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"The Symposium for Indian Languages Technology Industry"
Theme: Internet for All: Harnessing Potential for Indic Languages to Tap the Next Billion Users
Date: 18th November 2019 **Venue:** FICCI, Federation House, New Delhi

PROGRAMME

Timings	Agenda Items
10:00 AM - 10:30 AM	**Registration**
10:30 AM- 12:15 PM	**Inaugural Session** • **Industry Addresses** • **Special Address** • **Keynote Address** • **Inaugural Address**
12:15 PM – 12:45 PM	**Fireside Chat on "How Technology Can Preserve Endangered Languages of India"** *India's linguistic history is rich with almost 450 living languages, but it is worrisome that at least 5 Indian languages are extinct and around 197 languages in India are either vulnerable or endangered. With the current digital revolution, it is imperative to preserve and conserve these languages, as the lack of native language content and the lack of electronic accessibility to these languages therefore plays an important factor in stopping a large number of people from accessing information and contributing to the knowledge commons. This session would try an understand the challenges on attaining the same, and what measures needs to be taken to preserve these languages.*
12:45 PM- 01:45 PM	**Networking Lunch**
01:45 AM – 02:45 PM	**Panel Session I - "Voice, video and vernacular: How India's internet landscape is changing to tap new users"** *Speech technologies have made great stride in the country, so much that India is geared to be one of the voice first internet country's in the world. The video consumption rates in Indian languages is also on steep rise. The first-time internet users in the country are changing the way in which internet is used. The session would deep dive into these current trends and what it means for the Indian language technology sector*
02:45 PM – 03:15 PM	**Case Study Presentations on "The Journey of Digital Bharat: Ushering the era of Vernacular Digital India"**

	Case study presentations on how new kind of entrepreneur ecosystem being developed due to the changing digital landscape of India. The presentations will give real-life examples of how Indic language computing in attracting the Next Billion Users on online.
03:15 PM – 03:45 PM	**Industry Perspective on "Language Tech for Social Good"** *With the growth of start-ups in the Indic language technology sector, many are trying to solve the "Bharat" problems of citizens and making them digitally empowered to be part of the growth story of India. The members will showcase how their services and products are helping others and is doing social good by incorporating Indic language computing.*
03:45 PM – 04:00 PM	**Networking Tea Break**
04:00 PM – 05:00 PM	**Panel Discussion II: "Developing a Crowdsourcing Model for Indian Language Datasets"** *With the advent of AI and NLP technologies, large number of parallel corpora is required for the development of tool and products for Indic language computing. But with the different linguistic dynamics developing a composite model for language dataset generation has not been possible. In this session deliberations would be made for a collaborative model where Indian Language datasets can be developed in crowdsourced through the partnership of industry, academia and government.*
05:00 PM - 05:10 PM	**Valedictory Address** **By** MeitY, Government of India
05:10 PM – 05:15 PM	**Programme Conclusion** **By FICCI**
05:15 PM onwards	**Networking Hi-Tea**