



Geofencing

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The [Election Commission of India \(ECI\)](#)'s website has been blocked outside India for months for security reasons.

- The geofenced sites include the ECI's Home Page, its Voter registration portal, and its Right to Information portal.
- But, the results portal, which reports the outcome of all polls the ECI administers, remains accessible.

Geofencing:

- **Geofencing** means “**security by obscurity**” measure, which allows those running websites **to evade the most direct forms of cyber attacks from abroad** by being fully inaccessible.
- Geofencing makes search engines less effective at indexing searched pages and turning them up in results.
- On the other side, good-faith security researchers are also prevented from flagging vulnerabilities while probing sites from abroad.

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