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A Three-Day Conference on Democratizing the Internet

5th Digital Citizen Summit: Where Technology Meets Social Innovation

T-Hub, Hyderabad

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The Three-Day Conference **Digital Citizen Summit** with the theme, “**Commoning the Internet for a Vibrant Democracy**”, will bring together diverse voices and perspectives of tech and social innovation experts, academicians, practitioners, Civil Society Organizations, and stakeholders from the government who are working towards building inclusive, sustainable and contextual models and solutions of digital technology and social innovation, and envisaging an equal Digital Future for all”, said Osama Manzar, Founder-Director of Digital Empowerment Foundation.

We are pleased to inform you that this year, DEF, in partnership with Center for Development Policy and Practice (CDPP), is organizing the 5th Digital Citizens Summit (DCS), an event focused on addressing crucial topics related to internet governance, human rights, and the future of the internet. **This year, we are proud to collaborate with the Government of Telangana in Hyderabad, and we look forward to hosting the Summit from November 2nd to November 4th at T-Hub, Hyderabad.**

We have an exciting panel with Bollywood Screenwriter and Director Saeed Mirza, Film Producer Elahe Hiptoola and Osama Manzar, where they will be approaching the question of Digital Rights and Wrongs through the Sufi’s lens. Our Special Guests gracing their presence at the Summit also include Shri. Jayesh Ranjan, IAS, Principal Secretary, Department of Information Technology, Electronics & Communications (ITE&C) and Department of Industries & Commerce; Shri. Mahankali Srinivas Rao, CEO, T-Hub; Shri. Sujai Karampuri, CEO, T-Works; Smt. Deepthi Ravula, CEO, WE-Hub; Ms. Sonia Jorge, Executive Director, Global Digital Inclusion Partnership (GDIP); Ms. Shalini Kala, Rural Development and Agriculture Specialist; Mr. Vijay Nadiminti, CEO of AgHub; Ms. Kavitha Iyer, Editor and Author, Article 14; Mr. Kunal Kamra, Indian Stand-up Comedian; Mr. Vinay Dora K, Co-Founder, MXR; Prof. Rekha Pande, Professor, University of Hyderabad; Mr. Nikhil Dey, Founding Member, Mazdoor Kisan Shakti Sangathan (MKSS); Mr. Pankaj Pachauri, Founder, GoNews India; Mr. Ashhar Farhan, Co-Founder of Daana Farmers Network, Founder, Lamakaan; Mr. Ramkaran Rudravaram, Vice-President, Internet Society India (ISOC) Hyderabad Chapter; Dr. Shiv Kumar,

Principal Advisor, Broadband India Forum (BIF), Prof. Vijay Bhaskar, Professor, Fintech and Financial Analytics, University of Hyderabad, Mr. Anant Maringanti, Executive Director, Hyderabad Urban Labs, Ms. Ayesha Rubina, Educationist and Social Entrepreneur among many other eminent key figures.

The Three-day Conference has been divided into three days:

Day 1 (November 2) being an academic conference involving presentation of research scholars by 12 scholars and experts. These papers will cover a wide range of topics, from Data Ownership and Data Protection to AI Regulations, AI Dark Patterns, Digitization of the Indian Judiciary System, Platformized Unionism, and the challenges faced by Transgender people in the Digital Age and Minority Surveillance.

Day 2 (November 3) and **Day 3 (November 4)** are dedicated to 30 different workshops conducted by diverse organizations and experts in the field, taking place in four parallel sessions. On both the days of the Summit, we have eminent speakers comprising experts and scholars from the field of digital.

There will be an exhibition on *Access to Rights and Rights to Access: The Story of Digital Development in India* that will take us through 20 years of digital development in India and will include stalls from organizations participating in the Summit. This will be followed by a **showcasing of digital and technological development through digital tools in India at T-Works** and a **showcasing of startups and technology innovations in India to foster an environment for scaling entrepreneurship and driving digital innovation at T-Hub and WE-Hub.**

We will also be releasing a few of our books and reports:

CDPP and USIPI's book titled **New Challenges for Indian Muslims: Beyond Citizenship Concerns** edited by Amir Ullah Khan and Nahia Hussain. The authors include M.A. Muqtedar Khan, Rifat Binte Lutful, Tanweer Fazal, Shyam Babu, Nazima Parveen, Maleeha Fatima, Poonam Mutreja Sanghamitra Singh, Mallika Mistry, Ghazala Wahab, Naushad Khan, Mithilesh Jayas, Ismat Ara, Arun Teja, Apoorva Ramachandra, Hilal Ahmed, Nahia Hussain, Anjana Divakar, Abdul Shaban and Venkatnarayana Motkuri.

DEF's book titled **Truth and Deception in the Digital Age: Navigating the Culture of Misinformation: An Anthology** edited by Osama Manzar and Dushyant Arora.

DEF's book titled **Conversation on Data Justice in India- Combating Algorithmic Exclusion and Building Fairer Frameworks** edited by Osama Manzar, Jenny Sulfath & Ananthu RA.

DEF's reports titled **The Everyday Violence of an Internet Shutdown in Manipur** edited by Osama Manzar, Jenny Sulfath & Violina Barman and **Aadhar Card Please...A Perception Survey on Aadhar Released Services** conducted with DEF's Soochnapreneurs by Vineetha.

To know more about the Summit, check out Digital Citizen Summit's official website: <https://dsummit.defindia.org/>

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