



Youth Internet Governance Forum India - 2018

Report

1. About Youth IGF India

The Youth Internet Governance India was founded in 2018. It's been acknowledged by the UN IGF secretariat. It's a youth led initiative founded by Shahul Hameed and Ihita G, who were India School of Internet Governance Fellows. They proposed the idea and received mentorship from Satish Babu, Dr Govind, Amrita, Samiran Gupta & Sunny (Srinivas) Chendi during inSIG 2017 to work on this initiative. The first edition was held on 12th of October, 2018 in New Delhi with the support from inSIG, ICANN, APNIC, IGDTUW and Internet Society.

2. Youth IGF India 2018

The inaugural, UN-recognized meeting of Youth IGF India (YIGF 2018) took place on 12 October 2018 at **Indira Gandhi Technology University for Women** in New Delhi. It was well-designed and planned with a lot of technical exposure as well as fun. It extended support to youth from all over the country to attend the event. We provided fellowships to 5 delegates from different parts across India. The fellowship covered both travel and accommodation expenses for five delegates and accommodation expenses for the other ten delegates, and we received more than 200 overwhelming expressions of interest.

a) Team

Multi-stakeholder steering group:

- Adarsh B.U - Smatron India - (Private Sector)
- Debjit Kar - MeITy, Government of India.
- Ihita G (Civil Society)
- Shahul Hameed (Technical Community)

Organizing Team

1. Ihita Gangavarapu (Civil Society)
2. Shahul Hameed (Technical)
3. Adarsh (Private Sector)
4. Debjit Kar (Government)
5. Kaarika Das (Private Sector)
6. Mohit Kr Singh (Academia)
7. Devendra K. Tayal (Academia)

Advisory Committee

1. Satish Babu (APRALO/ISOC-TRV)
2. Amrita Choudhury (ISOC-DEL)
3. Dr Govind (ISOC-DEL)

4. Sunny Chendy (APNIC)
5. Samiran Gupta (ICANN)

b) Event details & agenda

Time	Agenda
08:30	Registration
09:30	Inauguration and Program Overview
09:55	The Internet, Internet Governance
10:40	Multi-stakeholder Role Play Organizing Team Topic : Connecting the next billion (Access)
12:30	Lunch
13:15	How the Internet Works – IPGo Game
14:45	The basics of Internet
15:05	Panel Discussion on Privacy & Safeguards in Internet
15:45	Tea break
16:00	Getting started with Internet Governance Experience Sharing
16:45	Concluding session & Feedback

The event was commenced by lighting of lamp which is an Indian tradition symbolizing ‘spreading of divine grace’. The ceremony was followed by sharing some thoughts by the **Vice Chancellor of IGDTUW Mrs. Anita Devi**. The talk focused primarily on the changing internet and dependency over it , it also covered questions regarding how to spread awareness on cyber crimes and related plethora of challenges faced by this century youth. Honorable speakers shared some valuable knowledge with the audience regarding the history of YIGF and its future.



Amrita Choudhury (Internet Society, Delhi) spoke next about Multi-stakeholder model and how everybody should follow the same policy regarding Internet, more so she told everybody about the importance of “HAVES AND HAVE NOT” of the Internet. She briefed the audience about the next generation of internet which will be predominantly from Asia & African region and the importance of us being aware about governance part. **Mr. Sunny Chendi (APNIC)** focused the discussion on internet governance. While interacting with the students he talked about the main area of internet governance viz. accessibility, providing IP address a critical infrastructure. **Prof. D.K.Tayal (IGDTUW)** started off his speech by thanking all the panelist, faculty members and university and UN society who came together to discuss about Internet Governance and he wished the event to be a success and an “enjoyable experience for all”. **Mr. Glenn McKnight (ISOC/ICANN)** wished all the participants a very fruitful event.



Mr. Samiran Gupta, Head of India for Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) was kind enough to address the audience and talk about the various key elements of the multistakeholder model for Internet governance. He gave an introduction of ICANN and what is its role in the society regarding the stability of network. He proceeded to further discuss about what the internet is, how it originated and what actually happens in the background when a user types in a website address. He furthermore brought light upon the multistakeholder model of internet governance and highlighted the inclusive, consensual and flexible nature of the model. This was followed by a Q/A session where the audience put up some highly weighted questions like What is the end to end encryption feature of Whatsapp, Exhaustion of IPv4 model and Role of India in internet governance.



ROLE PLAY GAME: In today's era where everyone is on the internet for one thing or other the approximate people using technology is nearly touching a billion(2008). Experts suggest that this number will be doubled until the next decades , thus to give the coming generation a sneak peak of multi stakeholders work YIGF panelists hosted an interactive ROLE PLAY GAME. The topic given to the audience was – **CONNECTING THE NEXT BILLION.**

Participants were randomly divided into groups of 5, each group representing a multi stakeholder viz. Civil Society (Ms. Amrita Choudhury), the Private Sector (Srinivas Chendi), Technical Community (Anand Raje) and Government (Ms. Dilpreet Kaur)

RULE: Two people from each group will present there issues and give a suggestion to handle the issue.



Civil Society: The representative focused on, Internet infrastructure and cost of devices and services, Language and vernacular medium barriers, Digital literacy & Gender gap.

Private Sector: GDP and asked the government to resolve this issue by taking proactive steps, Charge on services

Technical : Accessibility of Internet (rural & hilly areas), Training. Data security & Speed of internet

Government: More user friendly websites, Awareness among people regarding internet laws, Security

“How the Internet Works – IPGo Game” by Sunny Chendi (APNIC) and Dilpreet Kaur(ICANN): This was a fun and inclusive activity which was conducted by Sunny. This was conducted in the form of a very exciting game in which each and every member of the audience was involved. The purpose of this was to educate the audience about how the audience actually works, the concept of routing, and how is the internet connected and provided in a region.



The game was eventually followed by a detailed explanation of the aforesaid concepts by **Sabarinath G Pillai (Internet Society, Trivandrum Chapter)**. This proved to be a very effective method of detailing a concept, by inclusion of audience. The main highlights are documented below.

- Focus was laid on how the Internet works starting from the ISPs obtaining IP addresses to real-time network deployments.
- The concept of IP address classification, port number assignment and range issues was explained in a very understandable manner by making use of custom playing cards.
- NAT- and URL-based naming conventions were put together and presented to the participants.
- Lastly, the function of various bodies involved in the functioning of the modern day Internet such as IANA, ICANN, IGF, W3C was highlighted.



Panel Discussion - We had a stimulating panel discussion on **‘Privacy and Safeguards of the Internet’** by expert panellists representing the academic, technical, private and civil society communities. The panel consisted of esteemed personalities like **Mr. Sumit Kumar Yadav, Asst. Prof (IGDTUW), Anand Raje (ISOC Kolkata), Tarun (Lawyer), Vineet Kumar (Cyber Peace Foundation)** and was coordinated by **Ms Amrita Choudhury (Internet Society, Delhi)** . The questions put up by Mr Amrita included one like *‘What are the challenges to privacy on internet’* , *‘What are the challenges faced by an individual in preventing security breaches’*. It was a very informative discussion and covered a lot of areas related to privacy on the Internet.

- Internet and digital privacy are viewed differently from traditional expectations of privacy. Internet privacy is primarily concerned with protecting user information. Given the dynamic nature of the online sphere, privacy concerns and issues are rapidly changing.
- Existing practices such as secure connections, firewalls, and antivirus services in order to overcome or better prevent mishaps due to breach in privacy.
- The Information Technology Act (ITA) 2000, which includes India’s most comprehensive legal provisions that speak to privacy on the Internet was also discussed briefly.



Later on in the session there was an interactive Q&A round where audience asked questions to the panelists regarding privacy and security. All the questions were answered with zeal and relevance to the topic and even the panelists were happy with such versatile minds of the youth and encouraged them to attend more of these conferences happening all over the world .

“Journey so far in IG - Experience Sharing” - As the conference was moving towards the end the organizing committee of YIGF members, **Shahul Hameed, Ihita Gangavarapu & Adarsh B.U** shared their experiences and how they became an integral part of this community. All the members urged the students to connect with YIGF and to start making a difference. They talked about the benefits of YIGF and how it is a great opportunity to interact with people of the same domain and get knowledge beyond just programming.

Mr. Sunny concluded the conference with the information about various opportunities for Youth to engage in IG and encouraged students that ‘being a technologist means, you get involved with the technology ‘.



With that concluded the meeting, which welcomed 100 delegates (including 90 women) from across India, participating in-person and remotely. Speakers representing multiple stakeholders with expertise in various domains of Internet governance introduced the delegates to the fundamental basics of Internet governance, discussing the current challenges and solutions.

c) Important links

- Google Groups - <https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/yigf-india/>
- Website - <https://youthigf.in/>
- Twitter - <https://twitter.com/youthIGFIndia>
- Instagram - https://instagram.com/youthigf_india
- Flickr - <https://www.flickr.com/photos/glennmcknight/albums/72157702325887515>

d) Multi-Stakeholder Steering Group



Shahul Hameed
TECHNICAL COMMUNITY



Ihita G
CIVIL SOCIETY



Adarsh B.U.
PRIVATE SECTOR



Debjit Kar
GOVERNMENT



e) Partners



3. The future of YIGF India

We plan to form a community at a regional level to continue the conversations started at YIGF 2018. We also plan to expand engagement from various geographical areas within India and increase the diversity of participation among the youth of India. These are some points that we will consider while organizing the second edition of Youth IGF India in 2019.