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Current Affairs-

From promises made by a Union Minister of India to push science and technology development in BRICS to Elon Musk renaming Twitter to X, August witnessed significant developments in the world of Information and Technology as a whole.

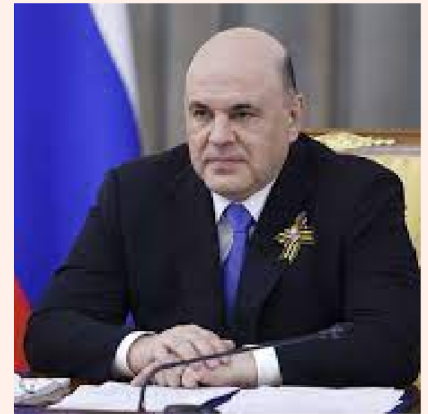
We start by the “promises” to increase collaboration in technology within BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa) According to Mr. Jitendra Singh, the science and technology minister for India, said there should be a collaboration among the aforementioned countries to improve the state of agriculture, marine research and healthcare, among others, to help integrate technology in our daily lives and promote sustainable development.

This was followed by an increase in the budget allocated to the National Research Foundation (NRF) by the Union Government of India. The NRF is a foundation which is supported by the government. This organisation allows the scientists to carry out their research for the benefit of the country. There was disappointment in some quarters wherein it was felt that the budget allocated to the NRF could have been better used to help the poor and at a global level mitigate world hunger but we don't talk about that here.

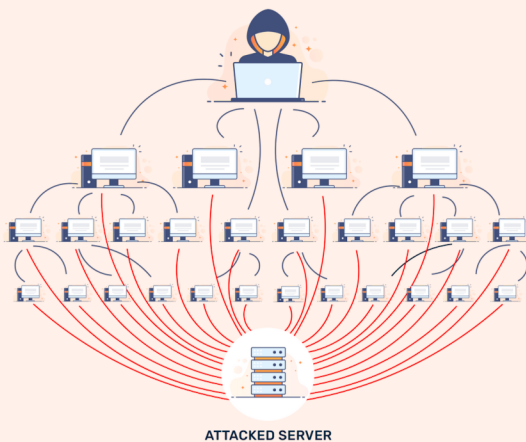
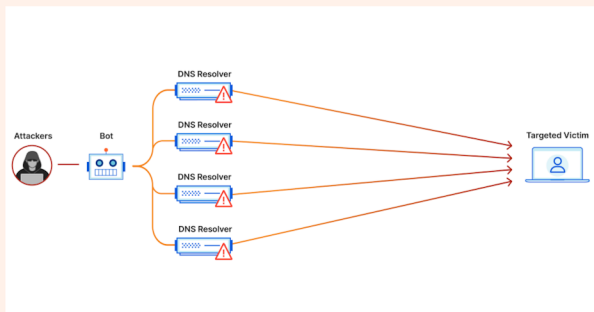


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The Russian Prime minister this month approved a list of 40 applications (apps) that have to be installed on every single electronic device given to the general public. This list shall come into effect from the 1st of January 2024 and those who do not adhere to the list might face fines up to 2,000 dollars.



Moving on to cyber frauds, several major hospitals in the USA have been facing cyber attacks on their IT systems, which has severely affected medical services. The attacks were DDOS in nature (Distributed Denial-of-Service) which made the systems of hospitals to be overloaded with requests from bad actors and their computers making them not accesible to the general public



Our good friend Elon musk makes a return on the front pages by renaming the Twitter app “X” yes..... just “X” , hopefully they are still in search for a better alternative



Opinion Sphere

Nothing,” When I first heard about this company, I was both fascinated and confused at the same time. The name intrigued me and so did the hype. Was there something in Nothing after all? Here is a brief overview on why their flagship phone Nothing (1) is carving a niche for itself in a very crowded android mobile phone space.

This company has been started by the ex founder of OnePlus Android phones. Carl is akin to the man, the myth and the legend. He took OnePlus to where it is today, However he became unsatisfied with the direction OnePlus was taking which was to introduce newer models of the smartphones and reduce the time and resources given to the already existing models making all the smartphones feel less refined and rushed in nature. . Thus he left the company to start Nothing.

Without boring you with the details of technical specifications, I would like to highlight the “experience” of this phone which has aptly earned it the title “Iphone of Android”. The moment you unlock this phone you feel the “difference”. There is an amazing “glyph interface” which is unique for being a notification system allowing the user to be present in the environment without being distracted while also being in the know of what is happening in the digital world. The pixelated software which lends the phone a truly unique look unmatched by any other android software maker, this software has no bloatware or advertisements in the launcher

With the same specifications as in other android phones, Nothing brings more power and ease of usage, be it playing demanding games at high settings,, taking photographs in the night mode which brings dark scenes to life or the amazing oled 120hz display. The wireless and reverse wireless features are an added advantage.

1. On the flip side, heating issues have been reported and Nothing is hopefully addressing it.

This company has quite a different approach to marketing than other smartphone manufacturers. Instead of having well advertised keynote addresses Carl announces his products through Youtube. Known as the “The Master of Hype ” Carl, uses free media to create interest for his products. This is a lesson in economics, cut on your ancillary expenditure to keep costs low, so that the product can be competitively priced.

To conclude, while Iphone still rules the roost in terms of user interface, albeit closed loop, the Nothing is trying to create the same user experience using the open software Android platform. It is targeting users who would like an iPhone-like experience, while not having to pay exorbitant sums for it.