

## Events Accomplished during the year 2016 – 2017

### 1.) ICT solutions for Digital and Smart Gujarat

Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI) organized a half-day seminar on “ICT solutions for Digital and Smart Gujarat” in association with Computer Society of India, Ahmedabad Chapter, on Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> May 2015 from 10:00AM - 01:00PM followed by lunch at Hotel Novotel, Ahmedabad. Infocomm International (Global ICT Association) is the partner to the event. Prime objective of the seminar is to advance the dialogue between various stakeholders with a view to promote Digital and Smart India Campaigns as well as support to major ICT driven initiatives of the government of Gujarat.



The seminar was addressed by Shri Dhananjay Dwivedi, IAS, Secretary, Science and Technology Department, Government of Gujarat, Prof. Rajnikant Patel, Honorary Director, Graduate School of Smart Cities Development (GSSCD) Gujarat Technological University, Mr. Jonathan Seller, Senior Director of Development (Asia/Pacific), InfoComm International, Mr. Richard Tan, Executive Director, InfoCommAsia.

Followed by that, a panel discussion on ‘Building Digital & Smart Gujarat - Emerging partnerships and business opportunities in ICT’ was organized. The panelists included Mr. Siraj Siddique, Head – IT, Indian Institute of Management – Ahmedabad, Mr. Jayesh Solanki, Chairman, Computer Society of India, Ahmedabad Chapter. Mr. Sunil Shah, Chairman, Gujarat Innovation Society, Mr. Kaushik Pandya, Founder President, Federation of IT Association of Gujarat, Mr. Vivek Ogra, Vice Chairman and Director, GESIA IT Association, Mr. Jonathan Seller, Mr. Shinoj Nair, General Manager, ICT, GIFT City. With speakers convening from government and the industry, the seminar brought together the public and private sectors to further identify solutions for moving towards a digitally smarter Gujarat.

Our (CSI) participation and address was highly appreciated by other panelists and delegates. The host organization conveyed their sincere thanks to CSI for patient response to all the

questions from delegates and media, and coordination in the session. FICCI is willing to jointly work with us in future events and eager take forward the mission of Digital India, Make in India and Skill India.

The seminar was attended by key government officials, eminent industry leaders, young entrepreneurs and technical experts. The discussions revolved around ICT Solutions and Government's vision for Digital and Smart Gujarat; Emerging partnerships and business opportunities in ICT; and increased involvement of Industry and achieving faster growth.

## 2.) 46<sup>th</sup> World Telecommunication & Information Society Day

World Telecom & Information Society Day was celebrated on May 17, 2016, 6:30 pm onwards. It was organized in Bhaikaka Hall, Law Garden, Ahmedabad. The Day was hosted by Institution of Engineers (India) IEI, Gujarat, Ahmedabad Chapter. The Event was sponsored by Institute of Electronics & Telecommunication (IETE), Ahmedabad Center and Computer Society of India (CSI) Ahmedabad Chapter. The Programme was supported by various Technical/ Professional Associations of Gujarat Like, Association of British Scholars (ABS), Broadcasting Engineers Society (BES), Gujarat Innovation Society (GIS), IEEE Communication Society, Association of Computing Machinery (ACM).



The Theme of the celebration was “ICT Entrepreneurship for Social Impact”. The Theme was given by International Telecommunication Union (ITU).

The event was attended by more than 160 members of participating organizations/ associations, professionals, academicians and students.

The session was started with welcome address by Dr. Manish Doshi, Chairman Technician Chapter & Member ET, IE(I). He welcomed the audience and informed all about the legacy carried out by IE(I) to host this event every year successfully along with other supporting professional society chapters in Ahmedabad Gujarat(India). Dr. Jayesh Solanki, Chairman CSI, Ahmedabad Chapter and Dr. Kishor Maradia, Chairman IETE Ahmedabad briefed about their activities and technical contributions to the professional fraternities and students. Dr. N P Gajjar, Chairman IEEE ComSoc Gujarat Chapter introduced all supporting organizations.

Dr. Kishor Maradia introduced the theme Speaker Dr. Sunil Shukla. Dr Shukla is Director, Entrepreneurship Development Institute (EDI), India. The eminent speaker spoke about the Social Impact of ICT Tools. He mentioned that Four- A's are important about it, to have strong impact: Awareness, Accessibility, Availability and Affordability. He also emphasized on manufacturing entrepreneurship which has indirect impact of usage of ICT. He also highlighted that for social impact to be still on higher side ICT must be extensively used in e-Health, Low Cost education like on line course. He has shown concern that for online education, still there is no policy / rules regulations defined by Govt. of India. There is need for it to grow e-Education in systematic manner.

Shri D.S. Kushwaha, Chairman BES, Ahmedabad chapter introduced Key Note Speaker Dr Neetaben Shah, Ex. MD Gujarat Informatics Limited, Director, Swaminarayan Vidyamandir, BAPS School for Girls, Raysan Gandhinagar. She is having vast experience of ICT and its implementation in Govt. Sector which directly reflected of its Social Impact in State of Gujarat. Dr Neeta Shah represented case study of Societal Application of ICT. She shared her experience about the growth ICT and its penetration in Govt. Schemes to improve the citizen's user perspective. She motivated the students to show zeal and enthusiasm to support, promote, create and innovate ICT for next generation. She mentioned about the smart city project/ Digital India movement, where students/professionals can show innovations to contribute in the growth of Town/City/District/State/Country. Dr. Shah insisted to show individuality towards development of ICT applications for larger /massive social impact.

Dr. Nilesh Modi, Chairman, ACM Ahmedabad chapter proposed vote of Thanks.

The event was followed by delicious dinner. More than 175 persons enjoyed the grand success of the event along with networking of professionals during the dinner session from 8:40 pm onwards in the foyer space of Bhaikaka Bhawan, Ahmedabad.

### **3.) Introduction to Virtualization and Windows Azure Cloud**

Public lecture on "Introduction to Virtualization and Windows Azure Cloud" was organized by Computer Society of India, Ahmedabad Chapter on Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at UGC Conference Hall, HK College Campus, Ahmedabad at 5.30 pm to 7.00 pm. Main objective of the lecture is to create awareness regarding virtualization and window azure cloud. The Lecture was delivered by Mr. Dharmendra Gangwani, Technical Support Engineer in Microsoft Corporation, Bangluru.



Mr. Dharmendra focused on different types of virtualization, what is benefit for virtualization and azure cloud, How it works and how useful in our system. Mr. Dharmendra also display live demo of virtualization and azure cloud.

Mr. Dharmendra explained from basic level to advance level. This lecture was an interactive lecture, so everybody take part and ask so many questions. Hon. Secretary Dr. Vimal Pandya gave brief introduction of Mr. Dharmendra and Chairman, CSI-AC Shri Jayeshbhai, honored Mr. Dharmendra with memento.



Dr. Pandya, gave vote of thanks to Mr. Dharmendrabhai and to Mr. Jayeshbhai Soalnki for arranging guest speaker. Dr. Pandya specially thanks Shri Subhashbhai Brahmabhatt, Principal, H.K Arts College for providing nice conference hall for lecture.