The Ranking Digital Rights Corporate Responsibility Index is a project hosted by the Open Technology Institute at New America Foundation that aims to rank Information and Communications Technology (ICTs) companies with respect to their Governance, Freedom of Expression, and Privacy practices. The inaugural Corporate Accountability Index, released in November 2015, evaluated 16 companies based on the project's methodology that included 31 indicators in total.

Towards developing an understanding of how Indian ICT companies are recognising and upholding digital rights of their users, and to raise public awareness about the same, the Center for Internet and Society (CIS), with the support of Privacy International, has studied 8 Indian ICT companies, using the same methodology as the 2015 Corporate Accountability Index, to gain greater insight into company practices and initiate public dialogues.

Please join us on **Saturday, January 07**, at the **India Islamic Cultural Centre**, New Delhi, for a presentation of our findings followed by an open structured discussion on the methodology of the Ranking Digital Rights study. We will begin at **10:30 am** with a round of tea and coffee.

The event is open to all but the venue has limited space. The participants are requested to **RSVP** by sending an email to nisha@cis-india.org.

To further encourage programmers, researchers, journalists, students, and users in general to use and contribute to the findings of the Ranking Digital Rights study, and critique the underlying methodology, we are also organising a "**rankathon**" on **Sunday, January 08**, at the CIS office in Delhi. More details can be found here.

We look forward to your participation and contribution to the discussion. Please support us by sharing this invitation with your colleagues and networks.

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AGENDA

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10:30-11:00	**Coffee and Tea**
11:00-11:15	**Introduction**
11:15-13:00	**Presentation of the Findings and Discussion**
	Divij Joshi and Aditya Singh Chawla
13:00-14:00	**Lunch**
14:00-15:00	**Open Discussion #1: Parameters of Evaluation**

The RDR methodology was based upon evaluating commitments to uphold human rights through their services – in particular towards their commitment to users' freedom of expression and privacy. Are there other parameters that may be considered in the Indian context?

15:00-16:00   **Open Discussion #2: Towards Protecting Digital Rights**

What steps can be taken by the government, civil society, and industry in India to create an environment that recognizes and protects users digital rights? What are the relevant legal, political, and economic factors to take into consideration towards this? What are steps that other, multinational ICT companies have taken? Would these be realistic for Indian companies to implement?

16:00-16:30	**Conclusion**
16:30 -17:00	**Coffee and Tea**

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