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Updates on Privacy by the Centre for Internet and Society

PRIVACY IN NEWS

- Reports of the Indian Government to expand the use of Aadhaar number mandatorily for multiple services like filing **Income Tax returns and obtaining a PAN**, verification for **mobile users, driving licenses, benefits for AIDS patients,** etc. have raised **privacy concerns** regarding the UIDAI project across the country.

- Opposition as well as other **sections** of the society **demand** a data privacy legislation or an adequate legal framework for data protection, in wake of extensive use of Aadhaar number.

- A blog by Fallible, a cyber security company **reports** about leak of personal data of 2.2 million users of McDonald's India's app users raises privacy and data protection concerns.

BLOGS & SUBMISSIONS

Right to be Forgotten: A Tale of Two Judgements
By AMBER SINHA

In the last few months, there have been contrasting judgments from two Indian high courts, Karnataka and Gujarat, on matters relating to the right to be forgotten. The two high courts heard pleas on issues to do the right of individuals to have either personal information redacted from the text of judgments available online or removal of such judgment from publically available sources. This **post** tries to understand the global jurisprudence on the right to be forgotten, and how the contrasting judgments in India may be located within it.

Analysis of Key Provisions of the Aadhaar Act Regulations
By AMBER SINHA

In exercise of their powers under of the powers conferred by Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and other Subsidies, Benefits and Services) Act, 2016, (Aadhaar Act) the UIDAI has come out with a set of five regulations in late 2016 last year. This **policy brief** looks at the five regulations, their key provisions and highlight point out the unresolved, issues, unaddressed, and created issues as result of these regulations.

EVENTS

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Round-Table on Privacy and Data Protection
National Institute of Public Finance & Policy organized a round-table on privacy and data protection on March 24, 2017 in New Delhi. Sunil Abraham and Pranesh Prakash attended the same. Sunil moderated a session on challenges to privacy solutions and the way forward.

Panel discussion on Leveraging Technology for Financial Inclusion
Amber Sinha was panelist at the discussion on 'Leveraging technology for greater Financial Inclusion and Cyber Safety' organized by Learning Links Foundation in partnership with UNICEF at the ICEGOV2017 conference in New Delhi on March 9th. Amber spoke on data protection issues arising from digital tools for financial inclusion.

CIS IN NEWS

It's the technology, stupid
MARCH 31, 2017

In this **article**, Sunil Abraham lists eleven reasons why the Aadhaar is not just non-smart but also insecure.

The 12-digit conundrum
MARCH 13, 2017

Even as the Centre plans to link as many as 500 schemes to Aadhaar, concerns over data safety are rising. Sunil Abraham was **quoted**.

क्या आधार पर जल्दबाज़ी में है सरकार?
MARCH 27, 2017

Amber Sinha appeared on NDTV Prime Time on March 26 hosted by Ravish Kumar, in a **debate** on the privacy implications of Aadhaar with Ram Sevak Sharma, TRAI Chairman and former Director General, UIDAI.

Why We Should All Worry About The Mandatory Imposition Of Aadhaar
MARCH 24, 2017

It appears that with each passing day, the government is linking an increasing number of benefits and government services to the 12-digit biometric-based Aadhaar number for Indians, despite growing concerns around its data privacy and security. Sunil Abraham was quoted in this **article**.

Privacy concerns multiply for Aadhaar, India's national biometric identity registry
MARCH 17, 2017

The largest and most sophisticated biometric identity system of any country in the world, India's Aadhaar, is sparking new fears that the personal data it stores on more than 1.1 billion people could be vulnerable to exploitation. Sunil Abraham was quoted in this **article**.

No ID, no benefits: thousands could lose lifeline under India's biometric scheme
MARCH 21, 2017

Controversial Aadhaar card restricts fundamental rights, argue critics, limiting access to free school meals and exposing 1 billion people to privacy risks. Sumandro Chattapadhyay was quoted in this **article**.

Nasscom chief saying full data protection isn't possible should wake us from our digital slumber
MARCH 16, 2017

Considering India is rapidly moving towards a digital economy, the hurdles notwithstanding, data and identity security are topics which have to be taken very seriously. Since the demonetisation, a large part of the population who would never bother with digital transactions has suddenly come online. But there is no such thing as complete security of personal data, according to Nasscom chief R Chandrashekhar. Pranesh Prakash was quoted in this **report**.