

Sahyog Portal

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X Corp (formerly Twitter) has filed a lawsuit in the <u>High Court</u> against the Indian government, challenging alleged censorship and content regulation through Section 79 of the <u>Information Technology (IT) Act, 2000</u> and the newly introduced Sahyog portal.

- X argued that content regulation orders be issued only under Section 69A of the IT Act,
 2000.
- Sahyog Portal: The Sahyog Portal has been launched by the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) to enhance collaboration between government agencies and social media intermediaries for easy compliance and safer cyberspace.
 - It streamlines the reporting and removal of unlawful content and facilitates data requests from law enforcement under the IT Act, 2000.
 - It integrates authorized agencies (like police) and intermediaries on a single platform, ensuring swift action against illegal digital activities.
- Sections of IT Act:
 - Section 69A: It empowers the centre to block public access to online content under specific circumstances to protect national security, sovereignty, and public order.
 - Section 79: It grants "safe harbor" protection to online intermediaries, protecting them from liability for third-party content if they act neutrally.
 - Under Section 79(3)(b), intermediaries lose this immunity if they fail to act expeditiously on notices regarding illegal content.

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