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"Multilingual Internet - Connecting People and Transforming Lives"

18th December 2023 (10:00 AM - 05:30 PM) FICCI, Federation House, New Delhi

Programme

Timings	Agenda Items
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	**Registration and Networking Tea**
11:00 AM - 11:45 AM	**Inaugural Session "Government's Vision on Transcending the language barrier with Bhashini and National Language Translation Mission (NLTM)"** **Session Brief:** The session outlines the governmental strategy. It highlights Bhashini and NLTM as key initiatives driving language barrier transcendence. The discussion aims to elucidate the transformative impact on communication, fostering linguistic inclusivity and technological innovation for a digitally united India.
11:00 AM - 11:05 AM	**Welcome Address** **Ms. Jyoti Vij,** Additional Director General, FICCI
11:05 AM - 11:10 AM	**Theme Address** **Dr Ajay Data,** Chairman, FICCI Task Force on Multilingual Internet and Universal Acceptance and CEO, Data Xgen Technologies Pvt Ltd
11:10 AM - 11:17 AM	**Address** **Mr Bikram Bedi,** Vice President & Country Managing Director, Google Cloud
11:17 AM - 11:24 AM	**Address** **Prof. Rajat Moona**, Director, Indian Institute of Technology, Gandhinagar

11:24 AM - 11:31 AM	**Special Address** **Mr Shailesh K Pathak**, Secretary General, FICCI
11:31 AM -11:43 AM	**Inaugural Address** **Shri S. Krishnan,** Secretary, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, Government of India
11:43 AM - 11:45 AM	**Vote of Thanks** **Ms. Sarika Gulyani**, Director, FICCI
11:45 AM - 12:00 PM	**Tea Break**

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12:00 PM - 12:15 PM	**Special Address "The Importance of Language Technology as a Socio-Economic Growth Driver"** **Shri Abhishek Singh**, IAS, President & CEO NeGD; MD & CEO, Digital India Corporation (DIC) and CEO Karmayogi Bharat, Ministry of Electronics and IT, Government of India*
12:15 PM - 01:15 PM	**Plenary Session "Role of Emerging Technologies on the Landscape of Multilingual Internet and Language Technologies"** **Session Brief:** The session delves into the transformative impact of cutting-edge technologies. It explores how innovations shape the multilingual Internet, fostering advancements in language technologies. This discussion anticipates the evolution of a technologically enriched and linguistically diverse digital era. **Session Chair: Shri Amitabh Nag,** CEO, Bhashini **Session Moderator: Mr Rishi Shah,** Partner, GT **Panellists:** • **Mr. Keshri Kumar Asthana**, CTO, Public Sector, Microsoft India • **Mr Sachin Punyani,** Business Development Leader, DeepTech, AWS • **Mr Senthil Nathan,** CEO, Langscape Language Solutions Pvt Ltd • Senior Representative, **CDAC**
01:15 PM - 01:30 PM	**Special Presentation**

	Mr Buddha Chandrashekhar, Chief Coordinating Officer, NETF	
01:15 PM - 02:15 PM	**Networking Lunch Break**	
02:15 PM - 03:15 PM	**Plenary Session on "Empowering Publishers with Indic Internet and Empowering India"** **Session Brief:** The session spotlights the transformative potential of Indic Internet for publishers. It explores how leveraging regional languages can enhance content reach and accessibility, contributing to India's empowerment. This strategic focus aligns with fostering a digitally inclusive landscape, promoting linguistic diversity and economic growth. **Session Moderator: Mr Biswapriya Bhattacharjee,** Director - B2B & Technology, Kantar **Panellists:** • **Mr. Nalin Mehta**, Managing Editor, Moneycontrol • **Mr. Rakesh Kapoor,** CEO, Process9 • **Ms. Durga Raghunath**, Head of News Partnerships, India, Google • **Mr. Ashutosh Mohle,** Assistant Press Registrar, Registrar of Newspapers for India (RNI)	**Parallel Session on "The road ahead - how can freelance language professionals and language service providers stay relevant in the face of technological advancements".** **Session Brief:** The session will delve into strategies for freelance language professionals and language service providers to stay relevant amid technological advancements. Exploring industry trends, upskilling, and leveraging technology will be central to fostering sustained relevance in a dynamic landscape. **Session Moderator: Mr Sandeep Nulkar,** Founder & Chairman, BITS Technologies Private Limited **Panellists:** • **Ms Vidushi Kapoor**, CEO and Co-Founder, Process9 • **Mr. Sudheen M,** President, CITLoB and Founder, Crystal Hues Limited • **Mr Mayuresh A Nirhali,** Head of Engineering and Products, Reverie Language Technologies Limited
03:15 PM - 04:15 PM	**Plenary Session "Embracing Universal Acceptance as a foundation of multilingual internet and a pathway to complete Digital Inclusion".**	**Parallel Session on Translation, Technology and Future of Odia Language in the Age of Globalisation** **Session Brief:** The session will explore the pivotal role technology plays in preserving and promoting the Odia

	Session Brief: The session explores UA's pivotal role in achieving complete Digital Inclusion. Focused on inclusivity, the discussion delves into creating a linguistically diverse cyberspace. The session envisions Universal Acceptance as a pathway to bridge digital divides, ensuring equitable access for all. **Session Chair: Shri Sushil Pal,** Joint Secretary, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, Government of India **Session Moderator: Dr. Ajay Data,** Chairman, FICCI Task Force on Multilingual Internet and Universal Acceptance and CEO, Data Xgen Technologies Pvt Ltd **Panellists:** • **Shri Anil Kumar Jain,** Chairman, UASG, ICANN • **Mr Samiran Gupta,** Vice President, Government and IGO Engagement APAC & Stakeholder Engagement South Asia, ICANN • **Mr Balendu Sharma Dadhich,** Developer Marketing Head- Microsoft Asia, Microsoft and UA Ambassador • **Mr. Sanjay Tiwari,** Joint Director, CDAC	language amidst globalization. Analysing global language trends and technological interventions will provide valuable insights. **Session Moderator: Prof Kamala Kanta Dash,** Academic, Faculty, BML Munjal University **Panellists:** • **Dr. Amarendra Khatua**, Poet, Diplomat, Former Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India • **Ms. Paramita Satapathy**, Writer, Sahitya Akademi Award winner, & Income Tax Commissioner • **Prof Udayanath Sahoo,** Chair Professor of Odia Studies and Adikabi Sarala Das Chair, Jawaharlal Nehru University • **Mr Ramachandra Nath,** Writer, Chairman, Pallibani Mission
04:15 PM - 04:30 PM	**Networking Tea Break**	
04:30 PM - 05:30 PM	**Plenary Session "Bridging the Skilling Gap in the Language Technology Sector of India – Role of Industry, Academia, and Government"** **Session Brief:** The session tackles India's language technology skilling gap, emphasizing cooperation among Industry, Academia, and Government. Key objectives include aligning workforce skills with industry demands and fostering collaborative initiatives. This	

	strategic approach aims to propel the language technology sector, addressing skill deficits and ensuring India's competitiveness in the global technological landscape. **Session Moderator: Mr Sandeep Nulkar,** Co-Chair, FICCI Task Force on Multilingual Internet and Universal Acceptance, and Founder & Chairman, BITS Technologies Private Limited **Panellists:** • **Mr Mayuresh A Nirhali,** Head of Engineering and Products, Reverie Language Technologies Limited • **Mr Santhosh Thottingal,** Principal Software Engineer, Wikimedia Foundation • **Ms Vidushi Kapoor**, CEO and Co-Founder, Process9
Programme Conclusion with Networking Hi-Tea	