

Govt should regulate social media, says Kris Gopalakrishnan

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With social media increasingly under attack, industry watchers say that a neutral regulatory body is the need of the hour.

However, governments around the world have indicated that social media networks should set up mechanisms to monitor content (that can be perceived as a threat to national security) themselves or give them the rights to do the same. India is currently in the midst of such a debate. India is seeing a surge in Internet usage and Facebook has around 46 million users.

There is a third way out, according to industry experts, which neither involves the Government or the company in question. "We don't have any global institutions to manage cyber crime-related issues arising out of social networks and that is one of the areas we need to focus on," said Mr Kris Gopalakrishnan, Executive Co-Chairman, Infosys.

Talking to newspersons on the sidelines of All India Management Association (AIMA) summit, Mr Gopalakrishnan said that with the recent spate of attacks originating in social media and online networks, governments are increasingly coming under fire to step in. Insisting that the Govern-



Tackling cyber attacks: Mr K Jairaj, Additional Chief Secretary, Government of Karnataka and Mr S Gopalakrishnan (right), Executive Co-Chairman, Infosys Technologies, at the AIMA's Second Knowledge Summit in Bangalore on Wednesday.
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ment can play a more meaningful role by enforcing the relevant law, he said that the time has come to have laws that look at extending their

jurisdiction beyond their countries and look at cyber attacks holistically.

Recently, research firm Gartner said that about 30 per

cent of the large organisations will continue to block employees' access to social media sites by 2014, compared to 50 per cent in 2010.

"How do we manage social media in the backdrop of national security and how it can be enforced remains thorny issues," he said.