Comparison of Summaries

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Amid a raging debate on net neutrality, telecom major Bharti Airtel's Airtel Zero plan and some other platforms are being seen as discriminatory moves, even as the companies have defended their respective offerings.

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Flooding telecom regulator Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) with their petitions, proponents of Net Neutrality have submitted more than 10 lakh petitions to ‘keep internet free’ — a day before the deadline ends for submission of comments on a consultation paper in this regard.

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Elaborating its position on the ongoing public debate over net neutrality, and concerns over operators allegedly controlling consumers’ access to the Internet, the association stated, “We support an open Internet and believe that consumers should decide what to do online.

Nixi said that technological Innovation, especially from the startups will help in making available content in local languages to the Internet users all the more so with the increasing role of mobile and other social media platforms.

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Farmer Suicide

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Meanwhile, Congress Rajasthan President Sachin Pilot will meet the farmer's family on Thursday.

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Janata Dal United (JDU), Samajwadi Party (SP) and Communist Party of India (Marxist) CPM have given notice for suspension of question hour in the Rajya Sabha and Lok Sabha to discuss the situation.

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The Aam Aadmi Party is facing flak from the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and Congress for not doing enough to save the farmer.

Four people climbed the tree to try to save the man after he was seen hanging.

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