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2023 UASG Elections Nomination for Chair

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Name: Shri Anil Kumar Jain

Bio/Statement of Interest:

Mr. Anil Jain is currently the CEO for The National Internet Exchange of India (NIXI). With close to 4 decades of leadership experience in multiple roles cutting across technology, capacity building, management and helping spur innovation around the internet, Anil has been at the forefront of the digital revolution.

As part of his journey, he has had a ringside view of the growth of Internet from its fledgling days and is a noted expert in the Internet, broadband and telecom sectors. He has worked in organisations like Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (www.bsnl.co.in), Mahanagar Telecom Nigam Limited (www.mtnldelhi.in) both multi billion dollar organisations of the Government of India and the Department of Telecommunications, India. He has also been selected to the NIXI board for over 12 years prior to taking up the role of CEO in August 2020.

As part of his efforts to build Internet governance awareness in the country , he envisioned and Chaired the 1st India Internet Governance Forum, which saw massive participation from the community at large. He is also the Chairman of the Multilingual Committee formed by the Govt. of India and is a member of the Internet Resilience Committee formed by Govt. of India. His expertise has also been sought after internationally. He was selected as the Vice Chair of IDNccPDP4 Working Group of ccNSO, Chair of IDN ccPDP4 Deselection and Confusing Similarity sub-groups and is also the Chair of the Working Group formed to design strategies for three years for APTLD and also chair of Programme Committee of APTLD. Additionally , he is a member of IDN EPDP

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Variante Working Group of GSNO and also Liaison officer between ccNSO and GNSO for this Working Group. As part of his reach out to academia, he has shared his knowledge through lectures at various platforms including ICANN, IGF and APTLD etc. He is also slated to take three sessions at the upcoming ICANN-76.

Under his leadership India is poised to also celebrate the 1st Global UA Day on 28th March at Delhi for which he is the Chair.

His goal is to make the internet more accessible and beneficial to every individual and believes in not leaving anyone behind and has been working tirelessly to promote IDNs.

Anil joined the Government in 1983 as a bureaucrat which was a leadership position and has worked in various positions guiding and mentoring teams as large as 3000 persons. In the last 40 years, he has provided leadership to both technical and non-technical teams and showcased growth to all stakeholders. He is currently the Chair of India Internet Governance Forum which successfully concluded IIGF-21 and IIGF-22. Leading the IIGF meant leading and managing multiple stakeholders with varied personalities and different viewpoints.

In addition to the above responsibilities, he is also Chair of Multilingual Internet Committee of India which has members from Government, Internet organisation like Google, Microsoft, domestic Internet players like Zoho, Rediff and PSUs like C-DAC. This group has also a representative from NASSCOM (www.nasscom.in) the largest industry association for IT companies in India. As part of his work towards Universal Acceptance, he has contributed to the Universal Acceptance Policy of the Govt. of India, who's implementation is underway

As the Chair of a new Group "DNS Abuse Mitigation Group", he is working to make the Internet a safer place for us and the generations to come.

To get more people to understand Internet Governance, he has started a process to initiate an academic course on Internet Governance. This course would help involve stakeholders in discussions, policy making and

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implementation of various aspects of Internet Governance in India. It is also expected that this course will be made available online and off-line to maximise reach.

More than 60% of global population is non English speaking. Therefore, they have not fully adopted Internet. This has created a digital divide which leads to social and economic disparity. Adoption of Universal Acceptance will lead to adoption of Internet wealth. It is expected that not only broadband users will increase, Internet will become more richer with more additional technologies emerging out of additional adoption of Internet.

As the Chair of UASG, Anil would like large number of people across the globe to be trained under a global capacity building program around Universal Acceptance. He would also like to involve big tech firms like Google, Microsoft, Amazon, LinkedIn etc. for the purpose and objective of Universal Acceptance. His aim is to make Universal Acceptance a reality amongst all and not just a discussion point for technology teams.

He hopes that with the right efforts, UA would be discussed and adopted across various forums like IGF(United Nations), ICANN, ITU, World Economic Forum, UNESCO etc. These efforts will harmonise development of Universal Acceptance as a concept, as a technology and will benefit the world community at large. It is expected that adoption of Universal Acceptance will increase in large number of broadband users (as least addition of 1 billion users) and have a very positive impact on World economy.

Given the above stellar work done in the community, Anil would be a fitting representative to carry forward the good work of the UASG as it's chair.