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1. India needs a comprehensive strategy to fight the production, the spread and sharing of online application inappropriate content.
Discuss

CBI Central Bureau of Investigation, recently conducted a pan-India operation, coded named 'Meghachakra' to curb the cloud based storage and transaction of Child Sexual Abuse material based on Information from Interpol of Singapore unit, with info. from Newzealand,

Indici case:

1. Seeking, browsing, downloading / transacting child pornography is an offence under IT Act.
2. Internet service providers are exempted from liability of 3rd party content, ^{data} if they are not host for origin.
3. No mechanism for automatic electronic reporting
4. Increased reliance on External reporting agencies

Global Models

1. US model.

National centre for Monitoring & exploiting of children, → programme called cyber tipline → Electronic service providers to report, & curb contents of Child Sexual Abuse material. 29 mn reports were reported in 2021

2. UK model.

Internet Watch program (IWP) to disrupt availability of child abuse material. Engage with analyst apart from

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relying on external reporting. ~~70%~~ of ISPs are mandated to report on 3rd party contents. 70% reports of child abuse material reported in 2021.

India's Efforts

1. Aagambh India's partnership with IWF - India's 1st online portal to report on child abuse material. Report from IWF analyst used to track contents of child abuse material.
2. MHA - National cybercrime reporting portal - online complaining on contents of child abuse material -
3. NCRB (MHA) MOU with NCMEC (USA) → 2 million.
 [National Crime Record Bureau] reports from NCMEC rep on child abuse material.
4. Adhuc committee - headed by Jairam Ramesh.

Recommendations

- a. Expanding definition 'child pornography' - to report, detect & block child abuse material.
- b. Break end to end exception - engage with Industry to develop tools ~~for~~ → Artificial Intelligence for dark web related origin, trace cryptocurrency transactions
- c. ISP - mandatory reporting of 3rd party content way forward

India must engage with Internet service providers to generate own reporting mechanism like IWF/NCMEC.
Imp Engage with financial services to prevent online transaction.
Implement Adhuc Committee recommendations - explore option to curb child abuse material