INTERNET OF TALENT

Internet Society
India Mumbai

A Special Anniversary Edition of the Newsletter by ISOC India Mumbai Chapter (An ICANN At-Large Structure)
I hope that you and your family are safe in the current COVID-19 crisis. Since the Justinian plague, pandemics have made us realise that human co-operation is critical for our survival as a species.

Today, the Internet has enabled us to co-operate in real-time and shape our collective future. It is actively used by its users to virtually connect with each other and further their interests and talents across the globe. Indeed, they shape the Internet and contribute to a new normal for living and working.

Celebrating this emancipatory potential of the Internet and the innate talent of its users, the Internet Society (ISOC) India Mumbai Chapter, an Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) At Large Structure, has come up with a special newsletter edition on the theme of Internet of Talent.

In an extremely short period of time, our team has reached out to our friends and well-wishers across the globe to connect with them and to get their meaningful insights on the epistemology and relevance of Internet to their lives and communities. Some of them even took this opportunity to outline their expectations from us. I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to them for taking time out of their busy schedules and co-operating with us in this global endeavour. For the ones who couldn't respond due to their own unique constraints or whom we couldn't reach out to due to unavoidable circumstances, we will ensure better co-operation in future.

Apart from the user and organisational perspectives, the newsletter captures the beautiful essence of Mumbai through some interesting photographs. Like us, we strongly hope that these talented photographers will give you an insight into the City of Dreams and make you fall in love with it.

I want to acknowledge the effort put in by our talented newsletter team around this initiative. Nandita has led this global multi-stakeholder initiative with support from Nupur, Pervaiz and Juhi. I would like to specially acknowledge Ankita's creative leadership in the design, photography selection and the overall look and feel of the newsletter.

I also want to thank the current President, Shveta, and the current Vice President, Sneha, for their continued support to our newsletter initiative. As always, we are open to feedback and suggestions on our newsletter from our esteemed readers. We sincerely hope that you will enjoy reading it as we enjoyed creating it.

Till then, stay home and stay safe!
What does the Internet mean to you?
The Internet is a lifeline. I cannot begin or end my day without it. Especially living in Sonipat, NCR of Delhi, it is an essential means to stay connected with people. Also, it allows for quick access to information for work/personal errands which saves so much time and makes life more efficient.

What does the Internet mean for your organisation?
In a higher education institute, research is fundamental. The Internet serves as an important repository of knowledge, allows academics to be connected, and provides an improved and efficient opportunity for more productive research through research-based databases.

In the context of the current situation where corona virus has affected everyone's mobility, the Internet is serving as an essential tool to ensure academic continuity.

How will the Internet shape/improve the quality of community life in future?
In terms of community life, the Internet serves as a double-edged sword. The same Internet that connects you with the loved ones at...
the click of the finger also, ironically, results in poor communication amongst the people living in the same room, as everyone is engrossed in different things the Internet has to offer (work from home, social media, being on the phone constantly, watching Netflix).

A lot of things related to the Internet are a personal choice we make, which cannot be influenced by an external party. However, I feel there are three areas where an external intervention would help:

1. Credible sources of information - it would help if there was a way to verify the credibility of information on the Internet, helping us filter useful from not useful information. Some ranking scheme or verification stars would help.

2. Privacy - while there are a lot of controls and regulations in place, I still feel a certain lack of safety with my information on the Internet.

3. Education - creating awareness amongst people on the responsible use of the Internet.

How do you think ISOC India Mumbai can contribute to a better Internet ecosystem?

Abhinav Madan “Internet is a lifeline. In academia, the Internet serves as an important repository of knowledge, allows academics to be connected, and provides an improved and efficient opportunity for more productive research through research-based databases.”

#strategist #education #Internet #Internetbringsefficiency #Internetensuresacademiccontinuity #lifeline #doubleedgedsword #responsibleuseofInternet #isocindiamumbai #interneteducation #mumbai
What does the Internet mean to you?

Nowadays, the Internet is one of the basic modes of communication. The Internet has made some things that are important to me to become more efficient, like keeping in touch with long-distance friends and family. The Internet is all the libraries in the world, all the knowledge I can soak up, and a place to meet all the people I never had a chance to meet.

How will the Internet shape/improve the quality of community life in future?

The Internet will continue to make life better. The Internet provides a lot of opportunities to learn and to be an entrepreneur. In a sense, it is like reaching out and someone always reaching in.

How do you think ISOC India Mumbai can contribute to a better Internet ecosystem?

ISOC India Mumbai chapter is doing a tremendous job from the initial days with a wonderful team spirit. It will be great if the chapter can increase some of the virtual meetings on the knowledge base. I would like to appreciate their work, wish them the best for all their activities, and give them my complete support.

**Adarsh BU** “The Internet is all the libraries in the world... it provides a lot of opportunities to learn, and to be an entrepreneur.”

#Internet #communication #opportunities #Internetpromotesentrepreneurship #libraries #learning #inSIGfellow #YIGFfellow #isocindiamumbai #Internet #ruralSIG #mumbai
What does the Internet mean to you?

The Internet, to me, is a lot of things, but on top of all, I believe that the Internet is a basic human right. As most of our communications are coming online, the Internet has developed into a fundamental utility that is essential for the exchange of information, education, healthcare, businesses, free expression, and a healthy democracy. To limit or deny access to the Internet today is undeniably a breach of human rights. During the Internet Governance Forum (IGF) 2019 in Berlin, the United Nation’s Secretary-General, Antonio Guterres, made a significant remark on this matter. He mentioned that if we don’t work together to address the digital divide that separates us, we will be remembered as the generation which ruined the early promises of the Internet.

The notion that the Internet is a human right also aligns perfectly with the vision of Internet Society, which upholds the Internet as an infrastructure for everyone. However, ensuring the right to access and connecting the next billion users is not enough. We must work collectively to realise the Internet’s full potential. As such, it is critically important for the Internet to be, and remain an open, globally-connected, secure, and trustworthy platform that enables people to connect, communicate and innovate.
How will the Internet shape/improve the quality of community life in future?

The need for the Internet throughout the current COVID-19 outbreak is a perfect case study that highlights the importance of the Internet in shaping and improving the quality of community life in times of crisis, and how it will continue to play a significant role in the future.

In the past month, governments worldwide have declared lockdowns and movement control orders due to COVID-19 which has caused the global community to highly depend on the Internet for a number of things such as to facilitate e-learning, to coordinate meetings, to support relief missions, to continue businesses, or even just to catch up and check in on others. Additionally, proper governance of the Internet is paramount as the lack of proper Internet governance will undoubtedly challenge social and economic developments globally. The Internet infrastructure must, therefore, be robust, unified, and unfragmented. It is also important for new protocol development to conform to Internet standards as ratified by the IETF (Internet Engineering Task Force) community.

Aisyah Shakirah Suhaidi  “Internet is a basic human right... It has developed into a fundamental utility which is essential for a healthy democracy!”

#Internetbasichumanright #IGF #APAC #Internet #fundamentalutility #isocactionplan2020 #UN #Internetshapingtheworld #Internetandcovid19 #encryption #isocindiamumbai #communitynetworks #mumbai
What does the Internet mean to you?

The Internet is a vital tool in today’s life. It is almost a fundamental right for humankind. I think the Internet is the most impactful invention of the last 100 years.

How will the Internet shape/improve the quality of community life in future?

The Internet allows us to connect, and with connection, you can share, collaborate, communicate, educate, transact, give exams, treat patients, and most importantly, break barriers of accessibility. The Internet changes everyone’s life positively.

How do you think that ISOC India Mumbai can contribute to a better Internet ecosystem?

ISOC India Mumbai is an essential pillar for the entire Internet ecosystem. The Internet being the most powerful tool, it is our duty that everyone in Mumbai region takes advantage of this powerful tool and breaks all kind of barriers he or she may face in his or her life. ‘Internet for all’ must be achieved.

Dr. Ajay Data  “Internet is the most impactful invention of the last 100 years.”

#entrepreneur #UA #UASG #ICANN #ccNSO #Internet #multilingualinternet #fundamentalright #impactfulinvention #accessibility #Internetpower #isocindiamumbai #Internetforall #mumbai
What does the Internet mean to you?

The Internet, to me, is the biggest game-changer and has completely revolutionised the way we view the world and design solutions to our shared problems. The Internet has and will continue to have a transformative effect on how everyone on earth lives. However, as the boundary between the digital and physical world continues to blur, we also see the issues that can occur when things go wrong online, whether by accident or design. On the flip side, the Internet has become the hotbed for a lot of dark activities, and we should, therefore, more than ever, take cognisance of the potential risks that are emerging.

What does the Internet mean for your organisation?

The administration of many institutions was hit hard when institutions were faced with the immediate closure, and the need to transform hundreds of their brick and mortar classrooms to online virtual ones. In the wake of the COVID-19 situation, higher education institutes (HEIs) are seeing a massive transformation to ensure that learning continues for students even while they are unable to attend physical classroom sessions. Information Communications Technology (ICT), specifically the Internet, has been the enabler for the various creative pathways (collaboration tools, remote assessment, virtual classroom platforms among others) that were envisioned to promote remote learning.
How will the Internet shape/improve the quality of community life in future?

The use of the Internet is so broad today that it has encompassed almost everything, and has become an integral part of our lives. However, at the same time, we need to make sure that the migration of human activities – shopping, commerce, socialising etc. – to the Internet, remains partial. The idea of ‘connectivity’ is progressing beyond laptops and smartphones. It is easy to observe that it is moving towards smart cities, smart homes, smart retail, smart farming, connected cars, connected wearable devices, and connected healthcare, among others. The inception of artificial intelligence (AI) is continuously improving the speed, accuracy, and effectiveness of everyday human tasks. AI is going to shape up the Internet of the future in unimaginable ways, but one thing is for sure that community life in the coming times will be a more connected and efficient life.

How do you think ISOC India Mumbai can contribute to a better Internet ecosystem?

ISOC India Mumbai Chapter can continue to create awareness on issues such as the Internet, education and community, by holding discussions around them. I had an opportunity to work with ISOC India Mumbai volunteer, Nandita Koshal, when I had participated in a multistakeholder discussion on Internet and education, organised by the ISOC India Mumbai chapter at a global university in Delhi-NCR region. I really appreciate their commitment and drive to make the Internet relevant for all.

Akhil Pruthi “The Internet, to me, is the biggest game-changer that has completely revolutionised the way we view the world and design solutions to our shared problems.”

#Internet #strategy #education #HEIs #coronavirus #educationonline #ICT #virtualclassrooms #AI #smarthomes #smartretail #smartfarming #isocindiamumbai #internetforall #mumbai
#MunicipalCorporationofGreaterMumbai #buildingsoffmumbai #architecture
#GatewayofIndia #buildingsofmumbai #TajHotels
#BandraWorliSealink #architecture
What does the Internet mean to you?

The Internet is an integral part of life in the modern age. It is a means of communication and plays a significant role in personal entertainment, education and information gathering, news, gossip, socialising, marketing, promotion, business, etc. In essence, it has become part and parcel to all aspects of modern human life.

How will the Internet shape/improve the quality of community life in future?

The current global scenario during the worldwide pandemic illustrates an obvious way in which the Internet shapes the community. As most people are under the quarantine and self-isolation, we find ourselves working, interacting, and connecting with friends and associates via the Internet. It has truly become “world-wide-web,” in both name and fact. It can improve quality during dire times, such as these, as well as keep more people connected to those who are geographically distant. The vast ways that it will continue
The vast ways in which the Internet will continue to shape how we build community and relationships are innumerable, and some, unfathomable. We are aware of some of its addictive qualities and potential to minimise real-time person to person interactions. We also see how online time can desensitise individuals and create less civil interactions. These are some aspects that we must strive to avoid.

How do you think ISOC India Mumbai can contribute to a better Internet ecosystem

ISOC India Mumbai can offer information and resources to foster productive and efficient use of the Internet as the number of people using it will continue to grow, and the ways in which it serves the community continue to multiply.

Alex Cleveland “The vast ways in which the Internet will continue to shape how we build community and relationships are innumerable, and some, unfathomable.”

#Internet #Internetservingcommunity #Internetandpandemic #Internetinmodernage #partoflife #entertainment #worldwideweb #isocindiamumbai #USA #yoga #mumbai
What does the Internet mean to you?

It gives me my precious freedom yet keeps me chained like never before. It gets me real close to distant people yet distances me from the close ones. It provides me with vast information easily yet misinforms me constantly. It makes me highly productive yet keeps me from producing but words. It makes me instantly knowledgeable yet takes me no closer to wisdom. It speedily connected half the human race, yet the rest are still in a World Wide Wait.

How will the Internet shape/improve the quality of community life in future?

I think the future of how communities will shape up is already here, has been in the making since the Internet irrevocably permeated our daily lives. Traditionally, the communities were largely defined as a homogenous group of people, with shared interests and aspirations, confined within the limits of the physical boundaries. However, since the start of the 21st century, the Internet has helped to shape what we call a 'Network Society'.

Amitabh Singhal
Co-Founder & Former President Internet Service Providers Association of India (ISPAI)

Founder, Former CEO & Board Member
National Internet Exchange of India (NIXI)

Board Director
Org, Public Interest Registry

Founder & Director
Telxess Consulting
comprising of online or virtual communities, which are not limited in their interactions by physical space anymore.

Even today, in the times of virtual communities, we by default tend to mean humans as the only component of these communities. Going forward into the future, with the Internet of Things (IoT) becoming more pervasive and deeply entrenched and enhanced with artificial intelligence, it will be a world with ‘Communities of Things’. Communities will, by default, come to mean and include both humans, and machines and things, interacting and working together, in an interoperable and seamless manner. Prime examples are Alexa, Siri, Cortana, Bixby, Google Assistant, and the likes that are already becoming part of the human communities. All that we now need is to recognise this phenomenon more formally.

**How do you think ISOC India Mumbai can contribute to a better Internet ecosystem?**

Globally, ISOC is an organisation dedicated to the development and evolution of, an open and free to access, Internet for the benefit of all. It is an I* organisation, i.e. it shares a responsibility along with organisations like ICANN, RIRs, NRO, W3C, IANA, IETF, IAB and others (ISOC also being the home of IETF, IAB) to co-ordinate the operations and development of Internet’s technical infrastructure.

ISOC chapters, therefore, have a great role and responsibility to support the I* Star eco-system globally and from wherever they work.

Almost half of the human race is still unconnected, and therefore building community networks is a critical area of work. I think, planning by any ISOC chapter should be highly focussed on making resources available
to bridge the connectivity gaps.

Second, building and enhancing critical Internet infrastructure (such as IXPs) is an important objective as a natural corollary to building networks, to ensure the quality of access.

Third, with increasing pervasiveness, the issues of retaining open and free access, data protection, privacy, and security, are becoming important elements in the evolutionary process of the Internet. Therefore, to ensure that the three broad objectives mentioned above are realised, proper policies and regulations are important to ensure that more resources are directed towards building and connecting the underserved and keeping the Internet free, as it was meant to be. ISOC chapters must realise this and deeply engage with governments, industry, and regulators in ‘Policy Development Processes.'
What does the Internet mean to you?

The Internet is a deeply human technology. The Internet Society’s mission includes two phrases that show this: we work for “a resource to enrich people’s lives, and a force for good in society.” To me, the Internet is about connecting people through this technology so that each of us can thrive. I owe my career to the Internet. I was not trained as a computer scientist or a policy expert. I was undertaking my graduate studies during the period when the Internet was starting to commercialise, and I learnt so much through it. As the Internet is made of many independent networks, it depends on open technologies and standards. This is because if your technologies are closed, cost money, and are an inconvenience to use, you cannot get other people to deploy them widely (that was a lesson I learned from the comparative decline of a system called gopher as compared to the World Wide Web. Gopher was in some ways superior to the early WWW, but you had to pay someone else to deploy it on your network and wait for them to embrace your innovations as opposed to being able to share them yourself. Refer to https://ils.unc.edu/callee/gopherpaper.htm for some discussion). So when I wanted to learn complicated technical details, I could just read about them. I went to look at the protocols, read very widely, and I discovered that there was this whole technical community that wanted to make things better not just because it was better for everyone, but because it was better for them too. If the Internet was a traditional, closed technology that depended on various levels of credentials, I could never have learned as much as I did. But because it depends on simple building blocks and open technologies, it is possible to learn it mostly through curiosity and effort. At the same time, I recognised early that this was a tool that could bring us together. Humans are storytellers. We like to share our knowledge, stories, and experiences. In that way, the Internet was and remains an element of human development. We can grow and thrive in part because of the assistance and encouragement that we get from others, and the Internet allows us to get this assistance from a vast number of others.
How will the Internet shape/improve the quality of community life in future?

First, let me say that if I were a reliable oracle of the future, I would be vastly wealthier than I am now! So please don’t build your plans on my ideas of what might happen. Still, I think the evidence is pretty clear. Many people thought that with COVID-19 spreading everywhere, the Internet would be rife with misinformation and exploitation. Now, I do not wish to suggest that nobody is trying to exploit this situation. I see it as much as anyone else does. But notice, alongside it, the enormous outpouring of mutual assistance and straightforward happy stories that the Internet is bringing in this event. That is a strength of the Internet too. That brings us to the meaning of “community,” as it is such a variable term. There are local, geographically-bound communities, and there are other communities in which people can find themselves. The Internet’s ability to bring people together across vast distances can make the latter type of communities healthier or even viable. Meanwhile, geographically-bound communities can use the Internet to make local collaboration easier and form bonds with others who are facing similar issues. We, humans, are a species that likes to communicate, and communicating easily in our local communities is a good way to make those bonds stronger and still more flexible.

How do you think ISOC India Mumbai can contribute to a better Internet ecosystem?

To make a growing and stronger Internet the reality everywhere, we need everyone – especially chapters – to press this urgent task on local, regional, and national authorities. Connectivity in India is
growing rapidly, but there are still lots of people who do not have it and have little prospect of being able to afford the cost. At the same time, I believe that the Internet Society, and our message of ensuring the Internet is for everyone, really needs vibrant local chapters everywhere to achieve our vision. And only the chapters understand the unique local challenges.

Mumbai (perhaps I should say “greater Mumbai,” to make it clear I am talking about the overall conurbation) is one of the biggest cities in the world, and it has a vast population of people who need the advantages that the Internet can bring. Only a local chapter is in a position to understand both the political and practical realities facing the local expansion of access or a good use of the Internet. We all need the Internet more than ever. But because of its design, the Internet’s local presence is always exactly that—local. The Mumbai chapter can help, especially with those local questions.

Andrew Sullivan  “I owe my career to the Internet! The Internet is a deeply human technology... The Internet’s ability to bring people together across vast distances make the communities healthier and more viable.”

#Internetsociety #CEO #ISOC #Internetisforeveryone #Internetahumantechnology #vitalresource #bringingcommunitiestogether #connectivity #openness #isocindiamumbai #community #mumbai
What does the Internet mean to you?

The Internet is tremendously important in everyday living for me. It is as vital to me as the heart is to the human body. I do my work on the Internet, and I stay connected through it with my team. If I lose Internet connection any time in the day, I feel lost like a ship in the vast sea. My children use the Internet to complete their assignments and do study meetings. The physical libraries seem like things of the past as Google has made information on fingertips possible. The Zoom app has kept us connected in this time of social distancing. It seems like a miracle that I can see and connect with my loved ones who live far away through video calls on WhatsApp. It is a pleasure to watch YouTube that has tons of information. The Internet also helps my husband to pay all his bills online and shop, from groceries to computers. The Internet is the lifeline in today's world.

How will the Internet shape/improve the quality of community life in future?

The Internet has made work from home possible and made a huge difference for women like me who want
to save time in commute to be with kids. I feel I can now devote more time to them, which will allow them to grow up without the anxiety of their mother not being at home. The next generation is going to be less anxious about manoeuvring through the traffic, thereby, mitigating the trauma of meeting with accidents on roads. Companies may not need separate infrastructure for workplaces as ‘home offices’ will be a new normal, and the government will not be overwhelmed and burdened with building supporting infrastructure. De-urbanisation will improve the quality of living for many, if not all. Work-life balance will be for real.

**How do you think ISOC India Mumbai can contribute to a better Internet ecosystem?**

Internet Society chapters contribute through the ideas they share with people. They spark creativity in many that can help make lives better. The Internet is not something that I grew up with, but I know it can lead to unimaginable changes of great magnitude.

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**Anisha Kenny** “Internet is as vital to me as the heart is to the human body.”

#mentalhealth #wellnessduringcovid19 #Internet #Internetalifeline #womenempowerment #homeoffices #pandemic #isocindiamumbai #workfromhome #worklifebalance #mumbai
What does the Internet mean to you?

The Internet is not just a means to earn, express, or research, but it transcends beyond those conventional boundaries. The Internet has a whole new meaning in today's digital age. Yes, there is no denying the fact that it has become the way of life in the metro-2020 age and beyond. However, with all its benefits, it also brings across one major discomfort-privacy. Internet privacy is paramount, but in digital-2020, it comes with a trade-off- a price associated with using either the modalities of apps/websites or the so-called end-user services, hosted on the Internet.

How will the Internet shape/improve the quality of community life in future?

With all the advantages that the Internet has to offer and every improvement that the Internet comes with, there is an inherent trade-off that I would like to highlight. There is a famous saying on the Internet, “if any service is free, you are their product.” While the Google search makes our day-to-day life simpler, it also comes with an unaltered truth that our searches are saved, our digital footprint saved and catalogued, and we are targeted and bombarded with advertisements. While digital payments make our everyday life easier, this ease comes with a twin-fold causality. First, our credit score gets easily computed, as our banking cash balance and the nature of payments now become a customer database for these payment aggregators to market upon. Second, by making us spend, they subconsciously give us a false pretext of entitlement by first enticing us through their offers and then letting us bask in the physical comforts of the purchased product.

The fall in per GB cost of the Internet has led to the rise of ‘content’ as the king. For various content providers, there has been a huge rush with no monitoring. The absence of over-the-top (OTT) providers and regularisation have changed the way we view content and change the future consumption of content.
How do you think ISOC India Mumbai can contribute to a better Internet ecosystem?

The paradigm digital shift has poised ISOC to address the Internet’s root problem in developing countries like India. ISOC chapters, by holding consultations for policy development, combining them with the aspects of public policy and applying them to the fluid and dynamic Internet, not only help in propounding the mandate of a free Internet for all but also help protect patents from the Internet sharks. The only way to go forward in consultations is with the case study approach using the three-fold measures.

First, partnering with case study developing companies to create management based case studies to document extensive research on Internet policy lapse.

Second, involving students/members to come up with alternatives.

Third, involving industry vertical leaders and government officials to notify the change and to foresee its implementation applicability. This three-fold approach will create a structure and stature around the ISOC, which is poised at the heart of the problem and can deliver much-needed change in this dynamic and ever-changing Internet spectrum.

Ankit Bhatt “Internet is not just a means to earn, express, or research but has a whole new meaning in today’s digital age.”

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#BEST Bus #transportofMumbai
What does the Internet mean to you?

I am using the Internet for almost 30 years, and it has helped me in education, communication and research. The challenge, however, is to glean the right information for the right perspective.

What does the Internet mean for your organisation?

I am a minimally invasive surgeon and currently perform robotic surgery or robot-assisted surgery for cancer of the prostate, kidney, bladder, and other benign surgeries. This technology allows doctors to perform many types of complex procedures with more precision, flexibility, and control than conventional techniques. Robotic surgery is usually associated with minimally invasive surgery — procedures performed through tiny incisions. Hospitals have rapidly adopted robotic surgery globally for use in the treatment of a wide range of conditions. The most widely used clinical robotic surgical system includes a camera arm and mechanical arms with surgical instruments attached to them. The surgeon controls the arms while seated at a computer console near the operating table. The console gives the surgeon a high-definition, magnified, 3-D view of the surgical site. The surgeon leads other team members who assist during the operation. The robotic platform is a brilliant example of the utilisation of the Internet with which one can perform remote or telesurgery. I was a part of the team that developed robotic urologic surgery. I also performed first robotic surgery (radical prostatectomy) in India on April 29th, 2005 at All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi.
How will the Internet shape/improve the quality of community life in future?

For me, the community is my patient and their family. To take care of this community of mine, the Internet is such a viable medium. With the help of the Internet, we can send information and educate patients before they come to see us, which further allows them to make a shared decision. If not for the Internet, it would be difficult to stay committed to ongoing education so that I can continue to be at the leading edge of contemporary urologic care. The evolution of my career has made me realise that there is nothing more important to me than ‘My patient’ as they put immense trust in me. I, therefore, need to stay abreast with current developments and apprise patients for shared decision making so they can direct their care, with my navigational guidance of medical knowledge. I have learned that this partnership allows my patients to be well-informed, gain a better understanding of their care and outcomes, and are overall much happier with their medical experience. This could not have been possible but for Internet resources and faster communication. The coronavirus pandemic best demonstrates the latest ways in which the Internet has been helping the medical profession. Without the Internet, things would have been difficult to control than what we have at this point. India has taught an amazing lesson to the world by guiding its 1.4 billion population through the power of the Internet.

How do you think ISOC India Mumbai can contribute to a better Internet ecosystem?

The ecosystem can be improved by serving humankind and community. I would like to congratulate ISOC India Mumbai for their efforts to serve the community.

Dr. Ashok K. Hemal “The robotic platform is a brilliant example of the utilisation of the Internet with which one can perform remote or telesurgery.”

#medicine #research #padmashri #savinglives #roboticsurgeries #invasivesurgeon #telesurgery #lifeinternet #Covid19 #internetlifelineinpandemic #isocindiamumbai #servingcommunity #mumbai #US
What does the Internet mean to you?

The Internet is a lifeline to me, and it is difficult to function without work or using social media. The Internet gives me the freedom, strength, and the capability to access unlimited resources, information, and efficaciously facilitate collaboration and communication. The Internet has changed the world in ways one cannot possibly imagine. The world was very different before the advent of the Internet, where humans were divided and differentiated based on borders, the colour of the skin, and money. All this changed in the era of the Internet. Today with 4G/5G networks, within seconds, we are connected LIVE with any part of the world. We share pictures, videos, and movies. It has cut short distances.

Today, with the help of the Internet, e-commerce, e-learning, and e-medicine have expanded into the world’s most rural parts. In this time of a pandemic, life continues because the Internet has allowed us to continue to work from home, carry on e-education, and remain connected to families, friends, news, and entertainment.
How will the Internet shape/improve the quality of community life in future?

The current COVID-19 pandemic has already triggered the change in the quality of community life. The way we worked and received information has changed drastically. Working from home or remotely is now a reality, and so is the transformational way in which we communicate, learn, and inform. Large multinational companies and global organisations, with offices and employees from all parts of the world, are now remotely connected by a network of the Internet. The increased speed of the Internet and data transfer has brought the data processing and quantum computing to our doorstep. Information or data has become the new oil. This global data is driving robotic automation, artificial intelligence for predictive analysis and business decision making, blockchain for financial and legal transactions, virtualisation of computer networks and virtual reality, and cutting down business travels and need for physical meetings. I now see the world moving to an equal world where knowledge will cut across race, gender, and culture, and the only thing that will matter is the meritocracy.

How do you think ISOC India Mumbai can contribute to a better Internet ecosystem?

ISOC India Mumbai can lead the charter in educating and training people. The current education systems and government policies are not aligned with future trends. Even though schools and basic education will enable people to be educated, but this system will not make them workforce ready, and this will lead to huge unemployment now and in the future. ISOC India Mumbai can provide proper career guidance to the youth, and young budding entrepreneurs, to create the right business plans and make informed decisions.

Ashwin D'Silva  “Increased Internet speed and data transfer have brought the data processing and quantum computing to our doorstep...Data has become the new oil.”

#socialenterprise #XR #e-commerce #quantumcomputing #dataisthenewoil #socialdistancing #Internetcutsacrossdistances #WFH #newreality #isocindiamumbai #mumbai
What does the Internet mean to you?

The Internet, for me, is a lifeline, even more so today than in quieter times. Without the Internet, I would not be able to work with community members from close to 100 countries across different cultures, languages, continents, as well as with colleagues from close to 30 countries. Without the Internet, I would not be able to stay in touch with my family the way I do today, I would not be able to complete my classes at a university in a different country while studying at home, I would not be able to attend language classes with my teacher who lives in a different continent, I would not get informed about what is happening at my kids' school, in my neighbourhood, in my country, and the world. Hence, the Internet is a lifeline that I would like everyone in the world to have access to!

How will the Internet shape/improve the quality of community life in future?

The Internet will continue to bring people together, to allow them to join forces around a common cause, be this on a local, regional or global level. It will offer opportunities to underserved community members who would not have these otherwise. It will continue to help us get to know and understand our commonalities as well as specificities across cultures, languages, age groups and gender better.

Christine Saegesser  
Senior Director  
Chapters and Individual Members  
Internet Society (ISOC)

Christine Saegesser “Internet will continue to help us know and understand our commonalities as well as specificities across cultures, languages, age groups, gender better.”

#ISOC #Internetisalifeline #Internetservestheunderserved #Internetforceforgood #openaccessibleInternet #ISOCActionplan2020 #isocindiamumbai #mumbai #Internetshapingtheworld
What does the Internet mean to you?

The idea of ‘McLuhan’s Global Village’ has been a reality for a long time, with people connected through the Internet all over the world. The Internet today has the capability of truly defining how we work, live, and play. The new normal has accelerated the dependence of all sectors on the Internet, making adoption of technology much faster than ever before. Being a designer, I have always used the Internet for knowledge, training, and entertainment. But today, I expect from it the power to create a virtual parallel to match all the experiences from the physical world. Coming from academia, I can already see how quickly the education sector has moved online, not only the lectures but also practical courses, thereby, exploring the power of simulation for learning.

How will the Internet shape/improve the quality of community life in future?

We already look up to the Internet to give us suggestions on what to watch, eat, wear and most other aspects of our lives. We consume content curated for us, making our experience online easier every day. Getting a crash course in the virtual world during the quarantine of 2020 will help a lot of people put their apprehensions about digital interactions aside and embrace the Internet for the tool that it is. Once we start getting back to our normal, we will be more comfortable spending time with people.
virtually, allowing us to connect with a much larger community than we used to earlier.

**How do you think ISOC India Mumbai can contribute to a better Internet Ecosystem?**

While developing my Master’s thesis a few years ago, I explored people’s values around privacy while being online. It was interesting to see that people expect the government to help them navigate the risks that the online world brings. I think ISOC India Mumbai has the opportunity to be a leader in identifying and prioritising people’s values around their data and privacy, and providing actionable recommendations for governments, businesses, and people.

**Devika Narayani Prakash** “As a designer, I expect from the Internet the power to create a virtual parallel to match all the experiences from the physical world.”

#designer #art #creativity #simulation #Internet #creatingnewrealities #quarantine2020 #digitalinteractions #newnormal #isocindiamumbai #dataprivacy #mumbai #canada
What does the Internet mean to you?

The Internet, to me, is what evolution is to human species. Having seen, and studied, the growth of the Internet since its infancy, there were several turns in the Internet technology, right from invention of world wide web to mobile Internet, that have been transformational for the entire human race. Personally, it has brought the world closer to me. Simply, it has enhanced my ability to learn, as well as, opened the frontiers for interaction with peers and people with whom I want to connect. At the same time, it has empowered me to do various things, from shopping to booking tickets to investing in stock markets, which in the non-Internet era was not possible.

How will the Internet shape/improve the quality of community life in future?

Information is the key to any intervention. The simple availability of the Internet has ensured that everyone has democratic access to information.

Improving the quality of community life depends on multiple factors such as:

a) availability of resources
b) ability to reach out to a market for the creation of livelihood
c) ability to learn from others’ experiences. The Internet can act as a conduit by facilitating these interactions.

A connected world will help achieve the next level of
betterment goals elucidated in the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. A simple example of using GPS along with the Internet to track Alzheimer's patients could bring a sea change in the confidence of the patients, as well as, the healthcare and other family workers.

How do you think ISOC India Mumbai can contribute to a better Internet ecosystem?

First of all, people need to be informed about the contribution of ISOC, its chapters and ISOC India Mumbai. ISOC can play a significant role in the betterment of the Internet ecosystem through workshops and education, catering right from school to universities to specialised workshops for non-technical users. This would ensure not only proper usage but also safe and secure usage.

Dewang Neralla “Internet has brought the world closer. A connected world will help achieve next level of betterment goals elucidated in the UN Sustainable Development Goals.”

#Internetlikehumanevolution #communication #connectivity #SDGs #UN #knowledgecreation #ISOC #IoT #isocindiamumbai #Internettransforminghumanrace #shapingtheinternet #mumbai
#Flamingos #Sewri Mangrove Park #Faunaofmumbai
@Abhishek Ugale

#Elephanta caves #Faunaofmumbai
What does the Internet mean to you?

The Internet means different things to me in various aspects of my life. Whether it is e-commerce delivery services that offer goods at my doorstep or work from home systems enabled via online meetings and other business continuity applications, Internet has ensured that I can be productive within my home’s comfort. It has also added a new meaning to my existing ways of performing tasks. As a person with knowledge of the law and with a degree in the same, I am able to get access to court judgements and government guidelines on the Internet. As an HR (human resource) practitioner, I can ensure that our employees get access to various leadership and training webinars and e-learning programs. I have also observed that the easy to use applications that run on the Internet act as business executive and business intelligence support for different sectors; for example, farmers use them for weather forecasts. Similarly, the Internet works as a ready reckoner for small scale industries.

How will the Internet shape/improve the quality of community life in future?

The future success of our community life depends on the ability of our future denizens to be digitally skilled, efficient, and self-reliant. At an individual level, the Internet will improve the ease of setting up a business and will introduce entrepreneurship
amongst the youth. At an organisational level, the Internet will enable a zero-based model. Remote hiring and customised online training will be the new norm in the post-COVID-19 world. The Internet also contributes to better employee engagement and development practices, which enable the identification of the right person for the right job and building a leadership pipeline in an organisation. Technology-based systems like Integrated Management Systems and SCADA (supervisory control and data acquisition) systems have improved the efficiency of our corporate workspaces. All this will contribute to better work-life balance and enhance a company’s prospects, which will make it a great place to work.

Dinesh Tiwari  “The future success of our community life depends on the ability of our future denizens to be digitally skilled, efficient, and self-reliant.”

#Internet #HR #law #businessintelligence #employeeengagement #leadership #digitalskills #e-learning #SCADA #Covid19 #mumbai #isocindiamumbai
What does the Internet mean to you?

The Internet has made the world smaller - and my world bigger! I work in international education, so having access to up-to-date information from around the world and being able to share knowledge, communicate, and interact with colleagues and collaborators across the globe is a central part of this. I'm able to 'travel' to multiple countries and regions in one day, and learn about shared challenges and innovative solutions, as soon as they are shared. That's not to say that I am not aware of the risks associated with unreliable sources, fake news, hate speech, and cybersecurity. But used well, and ethically, the Internet can represent the best of human shared endeavour and will help drive us forward.

How will the Internet shape/improve the quality of community life in future?

The global COVID-19 pandemic has brought forth the benefits of the Internet. Countries, health systems, and sectors have been able to share information quickly and accurately, allowing for a more coordinated effort. While physical borders have closed, we have arguably seen more international collaboration online as countries and communities seek to respond and protect their citizens by learning from each other. In the future, I hope we will continue to find ways of building meaningful relationships and collaborations online because interacting with
people through the Internet can bring huge benefits for access and participation. Connecting with a diverse and wide group of people is the best way of improving communities across the world. The Internet provides ways of including as many people as possible, including those who couldn’t travel due to family commitments, or economic pressures, and to protect our world from climate change. Our priority needs to be to ensure that the Internet is available to everyone. That way, we will be able to hear the most diverse voices and improve our communities through this tool.

Dr. Faye Taylor  “Internet can bring huge benefits for access and participation through online collaborations and interactions.”

#internationaleducation #collaboration #ACU #access #communitybuilding #knowledgesharing #Covid19andinternet #cybersecurity #irresponsibleinternet #isocindiamumbai #mumbai #unitedkingdom
What does the Internet mean to you?

For me, the Internet is a world of possibilities and a source of knowledge. Through my job and the Internet, I get the opportunity to meet fascinating people across the globe. From the Amazon Forest to the mountains of Nepal, and the wonderful community of Mumbai, I e-meet them all, and these are the people who care and improve the lives of others. Remember, the Internet is for everyone!

How will the Internet shape/improve the quality of community life in future?

I believe that the Internet brings opportunities to every community, especially those in remote areas. Thanks to the Internet, more and more people can have access to information, share their knowledge, and learn not only from their community but also from communities across the globe. I see communities improving their education and health systems, developing businesses and employment opportunities, and maximising their local economic growth.

How do you think ISOC India Mumbai can contribute to a better Internet ecosystem?

ISOC India Mumbai can play a major role in developing local programmes by acting as educators, capacity builders, and providing guidance in local and global policy development and governance.

Ilda Simao
Chapter Grants Programme Manager
Internet Society Foundation

Ilda Simao  “Internet brings opportunities to every community to access information, share their knowledge, and learn from communities across the globe.”

#ISOC #Internetaworldofpossibilities #Internetisforeveryone #access #knowledgesharing #communities #capacitybuilding #e-meet #isocindiamumbai #Internet #mumbai
What does the Internet mean for your organisation?

I have nine industrial units spread all over the country. It is virtually impossible to control these units and their operations without the help of the Internet. My company uses Sap ERP, the backbone of which is the Internet. I correspond with my managers through email, and our entire reporting system is carried over the Internet. We receive and make almost all payments electronically over the Internet. Our material stock at all our plants is controlled and monitored through the ERP. It also enables us to send engineering drawings and designs from our design centre located in Nasik to the other plants efficiently. All communication with our clients, including purchase orders, supply schedules, etc. is done over the email.

How will the Internet shape/improve the quality of community life in future?

In my opinion, the Internet has brought in a lot of efficiency in the way society functions in general and in the field of communication in particular. And communication is very important, both in our personal and professional lives.
How do you think ISOC India Mumbai can contribute to a better Internet ecosystem?

ISOC India Mumbai volunteers made a presentation on ISOC at our school, and I was impressed. I have had the opportunity of working with Shveta, and Pervaiz, and I am sure with leaders like them, ISOC India Mumbai will achieve its mission. I see ISOC as adding value to the way people use the Internet. I wish ISOC India Mumbai the best.

Joseph D’Souza  “It is virtually impossible to control the operations of my country-wide business without the help of the Internet.”

#Internet #operationalefficiency #communication #streamliningbusiness #ERP #Internetabackbone #InternetandIndustry #ISOC #isocindiamumbai #mumbai
What does the Internet mean to you?

The Internet means the hub of information to me after physical books and nature. These days, however, it is like one-stop for every vital information you need. The only thing to keep in mind is—don’t go overboard and use it wisely with proper timing, and then it is a boon to you.

What does the Internet mean for your organisation?

For my organisation Hopping Chidiya, the Internet is the universe. My virtual shop (business) is on Etsy, and it is no less than the actual brick and mortar store. My customers and audience come from social media platforms like Instagram, and I interact and connect with my community through these portals and the Internet. The raw materials are usually ordered online to save time, and my tutorials for new skills come from the Internet too.

How will the Internet shape/improve the quality of community life in future?

If used wisely and consciously, the Internet holds the capacity to make beautiful connections and bring everyone closer. Knowledge can be gained and shared like never before. When it comes to the quality of community in the future, I think it is not very positive in terms of how people sadly are being used by mobile phones and social media.
rather than using them. Nothing can replace the human touch and the need for people getting together physically, in the real world, and building stronger bonds.

How do you think ISOC India Mumbai can contribute to a better Internet ecosystem?

ISOC India Mumbai can strongly take the Internet and add ethical and moral values to it. Rather than just going with the flow and what others are doing, the chapter should take initiatives on how the technology should be used wisely and create a balance. Putting a time limit on the usage, and especially in today’s scenario where the entire world is standing at one point, the Internet has proved to be a saviour. ISOC India Mumbai must leverage this opportunity and provide examples on how to use technology without disturbing the natural beauty of life, culture, and connection to nature. It is tough and challenging, but since chapter volunteers have the opportunity and a system at their disposal, this could be a great and wise leap to bring nature back and heal the world!

Kanupriya Ahuja Asnani “Internet holds the capacity to make beautiful connections and bring everyone closer when used wisely...it’s the hub of information for me and universe for my organisation.”

#designer #creativity #fashion #art #Internet #onestopforinformation #virtualshops #e-business #insta #socialmedia #wiseuseofinternet #ethicalinternet #communication #healtheworld #isocindiamumbai #mumbai
Kumkum Chadha  
Political Journalist and Author  
Hindustan Times

What does the Internet mean to you?

For a journalist, the Internet is a lifeline. It makes work possible apart from giving access to information, though with a rider that a lot of information floating is unverified, and that is what one must guard against.

What does the Internet mean for your organisation?

For a news organisation, the Internet is a must as it helps news flow from all over the country and the world.

How will the Internet shape/improve the quality of community life in future?

The Internet can facilitate working from home and help change the mobility patterns. It will, as it does now, help us stay connected even during crises like the current pandemic and lockdown. The Internet helps us to communicate in grim, gloomy times and shifts focus from melancholy to communication.

Kumkum Chadha  “For a journalist, the Internet is a lifeline as it provides access to vast information.”

#journalism #media #author #lockdown #Internet #Covid19 #news #information #pandemic #melancholytocommunication #isocindiamumbai #mumbai
What does the Internet mean to you?

For me, the Internet is an enabler and connector. It makes it possible to share information across distances and time, allows people to connect anywhere on the globe, and provides access to markets and services. Since my first job as head of an IT department in the Dutch government, I learned to appreciate what the Internet and IT can bring to people who have open minds. I facilitated a telework pilot in the Dutch government administration, and I still benefit from the insights gained through it. Maybe the most important lesson I learned is that, in the end, the Internet is about people.

What does the Internet mean for your organisation?

The Internet allows people to communicate and interact despite physical barriers that might exist. It has revolutionised commerce and business and changed the nature of governance. ICANN, as the coordinator of the Internet’s system of unique identifiers, plays an important role within the Internet Governance ecosystem. The Domain Name System, or DNS, is designed to make the Internet accessible to human beings and is the primary way people interact with the Internet. To keep this up and running, as a service to all, is our key mission. ICANN believes that the Internet should be a single, interoperable ‘network.
of networks,’ and that all Internet users should have a say in shaping the policies that impact its development and growth. While ICANN has no role in regulating or controlling Internet content, it does have an important impact on the Internet’s expansion and evolution. For example, ICANN has and continues to work to remove the technical barriers that might hinder an Internet user from accessing any name in any top-level domain (TLD) from any web browser, email client, or other application. This goal, known as Universal Acceptance, will allow for a truly multilingual and digitally inclusive Internet.

**How will the Internet shape/improve the quality of community life in future?**

With more than 4.5 billion Internet users and counting, its reach is global as well as local. Where initially Internet services were used to bridge geographic distances, they have now become provisions to match supply and demand (goods, information, or services) anywhere – local, regional, or global. This facilitation of matching supply and demand greatly supports community development. In addition, the use of local languages and language scripts will serve people who are not versed in Latin scripts but are familiar with Chinese, Arab, Cyrillic, etc., through Internationalised Domain Names and Universal Acceptance. Last but not least, the Internet will facilitate communications with increasing devices connected to it (Internet of Things). Hence, I believe that the Internet will become, and in many places has become, a central part of the fabric of the local community.
How do you think ISOC India Mumbai can contribute to a better Internet ecosystem?

The Indian ISOC chapters, including the Mumbai chapter, have played an important role in raising awareness about the potential of the Internet and what it can do for society. Its activities that are intended to inform as many people as possible, and connect with policymakers, are helping to boost good practices such as providing direct benefit to local economies, and access to information and education. In addition, ISOC chapter members have been very active in making the Indian voice heard at global-level Internet governance events, such as those organized by IGF, ICANN, ISOC, and APNIC. It has been with great pleasure to see much of that over the last years, and the only advice I can give here is to continue doing it!

Maarten Botterman “Internet should be a single, interoperable ‘network of networks’...all Internet users should have a say in shaping the policies that impact its development and growth.”

#ICANN #DNS #IDNs #ITLDs #Internet #networkofnetworks #UA #UniversalAcceptance #IoT #multilingualinternet #inclusiveinternet #Internetisaboutpeople #IGF #ISOC #APNIC #shapingtheinternet #isocindiamumbai #mumbai
What does the Internet mean for your organisation?

The World Wide Web is truly a WEB that connects the whole planet. It has been able to bring together individuals and organisations from any place on the planet in an unimaginable way. The channel that made this possible is the Internet. This network of computers and people is a tool that has given the whole of humanity access to communication, information, and data that was never before possible. The Internet has become a crucial lifeline of our existence and is especially significant for organisations as well. It has eased how an organisation can communicate, share documents and data, facilitate quick decision making, and transact business.

How will the Internet shape/improve the quality of community life in future?

It is clear that any breakdown of the Internet will lead to chaos and total shutdown.
in communication. The glue that binds the community together is good communication that is facilitated by the Internet. The smart use of the Internet should help us build relationships and enhance the quality of life rather than becoming impersonal and creating digital distancing.

**How do you think ISOC India Mumbai can contribute to a better Internet ecosystem?**

The ISOC India Mumbai chapter can help educate us on the pros and cons of developments in the digital world, and to make one aware of the advantages and dangers of an Internet ecosystem that can be put towards a better purpose. Regular debates and forums can bring this about.

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**Melvin Louis**  “Internet is the glue that binds the community together through good communication...any breakdown of the Internet will lead to chaos and total shutdown of communication.”

#www #ymca #Internet #communication #easeofbusiness #Internetconnectswholeplanet #knowledgesharing #education #lockdown #Covid19 #isocindiamumbai #awareness #mumbai
What does the Internet mean to you?

The Internet means endless possibilities of fast acquisition of knowledge, the transmission of results, an exchange of ideas, and consequently, modified action towards a goal/result. Medical science deals with constant dynamic processes taking place in human bodies. We, doctors, are able to keep up with ever-changing perspectives on the disease processes, diagnosis, treatment modalities and associated morbidities, with the help of fast-evolving new hardware and software. Particularly, in my field of radiology, there is a constant evolvement of new modalities, new software, and innovations like AI. In such a scenario, the Internet is a big boon as we try to absorb new concepts every day.

What does the Internet mean for your organisation?

Organisation wise, my field requires immediate transmission of patient data to higher authorities, particularly concerning the Pre-Conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques Act (an act banning the pre-natal foetal sex determination in India). Online registration of clinics, and filling of
relevant forms online, are necessary for stopping the menace of female foeticide. Also, any change of personnel or equipment is conveyed promptly to the relevant authorities. It has also become faster, easier, and hassle-free to pay the staff working in our organisation online, leading to better accountability and transparency.

**How will the Internet shape/improve the quality of community life in future?**

It has become easier to generate and communicate the patient reports online, making the treatment faster and more transparent. And then there are a few software-based tests (such as anomaly markers in pregnancy) which are not possible otherwise. Also, patients are becoming more Internet literate and interpret our reports better, leading to better community awareness. The Internet will add to the quality of community life by ways of finding the best possible solutions in terms of ease, comfort, economy, and practical applications for the situations/problems at home, helping in turn to bring a qualitative improvement in life.

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**Dr. Mukesh Koshal**  *“Internet means endless possibilities of fast acquisition of knowledge, the transmission of results, an exchange of ideas, and consequently, modified action towards a desired goal.”*

#radiologist #healthcare #Internet #telemedicine #e-medicine #medicalscience #Internetaboon #PNDTAct #Internetbringtransparency #communityawareness #isocindiamumbai #mumbai #delhi
What does the Internet mean to you?

If earlier I were to say that the Internet means the ‘World’ to me, people would not have taken it seriously. However, during this current period of the lockdown and the pandemic, I am sure that everybody will agree that yes, the Internet is the world at your fingertips.

How will the Internet shape/improve the quality of community life in future?

The Internet is shaping our community, and the evidence is all around us. Half of the world today is under a lockdown; the flights grounded, the trains halted, and other modes of public transportation suspended. Still, the world seems to be running smoothly online; the universities, the IT sector, the banks, trade, counselling, and even consultancies, all thanks to the Internet. Now, take a look outside; the sky looks clearer, the rivers are cleaner, and the birds have started chirping again. All this conveys us a message. The Internet is here to help us build a better future; it is improving the quality of the environment as well as playing a significant role in saving our time and money and making us more productive.

Mukesh Pathak
International Steel Trader
Certified Career Counsellor

“The Internet is the world at your fingertips.”

#mentor #motivationalspeaker #Internet #pandemic #lockdown #internetshapingcommunity #cleanerenvironment #healthyeart #betterfuture #isocindiamumbai #mumbai
What does the Internet mean to you?

The Internet is like O2 (oxygen) to me. Work, relaxation, entertainment, communication, and in many different aspects of my life, the Internet is just leading me. Working as an offshore engineer, most of our designs of offshore oil platforms are in the deep sea where physical know-how of structures and their designs are not accessible to everyone. But, with the Internet, we have loads of information available online that helps us to learn from studies done by other engineers to optimise our very own projects.

On a personal front, in the hectic daily routine, it's difficult to go to the gym daily or to meditation at a yoga centre to relax and take care of my health. But, the Internet helps me to bring all this at my home so that I can participate with trainers online, do yoga or home exercises, and stay healthy.

The Internet, through Netflix, Amazon Prime Videos and smart TVs, has made weekends and Sunday lunches even more entertaining. Through WhatsApp and MS Teams, the Internet has taken communication to the next level where one can work very virtually and efficiently. The Internet is the key to our new tech-dependent world, and therefore it must be readily available to all.
How will the Internet shape/improve the quality of community life in future?

The quality of community life will be paramount in the coming days as we continue to work in a highly stressful environment. The Internet can help us resolve these significant community issues by helping us track our health online and signalling a red flag to our doctors in case of odd spikes in our health. The Internet, through GPS, can surely help us track the environmental impacts of human beings. By monitoring coral reefs, we can develop artificial reefs to find new habitats for animals who are on the verge of extinction. We can improvise ‘work from home’ atmosphere by actually moving from large office spaces to home spaces. This movement will reduce traffic on roads, save time for working women to take care of house and kids, and help to maintain a healthy work-life balance. Farmers can become traders of their own farm produce if they can get direct access to the customers and the Internet can do this better in future. IoT devices and home appliances and IoT devices can be developed that will make the lives of working professionals and working mothers easy. In this way, the Internet can be used to solve many existing problems.

Mukul Pol  “The Internet is like oxygen to me, and the key to our new tech-dependent world.”

#Internet #internetlikeoxygen #engineering #internetaidshealthylifestyle #entertainment #netflix #internetshapescommunity #internetandenvironment #makingsimple #isocmumbai #improvingcommunitylife #mumbai
#workersoffmumbai #dabbawalas #fishermen #livelihood
What does the Internet mean for your organisation?

The Internet, as we know today, is the backbone of any organisation. Particularly for the healthcare sector, in this part of the region, it is imperative to be online as all the transactions that take place need online and real-time approvals from the relevant regulatory authorities, as well as, the medical insurance payers. The advent of technology has increased the usage of the Internet. More and more devices are now IoT devices. Apart from this, the Internet is also used as a medium for health research. With the advent of electronic medical records and health information exchanges going live, there is no way a modern healthcare facility can survive without the Internet. If we see this in the current crisis, telemedicine, online medical consultation, and remote diagnosis are on the rise, for which again the facility has to have its presence online. With the enhanced possibilities of the Internet, our hospital is now exploring to provide virtual outreach consultations in areas that otherwise would not have been possible using conventional services. Patients now have an option to book appointments online, which gives them greater flexibility in terms of viewing the doctor’s profile, the doctor’s availability, the services offered by the hospital, etc. Traditional booking through telephone and walk-in patients are on the decline. E-mail communication between doctors and patients is becoming part of medical
practice. With this comes another aspect, and that is security. With increased online presence comes a greater responsibility to protect the data and services from unscrupulous elements. Emphasis is on securing the entire IT setup facing the Internet using the best resources and services available.

**How will the Internet shape/improve the quality of community life in future?**

As stated above, Internet connectivity is now one of the pillars of a modern healthcare facility. The power of the Internet has tilted the balance of knowledge between healthcare professionals and the public. It has empowered patients to become more involved in healthcare decision-making and contribute to the reasoning of the treatments to some extent. In the not-so-distant future, the community will be able to challenge the professional power of medicine by the public availability of specialised knowledge, and by improved access to information on alternative approaches to healthcare, healthcare performance statistics, and consumer rights, all through the Internet and Internet-based services.

During the current COVID-19 crisis, almost entire communities have their work-life balance disrupted, but again the Internet has come to the rescue. More and more people have now started working from home by using the Internet as the medium to use IT tools to collaborate, communicate, and co-operate thereby, saving the organisations from collapsing. The future for the Internet and technological products based around the Internet is bright, and there is no denying that humanity will triumph against all adversities using technology as a weapon for the good of the society and the community.

The biggest technological advance in today's time is 5G. In the future, when 5G is rolled out across all geographical areas and is easily and readily available to the general public, it will create an entirely new ecosystem. Health care will vastly improve with the addition of powerful AI tools that can take a systems-level view of operations...
and locate opportunities to gain efficiencies in design and operation. These improvements will contribute immensely to basic research and scientific discoveries. Another milestone could be self-driving cars, which would be good for the community as people can be transported safely and faster. The future is untold but would be brighter and better for all the communities.

**How do you think ISOC India Mumbai can contribute to a better Internet ecosystem?**

The Internet Society India Mumbai chapter has come a long way since its formation. It has been championing the cause for which the Internet Society was established. ISOC India Mumbai chapter can contribute to a better Internet ecosystem by bringing in fresh ideas and creating a cohesive bond between the users from different strata of the society who are using the Internet for good. Emphasis should be on the quality and not the quantity. It should keep on expanding its horizon and audience so that the community can benefit.

**Mustansir Aziz**  “Internet is the backbone of any organisation. With the advent of electronic medical records and health information exchanges going live, there is no way a modern healthcare facility can survive without the Internet.”

#IoT #healthresearch #Internet #backboneoforganisations #telemedicine #virtualconsultation #remotediagnosis #Internetandcovid19 #WFH #5G #isocindiamumbai #mumbai
What does the Internet mean to you?

Opportunities, development, and growth! The Internet has revolutionised the way we live, becoming an essential part of our days. Thanks to the interconnection capacity and its original design based on open protocols, it has managed to become a powerful tool for the development and improvement of people's lives. For this reason, at the Internet Society, we work on this essence that makes the Internet this powerful. We focus our efforts towards an open, globally-connected, secure, and trustworthy Internet for all!

How will the Internet shape/improve the quality of community life in future?

We don’t need to go into the future to see the positive impact that the Internet will bring in coming times. Just see around you; the Internet has changed the way we live, interact, and do business. Thanks to the Internet, in this challenging context that we are facing, we can talk to our loved ones, continue working, learning, researching, and doing other things.
creative activities. Internet doesn’t have a limit; humans will put that limit on it. The Internet will be what we want it to be! At the Internet Society, we are working to make it a resource to enrich people’s lives and a force for good in society.

**Internet ecosystem?**

The Internet cannot be built alone as it needs all of us. It is only through cooperation and inclusion that we can build a better Internet for all. From a country perspective, it is essential to develop and strengthen a multistakeholder model. The role of our Chapters is crucial in this sense.

They should adopt an integration role based on alliances, communication, and cooperation between the different actors of the ecosystem.

**How do you think ISOC India Mumbai can contribute to a better**

**Nancy Quiros** “Internet is opportunities, development, and growth! It has revolutionised our lives.”

#ISOC #Internet #forceforgood #globalconnectivity #secureinternet #toolfordevelopment #limitless #multistakeholderism #shapingtheinternet #alliances #cooperation #internetforall #isocindiamumbai #latinamerica #mumbai
What does the Internet mean to you?

The Internet is a worldwide network of web servers. Given the importance of the Internet in my life, I would like to add it to the list of basic essentials along with food, clothing, and shelter. It is difficult to imagine a way of living without the Internet.

How will the Internet shape/improve the quality of community life in future?

With the Internet growing, connecting with like-minded people will be a higher possibility. The Internet is also turning out to be an excellent platform for people to reach out and find a new hobby. People are getting aware of new activities, and it is easier to discover events and be a part of them. A personal example is the use of the Meet-up app, which displays the different activities of interests and provides us with the opportunity to be a part of them. I have used it for sketching meets as well as hiking tours. It is also a matter of time when events like Kala Ghoda will be digitalised to expand the reach for both viewers, as well as, artists. There has been quite some innovative community bonding via the Internet during these tough periods of COVID-19 lockdown like the Ludo and Drawasaurus games, which is boosting the social interactions in many ways. Augmented virtual reality is another promising development in this subject, which will enable people to undertake treks, virtual sports competitions, and tours sitting at their homes.

Neerav Panchal  “Internet is as essential as food, clothing and shelter.”

#architect #creativity #artists #internet #connection #innovation #Covid19 #hobbiesinlockdown #meet-uppapps #onlinegaming #ludo #augmentedreality #isocindiamumbai #australia #mumbai
What does the Internet mean to you?

It would not be wrong to say that the Internet has become a way of living for me as well as a lot of people around me. The Internet not only helps me stay connected with my family and friends and provides me with entertainment but also makes sure that I stay competent professionally. The Internet has ensured that I can carry out my reporting from any part of the world by aiding in the transfer of heavy data, files, and patient scans. The Internet greatly facilitates telemedicine and allows me the flexibility to work from home without compromising on my role as a radiologist.

What does the Internet mean for your organisation?

My organisation relies heavily on the Internet. Right from step one, which requires the transfer of data for reporting by the radiologist, to saving patient data in a third party software, all depends on the usage of the Internet. Apart from radiology, other departments of my organisation also depend on the Internet for the transfer of data, transactions, preparation of patient reports, and better communication.

How will the Internet shape/improve the quality of community life in future?

As the world is getting busier with each passing day, the Internet is playing a pivotal role in helping people stay connected. It brings a sense of companionship and sets a healthy psychological tone for the forced, lonely
lifestyle. I believe that the Internet is also proving to be an antidote of boredom to the retired and neglected old age group. I perceive that eventually, the Internet services will become instrumental in treating various psychological issues where one is devoid of the physical human presence.

How do you think ISOC India Mumbai can contribute to a better Internet ecosystem?

Use and abuse go together. In our country, we have witnessed many unfortunate incidents where rhetoric speeches and videos over the Internet, have been used to evoke mass violence over a short period. I feel that ISOC India Mumbai can advocate for a better monitoring system, thus increasing the proportion of use over abuse. The safety of data is also a significant and challenging concern for users, and I hope the Mumbai chapter can contribute to sorting these issues as well.

Dr. Neha K. Sharma “Internet brings a sense of companionship and sets a healthy psychological tone for the forced, lonely lifestyle...it serves as an antidote of boredom to the retired and neglected old age group.”

#OMR #radiology #telemedicine #interneterasesboundaries #organisationalcoordination #entertainment #antidoteforloneliness #datasafety #isocindiamumbai #Internet #mumbai
What does the Internet mean to you?

As an educationist, the Internet has been a boon and strength to me for many years. I have used it for exploring and carrying research in teaching content, creating practical lessons from life, and breathing freshness in the sometimes monotonous textbook content. The COVID-19 pandemic and the resultant lockdown has laid a new dimension before all of us, urging us to explore and realise the potential of the Internet through online education. The ability and ease to reach out to children in a virtual world do pose their challenges for a teacher. However, overcoming these challenges, our school engaged Microsoft Teams and got all students together. The experience of bringing innovation in structuring the content in the form of assignments, PowerPoint presentations and videos from various sources has been exhilarating for me.

How will the Internet shape/improve the quality of community life in future?

As they say, it is never too late to learn! Yes, this is something that I, as an educationist with over thirty years of experience, have realised in these trying and testing times of the COVID
lockdown. The pandemic and lockdown have forced the education sector and community to transform itself completely. It has brought the students and teachers online. Adjusting to these new technologies, enabling tools and software, has been quite challenging for the students and me as a teacher. But as the saying goes “Necessity is the mother of Inventions”, we have in no time adapted ourselves to this new order and started enjoying it. The personal touch has been retained by the online cameras and chats and an odd call to help children to catch up whenever they want to. I think in times to come for the community at large; the Internet has the potential to grow further and produce quality education from home.

Dr. Neha Verma “As an educationist, the Internet has been a boon and strength for me.”

#educationist #schools #Internet #Covid19 #lockdown #onlineeducation #newwaysoflearning #virtualteaching #isocindiamumbai #educationfromhome #mumbai
#Foodofmumbai #Mumbaichat
#Foodofmumbai #vadapav #mumbaistreetfood
**What does the Internet mean to you?**

The Internet can be called a revolution, which just changed the way people behave and act in their day to day activities. Many things which could not have been imagined have become easier due to the advent of the Internet. The Internet also offers a great promise in minimising corruption, reducing pollution, enhancing knowledge and skills, and above all, facilitating social communication irrespective of distance and other social barriers. However, the Internet has also facilitated communal hatred, false propaganda and beliefs, and exposed the children to pornographic content. Hence, for me, the Internet per se is a great invention which has the potential to change our everyday life for better, if used and governed in a judicious and intelligent way.

**What does the Internet mean for your organisation?**

The Internet offers great scope for our organisation by providing access to online databases (be it academic or knowledge-based databases) and virtual classrooms. The immense potential and use of the Internet is felt, especially in crisis times (like the present lockdown period). For example, since the lockdown, the institution has been solely dependent on the Internet either for administrative purposes (online meetings and e-mail), academic purposes (online classrooms and communication through e-mails), and financial transactions. Also, any institution’s image is judged by its website, and Gokhale Institute is no exception to it. Considering all the above
factors, we can safely say that the Internet, nowadays, has become indispensable to all academic institutions, including Gokhale Institute. I can see that in the near future, online education and e-governance will replace the existing system in all leading institutions, including GIPE.

**How will the Internet shape/improve the quality of community life in future?**

The Internet will definitely improve community life by facilitating more communication amongst the members of the community. Exchange of knowledge and information among the members would greatly enhance the knowledge base of the academic community. Besides, access to an enormous database (either subscribed or an open-access database) will contribute to the existing knowledge of all the stakeholders, including teachers, students, and other professionals.

**How do you think ISOC India Mumbai can contribute to a better Internet ecosystem?**

Organisations like ISOC India Mumbai can promote interdisciplinary learning and facilitate the collaboration of professionals across different industries on topical issues on the Internet. They can work with social science education and research institutions and their faculty members to offer an industry perspective on the Internet and related digital issues like cryptocurrency, social media, IoT etc. We look forward to hosting ISOC India Mumbai for inSIG (India School on Internet Governance).

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**Dr. Prabhash Narayana Rath** “The Internet offers a great promise in minimising corruption, reducing pollution, enhancing knowledge and skills, and above all, facilitating social communication irrespective of distance and other social barriers.”

#academia #economics #Internet #revolutionisinglife #onlinedatabases #globalcrisis #lockdown #onlineeducation #virtualclassrooms #boonforacademia #knowledgecommunity #e-governance #isocindiamumbai #inSIG #pune
What does the Internet mean to you?

For countries like India, the Internet is like a key to a treasure of knowledge. It has opened the doors of knowledge for the common man in general and vulnerable groups in particular such as women, people from lower castes, and other marginalised sections of the society. The Internet allows me to access the quality information that otherwise would not have been possible. It also helps me to share and communicate information with people across the globe in no time. For me, it is a great learning tool. It not only creates and widens knowledge opportunities but also increases accessibility to knowledge. It has crossed the limits of artificial parameters like geography, demography, and culture. It is only because of the Internet that the knowledge can be considered as a ‘natural resource,’ and each one has the right to access it. I strongly feel that it will bridge the gap between haves and have-nots and create an equitable society.

How will the Internet shape/improve the quality of community life in future?

The knowledge accessibility has increased, helping individuals to collect the
required information to solve problems. People can share local knowledge with others as I believe that every community creates knowledge in the process of development of culture. Along with this, people learn different solutions to problems. Many success stories are motivational for others. The Internet provides an opportunity to understand different cultures and human beings across the globe. The Internet is the key to acquire knowledge anywhere, anytime, and by anybody. One can not only gain knowledge but also skills for his/her achievement as when enthusiasm for learning sets in, the human quest for the truth continues.

**How do you think ISOC India Mumbai can contribute to a better Internet ecosystem?**

No doubt, the Internet has allowed each of us to access and create knowledge. However, we need to be culturally competent so that we can respect every individual irrespective of gender, class, caste, and create a more humane society. A healthy ecosystem can be created by making people responsible for verifying the content, not creating panic, or spreading irrational information under the name of religion. Help people to become scientific and rational so that we all can ‘coexist’ by agreeing to disagree on some views but still respect every human being.

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**Dr. Pradnya Wakpainjan**  “Internet has opened the doors of knowledge for the common man as well as vulnerable groups and marginalised sections of the society, to create an equitable society.”

#Internet #education #Internetatreeasureofknowledge #naturalresource #equitablesociety #Internetalearningtool #humanism #healthyecosystem #coexistence #SNDT #isocindiamumbai #mumbai
What does the Internet mean to you?

I use the Internet for various daily activities. Apart from teaching on Zoom, I use the Internet to get updates on daily news and business briefings. Public social media platforms, like Twitter and Facebook, as well as private social media apps like WhatsApp, helps me to stay in touch with my friends, family, and students.

How will the Internet shape/improve the quality of community life in future?

I strongly feel that the Internet and digital learning will shape the future of tutor-student interactions. According to NSSO 2016 data, the Indian private coaching industry is bigger than 40 billion dollars, and India's first Edutech unicorn had its humble origins as a provider of private coaching services. Hence, the private coaching industry has to play a pioneering role in the evolution of digital learning as a government-regulated school industry will take more time to adapt.

One of the factors that positively influence the quality of community life in Mumbai will be the proliferation of numerical skills. Improved numerical skills will lead to better-paying jobs, greater well being, and lesser stressful life. As one of the pioneers in digital learning in the South Mumbai region for numeracy driven subjects like Mathematics, we are using Zoom and other Internet-based applications to make our virtual classes more interactive. Students are enjoying this change, and it has led to lesser physical fatigue of travelling. Thus, the Internet will improve the community life and economic well being of our students by being a medium of dissemination of numerical skills.

Prakash Tiwari
Educationist & Philanthropist
Founder, Tiwari Tutorials

"Internet will improve the community life and economic well being of our students by being a medium of dissemination of numerical skills."

#Internet #numeracy #digitallearning #SoBo #mathematics #socialmedia #virtualmeetings #onlinelearning #isocindiamumbai #mumbai
What does the Internet mean to you?

I feel that the Internet is the most convenient way to get connected with people throughout the world. It is undoubtedly a complex network of networks which simplifies life in an extraordinary manner.

How will the Internet shape/improve the quality of community life in future?

The Internet will improve day-to-day social life by providing means to connect with people easily at the comfort of users. It would further personalise everyday experiences such as shopping and travelling with the advent of ‘Artificial Intelligence’ and ‘Machine Learning’.

How do you think ISOC India Mumbai can contribute to a better Internet ecosystem?

The ISOC community can provide knowledge and awareness sessions to the underdeveloped regions of the community. Government schools and nursing homes can be targeted to spread awareness about the advantages of the Internet in daily life.

Praneet Kaur  “Internet is a complex network of networks which simplifies life in an extraordinary manner.”

#Internet #networkofnetworks #artificialintelligence #machinelearning #knowledgecommunity #isocindiamumbai #mumbai
What does the Internet mean to you?

From its early origins - with defence and academia - the Internet has certainly come a long way and is perhaps one of humankind's greatest inventions. I have been privileged enough to have experienced its early years, and seen it grow and evolve over the last few decades. Every few years, more or less, there is a change in how the Internet is used - and for what it is used. Today, the Internet is a key part of everyday life and the global economy - a fact that is all the more highlighted right now in particular as the world faces a global pandemic. It's the Internet that everyone is turning to deal with the massive disruptions we have had all around. This also emphasises why we need to have an open, accessible, and affordable Internet, and all the more reason why we have to work collaboratively to ensure that it remains so.

How will the Internet shape/improve the quality of community life in future?

I think we are seeing some of the future right now - the way we are using the Internet to cope with disruptions due to a global pandemic.
We may see some profound changes in work culture and education in particular as a result. The ability to “work from home”, for instance, could very well be seen in a different light by companies and organisations.

Telecommuting has long been touted as a solution, but we may finally see that it becomes more of a norm than an exception. Similarly, while Internet technologies have been used in education, there will likely be a greater focus on the digital classroom (at all levels from primary to tertiary education). But we must also be cognisant of the fact that we will need to pay more attention to privacy and data protection matters as the boundaries of the physical and online world continue to blur.

How do you think ISOC India Mumbai can contribute to a better Internet ecosystem?

On the policy front, ISOC Mumbai could reinforce the need for an open Internet so that the Internet continues to grow and evolve, as well as, promote the need for affordability as a large part of the world is yet to come online. Even in megacities such as Mumbai, there are communities (such as minorities, underprivileged, slum area dwellers) who are yet to utilise the benefits of the Internet.

On the technical front, you could help promote initiatives like MANRS to network operators so that the foundational building blocks of Internet infrastructure are secure.

You could also promote the work of the IETF (Internet Engineering Task Force) to engineering colleges, universities, and the research community so that they could contribute to the Internet standards development process.

For the wider community, you could help create awareness on the digital footprint we create when we are online and what steps users could take for a safer online experience. This could extend to highlighting things like encryption and online security and perhaps providing some best practice workshops for target groups.

Rajnesh D. Singh  “People are turning to the Internet to cope with the disruptions caused due to the global pandemic.”

#Internetsociety #Internet #openaccessibleaffordable #globalpandemic #workfromhome #telecommuting #education #digitalclassrooms #internetservestheunderserved #MANRS #IETF #encryption #digitalfootprint #onlinesafety #isocindiamumbai #APAC #mumbai
What does the Internet mean for your organisation?

The Internet plays a vital role in all business verticals in Hyundai. We have been the pioneers in the automotive industry to adapt to this ever-growing digital age and providing our customers with a one of a kind digital ecosystem. Digital marketing has enabled us to connect with our stakeholders all around the country seamlessly. Communication, being as important as it is, has leapt various digital platforms. From Facebook to Instagram to various automobile blogs, our presence is as strong as ever. Digitisation has given us the potential to transform the way we reach and engage our customers. Digital marketing and PR has helped us achieve increased brand awareness and recall across various platforms by curating engaging content, and strategically channelising them into various digital sources. Showcasing our prowess in the digital landscape, we launched India’s first online automobile sales platform. All Hyundai models are available on ‘Click to Buy’ website that acts as an additional sales channel for Hyundai Dealerships. As trendsetters in the automotive industry, we introduced telematics to the Indian market with BlueLink – ‘Your connected friend on the go’. Hyundai VENUE, launched in 2019, was the First Connected Car in India.

How will the Internet shape/improve the quality of community life in future?

The Internet is not just a platform or a tool to disseminate information, but an aid to magnify the brand's connection with the customers at all levels. From production to sales & marketing, the Internet plays a key role in all business verticals in Hyundai. It allows us to serve our community of customers better and engage with them more deeply.

Ravi Sharma
Head
Communications and Corporate Social Marketing
Hyundai Motor India

Ravi Sharma “The Internet aids in magnifying the brand's connection with the customers at all levels. From the production to sales and marketing, the Internet plays a key role in all the business verticals.”

#corpcomm #socialmedia #communication #collaboration #automotiveindustry #cars #Internet #digitalmarketing #brandawareness #clicktobuy #onlinesalesplatform #isocindiamumbai #internetvitalforhyundai #mumbai
What does the Internet mean to you?

The Internet for a software engineer or a data scientist is equivalent to the blood in the body. One cannot function without it. One ponders upon accessibility and availability of the Internet when they face challenges such as a dip in the Internet speed or service disruption. For years, I have used the Internet with ignorance and took it for granted. Being a software engineer, I now understand the workings of the Internet and its logistical requirements. I recognise the work that goes behind the scenes to provide us with steady and fast Internet services. This insight and knowledge have made me appreciate the value of the Internet in my work and personal life.

How will the Internet shape/improve the quality of community life in future?

I belong to the generation that witnessed the rise of the Internet. I have used dial-up modems. I have transitioned to wireless technologies with modems and now to mobile Internet. The Internet has transformed the whole world in unprecedented ways. A few decades back, we could not have envisioned our world to be so well connected globally. Some of the facilities and perks that we take for granted never existed before the Internet. One can access the best learning content as per one’s need using the Internet. It is easier to learn a new skill or...
build up a hobby now than ever possible before in our history.

Moreover, one can make friends across the world and stay connected using tools which are accessible at a single tap. The Internet also facilitates online shopping, starting a new business, availing various services, and even managing online transactions with safety. Overall, the Internet has improved our lives drastically by aiding our lifestyle and improving our standards of living.

**How do you think ISOC India Mumbai can contribute to a better Internet ecosystem?**

I am currently working in a relatively new and evolving data science domain with no global governing body yet. Hence, I acknowledge the necessity of a governing body such as ISOC for the Internet. ISOC has been serving as the backbone for the Internet since its beginning. I highly appreciate and value the work done by the community and governing body. ISOC India Mumbai chapter is doing a great job by expanding the ISOC community across India, especially Mumbai.

“If you don’t like something, change it. If you can't change it, change your attitude.” - Maya Angelou. I think this quote is well suited for the users of the Internet. One needs to be part of the ISOC community to understand its functionalities and its bottlenecks. Internet is not perfect and is ever-evolving, and to improve it you need to be part of the process. And this can happen with the support of a transparent and inclusive community. ISOC strives towards providing such an ecosystem for the Internet.

**Rohit Gupta**  “Internet is not perfect and is ever-evolving, and to improve it you need to be part of the process.”

#datascientist #engineer #Internet #onlinelearning #e-commerce #netbanking #Internetimproveslifestyle #isocindiamumbai #inclusivecommunity #transparency #mumbai #australia
What does the Internet mean to you?

The Internet, to me, is the ultimate communication tool. It is quite possibly the best invention and hallmark of modern-day globalisation for its ability to share information and bring people together from all over the world, whether connecting them by text, audio, or visual. Since joining ICANN, I also appreciate the critical need for everyone to participate in helping to shape the Internet's evolution. It is both humbling and inspiring to be part of this multistakeholder process with so many others, including ISOC India Mumbai Chapter.

How will the Internet shape/improve the quality of community life in future?

ICANN always believes that the Internet should be universally open and accessible to all. As the next billion Internet users are likely to be non-English speaking and come from our Asia-Pacific region, ICANN is working to make different language scripts available for domain names, known as Internationalised Domain Names (IDNs). This would facilitate more people to come online and be able to interact in their language. With IDNs, software applications must also be able to recognise and process them like any other domain name or email address. Hence, we work...
to support their Universal Acceptance (UA) across all systems. By removing language as a barrier to access the Internet, the benefits which we have enjoyed through the Internet will also be available to non-English speaking communities.

**How do you think ISOC India Mumbai can contribute to a better Internet ecosystem?**

As India's business capital, some of the country's largest companies, software enterprises, and banks are headquartered in Mumbai. ISOC India Mumbai Chapter is, therefore, perfectly positioned to engage with the business community, to help them understand and appreciate the Internet ecosystem and its governance. Their participation in these discussions, both locally and internationally, will help the evolution and shaping of the Internet.

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**Sabrina Lim**  “Internet is the best invention and hallmark of modern-day globalisation!”

#Internet #ultimatecommunicationtool #communityparticipation #multistakeholderism #IDNs #UA #multilinigualinternet #shapingtheinternet #ICANN #isocindiamumbai #globalcommunity #mumbai #financialcapital
What does the Internet mean to you?

To me, the Internet is multiple things at one: it is a medium of communication; a repository of information; an enabler of commerce; a market and a marketplace; a global, collaborative space to build and sustain communities; and a technology-enabled space that unleashes innovation and creativity. On the negative side, it is home to many kinds of offensive and malicious entities, distasteful and obnoxious content, and dangerous actors who can steal one's identity & money or ruin one's reputation.

As end-users of the Internet, we need to be aware of these roles of the Internet, and more importantly, we need to inform and educate the people and communities around us in the safe, prudent and productive ways of using the Internet.

How will the Internet shape/improve the quality of community life in future?

The COVID-19 outbreak has provided us with an opportunity to experience a glimpse of the future of the world, where the Internet becomes the central enabler of commerce, communication, entertainment, education, work, and life itself. While we will overcome the current
outbreak, it is clear that some of the lessons learnt now will remain with us for the long-term. For instance, many will choose remote participation over face-to-face meetings, work-from-home over daily commuting to an office, and transacting digitally over cash payments. In the process, we will have a cleaner planet, a happier workforce, and more efficient enterprises.

How do you think ISOC India Mumbai can contribute to a better Internet ecosystem?

A global resource such as the Internet is best governed through the multistakeholder (MS) model, which brings together all the stakeholders for the creation and implementation of policies that govern the Internet's functioning. Given the universal nature of the Internet, the model requires-and permits-the participation of even the farthest end-user.

ISOC India Mumbai Chapter is one of the organisations that supports the functioning of the MS Model. Therefore, the Chapter can assist in communicating global developments to the local communities, and also take back the voices of these communities to the global processes. Given that there are so few entities that work effectively in this role, it is crucial that ISOC India Mumbai continues to strengthen the implementation of this role.

Satish Babu “The COVID-19 outbreak has provided a glimpse of the future where the Internet becomes the central enabler of commerce, communication, entertainment, education, work, and life itself.”

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What does the Internet mean to you?

The Internet, as a means of communication, is a lifeline for the new world that helps it to remain in constant dialogue with the near and dear ones.

What does the Internet mean for your organisation?

The organisation is a microcosm and a broader collaboration of individuals. As a group of individuals doing business, it is essential to expand the tools of doing business. Internet is one such tool which gives us a multiplier effect when we use it. It enables us to connect with individuals, to deal with their business needs, and manage their supplies, services and trade.

How will the Internet shape/improve the quality of community life in future?

The Internet has taken away the need to physically meet for communication—a positive change in the times of global crisis like the COVID-19. The speed of the Internet has grown manifold, the quality of the image and voice has vastly improved. Education and classes have now moved online. All these factors have contributed to creating a more resilient community, especially in the face of the pandemic.

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#Manasmandir #Jainism #templesofmumbai
What does the Internet mean to you?

As a doctor, the Internet has become indispensable to my everyday life as it helps me in communicating with my colleagues at different places, keeping track of recent researches, and accessing databases easily & inexpensively.

What does the Internet mean for your organisation?

The Internet has a vital role to play in medical education. It helps in communicating between different departments, delivering or obtaining basic information, continuing medical education in the form of webinars, and allowing students to keep up with the recent researches in the field of medicine. In our hospital also, patients can register online for their OPD (Out Patient Department) appointments. Our college has its webpage on which the students, patients, and other people can check for available specialised clinics/services and other updates.

How will the Internet shape/improve the quality of community life in future?

With technology making advances at an unprecedented pace, life is continuously changing. In today’s world, the Internet has become a way of life. Nowadays, if we need any information, want to send an email, book movie tickets, hire a cab, or order food through the app, the Internet is a must. With the launch of many cloud-based online meeting portals, online teaching of children, and meetings with other professional colleagues at different places have become possible. The concept of telemedicine is also fast catching up. Things like these were unimaginable ten years ago. Similarly, the Internet has great potential to improve our community’s life in the future.

Dr. Shikha B Bhardwaj
Associate Professor
Department of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation
Lady Hardinge Medical College
New Delhi

“The Internet has a great potential to improve our community life in future!”

#medicine #healthcare #medicaleducation #Internet #telemedicine #onlineeducation #research #bettercommunitylife #isocindiamumbai #mumbai #Ladyhardingedelhi
What does the Internet mean to you?

The Internet is a new form of society, linking oral commons and public forums. We need to create a new social contract between the three domains. It is dangerous to see the Internet only as a technological forum. Internet is a relief from boredom, a source of gossip, a guarantee of efficiency, and an alternative to the predictability of print.

How will the Internet shape/improve the quality of community life in future?

The Internet will only improve the quality of life if it goes beyond the idea of information and technology to create a knowledge commons and expand the democratic.

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Dr. Shiv Visvanathan  “Internet is a new form of society, linking oral commons and public forums.”

#author #thinker #philosopher #scienceandtechnologystudies #STSdoyen #professor
#Internet #newformofsociety# socialcontract #sourceofentertainment #guaranteeofefficiency
#knowledgecommons #isocindiamumbai #mumbai
What does the Internet mean to you?

To me, the Internet means ‘Empowerment’. It gives me the freedom to look up the content I want to explore, learn new skills every day, and share my opinion. Over the years, I have used this strength to build communities, empower youth and women, and help them earn a decent livelihood. Apart from connecting millions of people from different cultures, religions, nationalities, and personalities all over the world with each other, the Internet has made humans more efficient and united. An Internet user is more empowered today as compared to the non-user.

How will the Internet shape/improve the quality of community life in future?

The Internet has moulded the future. By combating diseases, fostering innovation, developing new communities, giving power of speech, promoting openness and transparency through open data, and promoting peace, the Internet has and will improve the quality of lives across the world. We will have more content producers as compared to consumers in the next few years. The world will be more innovative, creative, and smarter.

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Sidra Jalil  “Internet means ‘Empowerment’. An Internet user is more empowered today as compared to the non-user.”

#Internet #empowerment #communitybuilding #empoweringyouth #unitedhumankind #transparency #opendata #innovation #creativity #isocindiamumbai #womenSIG #mumbai
What does the Internet mean to you?

The Internet connects lives and can be a critical tool for mass communication to enhance the voices of marginalised groups. Around the world, the Internet is leveraged as a tool for social change and justice. Individuals have adopted the technology for collaborations and innovations that enhance global intercultural partnerships.

What does the Internet mean for your organisation?

Digital Grassroots, fosters community engagement in Internet governance through a global youth network, thereby encouraging Internet innovation, reducing digital inequalities between genders and rural-urban population, and giving youth control of the future.

We leverage the Internet to create pathways through which youth from underrepresented communities access digital literacy courses that enhance...
their autonomy in digital citizenship and Internet health.

**How do you think ISOC India Mumbai can contribute to a better Internet ecosystem?**

Communities worldwide need access to the Internet as a source of information and a tool for communication. The universality of the Internet is only achievable when members of rural and developing communities can access online services and contribute to open governance of the network. Individuals and private organisations need steady access to online services tailored to meet their specific needs.

**How do you think ISOC India Mumbai can contribute to a better Internet ecosystem?**

ISOC India Mumbai can contribute towards community Internet evangelism. Community members need to understand the challenges and opportunities associated with the network and their role in proffering solutions. They also need to be equipped with digital literacy awareness to uphold core internet principles that shape the digital future.

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**Uffa Gloria Modey** “Around the world, the Internet is leveraged as a tool for social change and justice.”

#Internet #sourceofinformation #toolforcommunication #education #commerce #health #entertainment #internetevangelism #digitalgrassroots #globalyouthnetworks #africa #isocindiamumbai # mumbai
What does the Internet mean to you?

The Internet has undoubtedly become one of the hallmarks of this decade. It connects all people, bringing various cultures together; therefore, it has become a unique historical achievement. The Internet can be a useful instrument to promote reforms, peace, reconciliation, democracy, and human rights. In addition to that, it is vital to think about the Internet as an effective way to support sustainable human development.

How will the Internet shape/improve the quality of community life in future?

The various challenges facing the Internet's utilisation, along with its effects on knowledge-based societies, are considered a crucial topic. In this context, the Internet Society endeavours to provide new and creative ideas to facilitate free access and use of communication to all people, regardless of their geographical places, cultures, and educational backgrounds, in tandem with the concept of “borderless Internet” which is open to all.

How do you think ISOC India Mumbai can contribute to a better Internet ecosystem?

It was a rewarding chance to cooperate with ISOC India Mumbai, which has an active team, that is working proficiently to achieve these goals. I would like to especially thank ISOC India Mumbai volunteer Sneha Tambe for inviting me to be part of this special edition celebrating the Internet.

Zahir Qasrawi
Board Member
Internet Society (ISOC) Palestine Chapter

Zahir Qasrawi  “Internet can be a useful instrument to promote reforms, peace, reconciliation, democracy, and human rights.”

#Internet #peace #reforms #democracy #humanrights #sustainabledevelopment #borderlessinternet #freeaccess #middleeast #isocindiamumbai #mumbai
What does the Internet mean for your organisation?

The Internet is the backbone of communication in this digital world. And since the outbreak of COVID-19, we have further noticed the value of the Internet. It is a fascinating tool that helps us connect to the most distant, and the world seems a click away.

How will the Internet shape/improve the quality of community life in future?

With the current crisis, I am sure that global leaders have understood the value of the Internet. I now believe that there will be further investments on the Internet's accessibility, affordability, reliability, and awareness. I think the future is the IoT and hence it should be focused and invested upon further.
How do you think ISOC India Mumbai can contribute to a better Internet ecosystem?

ISOC India Mumbai’s newsletter is in itself a great initiative. The ISOC chapters should be involved in events and activities held by various other chapters, which will ensure a better understanding of the ISOC regional activities. Also, the involvement of different communities such as academic communities, tech communities, civil societies, governments, and NGOs with their experiences with the Internet will bring new knowledge and awareness.

ISOC Afghanistan Chapter  “The Internet is the backbone of communication in this digital world.”

#Internet #IoT #communicationtool #Covid19 #access #affordableinternet #isocindiamumbai #involvementofcommunities #isocafghanistan #mumbai

Responses by Abdul Ghayoor Bawary
Board Member, ISOC Afghanistan
on behalf of the ISOC Afghanistan Chapter
What does the Internet mean for your organisation?

The Internet is a tool to empower people and bridge the gap between the “haves and have-nots.” It provides easy access to information, entertainment, opportunities, citizen-centric services, education, and more. The Internet needs to be open, safe, and accessible to all.

How will the Internet shape/improve the quality of community life in future?

The Internet shapes the community by providing equal opportunities to people from all walks of life and helping to improve the quality of people’s lives.

How do you think ISOC India Mumbai can contribute to a better Internet ecosystem?

ISOC India Mumbai can contribute by building capacity among the community, articulating concerns of the community, especially youth and through participation in policy discussions.

ISOC India Delhi  “The Internet is a tool to bridge the gap between the “haves and have-nots.””

#Internet #empowerment #access #improvescommunitylife #capacitybuilding #isocindiadelhi #youthaspirations #isocindiamumabi #isoc #mumbai

Responses by Amrita Choudhury
President, ISOC India Delhi
on behalf of ISOC India Delhi Chapter
What does the Internet mean for your organisation?

The Internet is freedom. It is the empowering resource that opens countless economic, social, organisational, interpersonal opportunities that transcend geographical and physical boundaries. It is a universal insignia of technological evolution that is inherently decentralised and open for all walks of life.

How will the Internet shape/improve the quality of community life in future?

The Internet is the most important constituent of the digital revolution that will take over our existing social, financial, and legal systems. Digital societies, identities, and smart living will be shaped by the policies and trust of Internet users on the reliability, safety, and security of their personal data and strong enforcement laws. The Internet will leap from being a communications
protocol to a functional nucleus of the community life in the future.

**How do you think ISOC India Mumbai can contribute to a better Internet ecosystem?**

ISOC India Mumbai represents the most important stakeholder in the Internet ecosystem, i.e. users. The chapter should engage with other vital actors in the digital sphere to ensure that user rights are protected and concerns are noted by the government and private sector. It is also essential to highlight the chapter’s activities to the community as much as possible.

**ISOC Islamabad Chapter**  “Internet is a universal insignia of technological evolution that is inherently decentralised and open for all.”

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Responses by Waqas Hassan  
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on behalf of the ISOC Islamabad Chapter
What does the Internet mean for your organisation?

If we recall early 1990, the time of the Internet invention, it was just for a particular purpose. Fathers who invented preliminary networks for communication might not have envisioned this extreme level of present expansion of the Internet. But this has been remarkably made possible by continuous enhancements of the technologies. During this period of the world coming to a halt and changing at a rapid speed, the meaning of the Internet has become clear.

The Internet is helping in trying to connect this socially separate world and offering them a way to continue their lives. It has helped people to maintain, at least some sense of the ordinary, during an extraordinary time. The Internet makes it possible for businesses to keep running, for children to continue learning, and for families and friends to remain connected. Even virtual celebrations have become a success! The Internet means that self-isolation may be a physical reality, but it does not need to be a lonely reality. As we all do our part for the greater good, we can keep up with our routines, connect with our loved ones and our communities, learn and stay informed – many of us in our homes. Remember, the Internet makes this possible. Covid19 reminded us of what the actual Internet means. It helps us to collaborate, connect, and share time and space. Imagine what a coronavirus world would look like without the Internet. The Internet, a strange form of human invention, has now become the lifeline to everyone around the human world.
How will the Internet shape/improve the quality of community life in future?

The Internet is a medium of knowledge. Reports say, almost half of the world is still untouched by the Internet. This is mostly true for the people staying in remote topographies, who still cannot utilise the opportunities the Internet has to offer. On the other hand, the Internet has become an integrated part of urban life. The situation between rural and urban seems contradictory. There is no way that government / civil societies can narrow down this digital divide. The role of community networks is realised, especially during this time of crisis. And in the future, we hope that the Internet will be more technically advanced. It should be in our every fabric, be it educational, social, economic, and cultural. It should connect and collaborate to improve community life. It should help to establish and promote community networks similar to the financial cooperatives to help the swelling of underdeveloped countries.

It also serves as a solution to the remote or undeveloped areas where the reach of businesses is limited. Community networks offer a way for anyone, anywhere, to connect to the Internet to build a better future.

ISOC Nepal Chapter  “Internet is helping in trying to connect this socially separate world and offering people a way to continue their lives. It has allowed people to have at least some sense of the ordinary during the extraordinary time of a pandemic.”

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Responses by Suraj Adhikari
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What does the Internet mean for your organisation?

The Internet enables people to find talent with ease due to the use of online job boards and career-based social networking. The Internet allows businesses to research products and services in demand to gain dominance over a niche. This increases entry into small niches and reduces the chance of failure. For a country, the Internet is a tool to connect people online in terms of social media, offer services online in the form of e-governance, act as a means of getting information, and a tool to carry out research. The Internet can also extend the partnership and blended services to private and public sectors.

How will the Internet shape/improve the quality of community life in future?

The Internet is a way of networking and interconnecting. It opens a window to global cultures, economies, and exchange of values with other communities without physical contact. For e.g. when rural communities
Internet of Talent

come to the urban area to seek better job opportunities, they have to disconnect with their families, neighbours and partners physically. The Internet enables them, however, to remain connected, thereby making people happy and sustaining their social trust. Online jobs and volunteer work not only helps in securing finances but also allows knowledge sharing with other parts of the world. While traditional face-to-face teaching and learning methods improve the quality of training, the distance online learning facilitates the spread of the best practices of learning to different parts of the country and community.

People should understand the benefits of the Internet and look over the trends of the market to explore business opportunities and venture into new business communities.

How do you think ISOC India Mumbai can contribute to a better Internet ecosystem?

Increasing the presence of the Internet to people in rural areas could increase the usage of the Internet in India. ISOC India Mumbai Chapter website is an excellent resource to inform and document the past and present community engagement activities. It will help the community to engage with the chapter in their activities.

ISOC Sri Lanka “Internet allows businesses to research products and services in demand to gain dominance over a niche and reduce the chance of failure.”

#Internet #windowofopportunities #createsniche #e-governance #networking #removesbarriers #e-business #isocindiamumbai #communityengagement #mumbai #isocsrilanka

Responses by Prabath Samarasinghe, Vice President, ISOC Sri Lanka, on behalf of the ISOC Sri Lanka Chapter
What does the Internet mean for your organisation?

The very existence of Youth IGF India rests on the Internet and its impact on India’s youth. The Internet is etched into the very fabric of the fortunate members of the current generation who have access to it, and will hopefully be a part of the DNA of the members of the future generation. It has been an integral part of their everyday life, has helped them to fashion and articulate their aspirations, and has inspired them to reach for new goals. It has demolished various barriers and levelled the playing field to a great extent.

Due to the influence and utility that the Internet provides to the youth of India, YIGF India believes that the youth should play an active part in the governance of the Internet. We have had the opportunity to be part of the events like inSIG (India School on Internet Governance) and international events like ICANN meetings, APSIG etc. While attending these events we felt that even though India has close to 500 million Internet users with the vast majority being under 35 years of age, however, our young community is not represented much in these discussions. Hence, we envisaged and executed the Youth IGF India initiative.

YIGF India believes in having diverse youth representatives from different sectors and strata of society. This helps in bringing distinct vantage points to the table, thus, bringing unique resolutions.
to various issues around Internet Governance (IG). The main objective of YIGF India is to enlighten the young Indian Internet users about global and regional Internet policies. YIGF India aims to provide them with a platform to discuss policies that affect them and promote more informed policy-making and technology development in the future. Even though the project is in its infancy, however, according to a recent update from ICANN 68 Next Gen Fellowship, the majority of youth who were selected to attend the meeting were part of the Youth IGF India. This is a validation of how the program is successful in bringing more Indian youth into the mainstream IG world.

**How will the Internet shape/improve the quality of community life in future?**

The Internet has made the world smaller and more connected by removing limitations imposed by geography and other factors. The Internet is now connecting and engaging people, providing improved mitigation and response system against various issues. It continues to help in providing equal opportunities, and uplifting various communities by providing better connectivity, ease of access to resources, information and building capacity. We strongly believe that, when people gain access to information, they start new businesses, make discoveries, transform their communities and change the way they learn, work, and live and strengthen the democratic process. The ubiquity of the Internet presents us with an unparalleled opportunity to improve social and economic development and positively impact lives.

On the flip side, if the Internet is not governed well, it will lead to an increase in online crime, the radicalisation of people, and exposure to malicious and inappropriate content that might affect individuals’ mental state. This side of the Internet bothers various stakeholders involved in the governing of the Internet. Thus, the Internet is a potent resource but at the same
Internet is an integral part of Indian youth’s life...it helps them fashion and articulate their aspirations, and inspires them to reach for new goals.

How do you think ISOC India Mumbai can contribute to a better Internet ecosystem?

ISOC India Mumbai is already doing good work in capacity building and organising stakeholder discussions on IG issues. More engagement with other ISOC chapters and IG organisations, to impart learning and initiate conversations at even the remote regions in and around Mumbai, will further the chapter’s contribution to the community. In this regard, I would like to mention that ISOC India Mumbai has been actively supporting us and is a partner for the 2020 edition of Youth IGF India.

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