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Day 3: 15 December 2016, Thursday

Digital Convergence at the Bottom of the Pyramid

Timing (2.00 am – 4.00 pm))
Venue: Stein auditorium

Background

Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) have opened up uncommon opportunities in urban and rural areas for improving the quality of both the natural environment and human well-being. ICTs, if properly designed, will be most meaningful to urban and rural families, to reach "the unreached" in terms of knowledge and skill empowerment and help to convert the vast scientific know-how, now available, into field level do-how. At present, this access is very limited in rural areas because of some hurdles, however, with increase in start-up based digital revolution and some government and NGOs initiatives, the situation is improving. This session will highlight some of the cases and also raises pertinent issues.

Tentative Agenda

Chair:

Gaurav Dwivedi*, *CEO, MyGov Cell, Ministry of Electronic and Information Technology, Government of India*

Co-Chair:

R K Sharma, *Librarian, UN Information Center, India*

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