

India Internet Governance Forum (IIGF) -2021

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In news-India to host the first Internet Governance Forum in the country

About IIG forum-

- The CEO of National Internet Exchange of India (NIXI), Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY) announced the launch of India IIGF -2021.
- IIGF- 2021 will be planned for three days, starting **from 20th October, 2021.**
- Starting from August 2021, **multiple Pre-IIGF engagement events will be held** at several colleges and universities, as a precursor to the IIGF Inaugural event.
 - **The theme** of this year's meeting is ***Inclusive Internet for Digital India.***
 - With the recent announcement, the **Indian chapter** of the United Nations based forum namely **Internet Governance Forum has begun.**
 - India Internet Governance coordination committee for IIGF-2021 has apt representation from civil society, Government, Industry, Industrial association, trust, and other stakeholders.
 - The forum is an **Internet Governance policy discussion platform** to bring representatives together from various groups, considering all at par to discuss public policy issues related to the Internet.
 - This mode of engagement is referred to as the multi-stakeholder model of Internet Governance.

- **The Multi Stakeholder concept is well adopted by IGF under United Nations and by Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN).**
- As India is the second-largest broadband subscription country in the world and also has the highest data consumption per user per month, with IIGF, the aspirations of the Indians would be reflected in International policy formation and stakeholder discussion.

The Internet Governance Forum (IGF) under United Nations-

- IGF is a multistakeholder governance group for policy dialogue on issues of Internet governance.
- The convening of the IGF was announced by the Secretary-General of the United Nations on 18 July 2006.
- It was **first convened in October–November 2006** and has held an annual meeting since then.
- As a platform for discussions, the IGF brings various people and stakeholder groups to the table as equals to exchange information and share good policies and practices relating to the Internet and technologies.
- It facilitates common understandings and knowledge exchange of how to maximize Internet opportunities and address risks and challenges.

Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN)-

- ICANN is an **internationally organized, non-profit corporation** that has responsibility for Internet Protocol (IP) address space allocation, protocol identifier assignment, generic (gTLD) and country code (ccTLD) Top-Level Domain name system management, and root server system management functions.
- As a private-public partnership, ICANN is dedicated to preserving the operational stability of the Internet; to promoting competition; to achieving broad representation of global Internet communities; and to developing policy

appropriate to its mission through bottom-up, consensus-based processes.

- ICANN is responsible for coordinating the management of the technical elements of the DNS to ensure universal resolvability so that all users of the Internet can find all valid addresses.

It does this by **overseeing the distribution of unique technical identifiers used in the Internet's operations, and delegation of Top-Level Domain names** (such as .com, .info, etc.).