Making Remote Voting in India a Reality

As the world´s largest democracy looks to address remote voting, Scytl shares insight and best practices on how to solve the challenges for secure, verifiable and transparent remote voting channels.

Barcelona, July 30, 2015 – In support of the ongoing research for making Remote Voting and Electronic Voting a reality in India, Scytl, the worldwide leader in secure online voting and election modernization, shared insight on the successful implementation of online voting and eBallot delivery projects with organizations such as the Election Commission of India (ECI), the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC), the Department of Electronics and Information Technology (DeitY), and the Union Ministry of Communications and Information Technology.

During the 2 day conference "National Conference on Remote Voting" , aimed at leveraging the experiences gained by other countries while implementing the remote voting or electronic voting, Scytl was able to present the best practices amassed from over 10 years of experience delivering secure and verifiable remote voting including secure and verifiable online voting in Switzerland, France, Australia, Canada, India (Gujarat) and secure eBallot delivery in the USA.

India is the world´s second most populated country and the world´s largest democracy with a voting population of over 834 M potential voters. With a recent election participation of 66,4%, India´s voter turnout is the envy of many democracies where voting is not compulsory. Given the complex logistics and resources required to manage elections of this magnitude (i.e.: over 240,000 staff deployed during elections), election modernization processes such as remote voting that can help both in electoral efficiencies, voter turnout and engagement growth are key.

"We trust the experience gained and shared by Scytl in implementing remote voting in over 15 countries will help government organizations in India help shape future decisions, cover local requirements and address the potential challenges of remote voting ," says Eric Elbhar, General Manager Asia Pacific, Scytl.

Key best practices shared with government officials, academics and researchers to enable secure remote voting for a more empowered voter community included:
- The implementation of end to end verifiable remote voting (individual & universal).
- Ensuring voter identification, vote and voter privacy and election integrity.
- The promotion of usability and accessibility for disenfranchised voters (overseas, persons with disabilities, etc.).
- The best leverage of leading edge cryptographic voting systems with over 37 patents.

About Scytl

Scytl is the global leader in secure election management, electronic voting and eGovernance solutions. Specializing in election modernization technologies, Scytl offers the first end-to-end election management and voting platform, providing the highest security and transparency standards currently available. Scytl has capitalized on its more than 18 years of research to develop election-specific cryptographic security technology protected by more than 40 international patents and patent applications, positioning Scytl as the company with the largest patent portfolio of the industry.

Scytl's solutions have been successfully used in over 38 countries across the globe over the last 10 years, including Canada, the United States, Mexico, Ecuador, France, Norway, Switzerland, Bosnia-Herzegovina, the UAE, India, Iceland and Australia. Scytl is headquartered in Barcelona, Spain, with strategic offices in the United States, Canada, Brazil, Peru and Greece, as well as field offices in the UK, Ukraine, Mexico, Malaysia, India, Bangladesh and Australia. For more information, visit www.scytl.com.

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