds a global network of knowledge partners who critically engage with discourse on youth, technology and social change, and look at alternative practices and ideas in the Global South.

Making Change

CIS is doing a research project titled "Making Change". The project will explore new ways of defining, locating, and understanding change in network societies. Having the thought piece 'Whose Change is it Anyway' as an entry point for discussion and reflection, the project will feature profiles, interviews and responses of change-makers to questions around current mechanisms and practices of change in South Asia and South East Asia.:

White Paper

Whose Change is it Anyway? (by Nishant Shah, June 18, 2013)
This thought piece is an attempt to reflect critically on existing practices of "making change" and its implications for the future of citizen action in information and network societies. It observes that change is constantly and explicitly invoked at different stages in research, practice, and policy in relation to digital technologies, citizen action, and network societies. The White Paper was published by Hivos.

Blog Entries

- Methods to Conceive and Condense Social Change (by Denisse Albornoz, November 30, 2013).
- Tactical Technology: Information is Power? (by Denisse Albornoz, December 26, 2013).

- Tactical Technology: Designing Activism (by Denisse Albornoz, December 27, 2013).
- Blank Noise and the Active Citizen Dissonance (by Denisse Albornoz, November 30, 2013).
- Creative Activism - Voices of Young Change Makers in India (UDAAN) (by Denisse Albornoz, January 20, 2014).
- Storytelling as Performance: The Ugly Indian and Blank Noise 1 (by Denisse Albornoz, February 24, 2014).
- Storytelling as Performance: The Ugly Indian and Blank Noise 2 (by Denisse Albornoz, February 27, 2014).
- Digital Design: Human Behavior vs. Technology (by Denisse Albornoz, March 4, 2014).

Other

Event Hosted

People participating in the make-a-thon in Bangalore. Picture by Indian Express, September 22, 2013, http://bit.ly/1h8lKzv

- Bangalore + Sustainability Summit (organized by Ashoka India, Green Lungi and IDEX, September 21, 2013, CIS, Bangalore). Denisse Albornoz participated in the event.

Newspaper Columns

- Digital Native (by Nishant Shah, Indian Express, December 22, 2013).
- 10 Ways to Say Nothing New (by Nishant Shah, Indian Express, January 19, 2014).

Media Coverage

- Youths brainstorm at social summit (The Times of India, September 21, 2013): A coverage of the Bangalore + Sustainability Summit hosted at CIS.

Blog Entries

- Revealing Protesters on the Fringe: Crucifixion Protest in Paraguay (by Denisse Albornoz, September 20, 2013).
- Digitally Enhanced Civil Resistance (by Denisse Albornoz, November 20, 2013).

Above: One of the many newsletters which was displayed at CIS office as part of its 5 year celebrations

DIGITAL HUMANITIES

We are building research clusters in the field of Digital Humanities. The Digital will be used as a way of unpacking the debates in humanities and social sciences and look at the new frameworks, concepts and ideas that emerge in our engagement with the digital. The clusters aim to produce and document new conversations and debates that shape the contours of Digital Humanities in Asia. A collaborative exercise on Mapping Digital Humanities in India was undertaken with CSCS, Bangalore. As part of this project we produced two blog posts and conducted one workshop.

Participants of the Digital Humanities Consultation

Events Organised

- Digital Humanities for Indian Higher Education (co-organised by HEIRA, CSCS, Tumkur University, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai and CIS, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, July 13, 2013).
- Digital Humanities Talk (CIS, Bangalore, July 31, 2013). Sara Morais gave a talk on the advantages and problems in doing digital humanities work.
- Workshop on Digital Humanities – Mapping Changes at the Intersection of Youth, Technology and Higher Education (organized by the Centre for Study of Culture and Society, CIS, Bangalore, January 28, 2014). P.P. Sneha shares an event report.

Participation in Events

- Political Economy, Activism and Alternative Economic Strategies (organized by the International Institute of Social Studies, Erasmus University of Rotterdam, The Hague, July 9 – 13, 2013). Nishant Shah presented his paper on paper on Citizen Action in the Time of Network.
- South Asia Conference on Higher Education (organised by the Centre for Study of Culture and Society, Ford Foundation Office, New Delhi, August 5 – 7, 2013). Sunil Abraham participated in this conference.

- Reclaim Open Learning Symposium (organized by the Digital Media and Learning Research Hub, University of California Humanities Research Institute, UC Irvine, September 26-27, 2013): Nishant Shah participated in this event as a panelist.
- GFM 2013 (organized by the University of Luneberg, Germany, October 3 – 5, 2013). Dr. Nishant Shah participated in a panel discussion with Wendy Chun, Tom Levine and Geert Lovink, around 'The End of Bibliographies: New Media and Research'. Nishant also participated as a panelist in a panel discussion on 'Open Up: Pragmatism and Politics of Open Access'.
- Digitalization of Culture (organized by Leuphana University, Luneberg, October 8, 2013). Dr. Nishant Shah did an introduction keynote to 1600 undergraduate students.
- RENEW: The 5th International Conference on the Histories of Media Art, Science and Technology (hosted by RIXC Centre for New Media Culture in Riga in partnership with the Art Academy of Latvia, Stockholm School of Economics in Riga and Danube University's Center for Image Science, October 8 - 11, 2013). Dr. Nishant Shah was a part of the selection committee for the conference and chaired a session on Network Art on October 9, 2013.
- From Seemingly Transparent to Definitely Opaque (organised by University of St. Gallen, Switzerland, November 4-7, 2013). Nishant Shah taught this course and also presented on a panel on 'Secrets of Digital Culture'.

Articles

- Thinking Digital Beyond Tools: Interview with Dr. Nishant Shah (by Noopur Raval, HASTAC, September 10, 2013): Nishant speaks about his interest in digital studies, the future of humanities, and his HASTAC experience.
- Defending the Humanities in the Digital Age (by Nishant Shah, DML Central, February 24, 2014).

Blog Entries

- Designing Change? Gatekeepers in Digital Humanities (by Sara Morais, July 2, 2013).
- Towards Critical Tool-building (by Sara Morais, July 12, 2013).
- Theorizing the Digital Subaltern (by Sara Morais, August 2, 2013).
- A Hitchhikers Guide to the Cyberspace (by Anirudh Sridhar, October 4, 2013).
- The Conflict of Konigsberg (by Anirudh Sridhar, December 17, 2013).
- Mapping Digital Humanities in India (by Sneha PP, January 16, 2014).
- Digital Humanities: The Ecto-Parasite (by Anirudh Sridhar, March 12, 2014).
- A Question of Digital Humanities (by Sneha PP, March 20, 2014).
- Structure, Sign and Play in the Digital (by Anirudh Sridhar, March 28, 2014).
- Fishing is the New Black: Contemporary Art Imitates the Digital (by Anirudh Sridhar, March 28, 2014).
- A Queer Digital Humanities Experience (by Ditilekha Sharma, March 31, 2014).
- The Digital Humanities Discourse: The Knowledge Question on the Wikipedia (by Sohnee Harshey, March 31, 2014).

Below is a count of the blog entries published, events organized and also the number of times CIS was featured in the media for the year 2013-14:

		2013-14
Accessibility	Blog Entries	44
	News & Media	3
	Events Organised	2
Access to Knowledge (Copyright and Patent)	Blog Entries	80
	News & Media	60
	Events Organised	54
Internet Governance	Blog Entries	99
	News & Media	107
	Events Organised	36
Telecom	Blog Entries	13
	News & Media	0
	Events Organised	0
Digital Natives	Blog Entries	11
	News & Media	1
	Events Organised	1
Researchers at Work	Blog Entries	14
	News & Media	0
	Events Organised	3
Total	Blog Entries	261
	News & Media	170
	Events Organised	96

CREDIBILITY ALLIANCE NORMS COMPLIANCE

The Centre for Internet & Society is a non-profit research organization that works on policy issues relating to freedom of expression, privacy, accessibility for persons with disabilities, access to knowledge and IPR reform, and openness (including open government, FOSS, open standards, etc.), and engages in academic research on digital natives and digital humanities.

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Governance

Details of Members as on March 31, 2014

Year		Board Members	Position	Members of Society	Position	Occupation / Designation
2013-14	1	Lawrence Liang	Chairman	Lawrence Liang	Member	Lawyer
	2	Subbiah Arunachalam	Member	Subbiah Arunachalam	Member	Scientist (retired)
	3	Vibodh Parthasarathi	Member	Vibodh Parthasarathi	Member	Associate Professor
	4	Jayna Kothari	Member	Jayna Kothari	Member	Advocate
	5	Kavitha Philip	Member	Kavitha Philip	Member	Associate Professor
	6			Sunil Abraham	President	Executive Director
	7			Nishant Shah	Treasurer	Director, Research

Staff Members and Salaries

Name	Designation	Salaries (in Rupees)
Sunil Abraham	Executive Director	1,88,000
Nishant Shah	Director-Research	1,16,685
Nirmita Narasimhan	Policy Director	77,000
Pranesh Prakash	Policy Director	77,000
T. Vishnu Vardhan	Programme Director, A2K	2,00,000
Nitika Tandon	Programme Manager	1,17,000
U.B. Pavanaja	Programme Officer	1,44,000
Syed Muzammiluddin	Programme Officer	58,800

Subhashish Panigrahi	Programme Officer	68,800
Noopur Rawal	Programme Officer	36,250
Nehaa Chaudhari	Programme Officer	44,000
P.P. Sneha	Programme Officer	44,000
Prasad Krishna	Publications Manager	44,000
Jyoti Panday	Programme Officer	55,000
Geeta Hariharan	Programme Officer	50,000
Snehashish Ghosh	Policy Associate	30,000
Ajoy Kumar C.	Administrator	34,000
Usha Nandini	Accounts Officer	30,000
Velankanni Royson	Office Assistant	20,000
Mithilesh	Office Assistant	10,000
Chandhussain	Housekeeper	7,700

Note: The following team members resigned and left the organisation in 2013-14:

1. Noopur Rawal
2. Syed Muzammiluddin
3. Snehashish Ghosh

Consultants

Manish Aggarwal	Nisha Thompson
IIT, Delhi	Tara Kelton
Aaron Joseph	Vipul Kharbanda
Vardhan Verma	Abhishek Hazra
Maheshinder Singh Khosla	Ravi Kiran Annaswamy
Andhjan Kalyan Trust (Praful Vyas)	Namita A. Malhotra
Amarjit Singh	Purba Sarkar
Srividya Vaidyanathan	Anandhi Viswanathan
Abul Hasim	Kiran Subbaiah
	Vikram Crishna
M.K.Narasimha Rao	Ayesha Rana
Bhairav Acharya	M.P. Nagaraj
Sajjad Anwar	Video Volunteers
Fantomos Design	Inigo Tech
Saksham Delhi	Centre for Law and Policy Research
Mahiti Infotech Limited	Aditya Dipankar
Anirudh Sridhar	Amba Salelkar
Tejas Pande	Herbert Paul
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Salary plus benefits paid to staff in Rupees	Male	Female	Total
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5,000 to 10,000	2		2
10,000 to 25,000	1		1
25,000 to 50,000	3	4	7
50,000 to 1,00,000	4	4	8
1,00,000 to 2,00,000	4	1	5

Total	**14**	**9**	**23**

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