

SKOCH DIGITAL INDIA & SUSTAINABLE GROWTH AWARD 2016

With the launch of Digital India by Hon'ble Prime Minister of India Sh. Narendra Modi on 1st July 2015, to "Transform India into a digitally empowered society and knowledge economy". SKOCH Digital India & Sustainable Growth Award 2016 is an initiative towards recognising top performing Technology Users, Technology Implementers & Technology Providers across sectors, organisations and departments. These include, amongst others, Central and State Government Departments; Financial Sector; Municipal Corporations; Smart Cities; State Owned Enterprises; State Government Undertakings; Private and Multinational Organisations.

The focus of the initiative is on increasing connectivity and providing services faster and in more efficient manner using information technology. Technology can work as a catalyst of growth and social empowerment. Modern technologies not only spur growth but also make it sustainable. Connecting Gram Panchayats and villages with high speed Internet and using Cloud technology to ensure easy access of citizen services and encouraging steps. However, the focus should also be on empowering the people through technology. Technology should not only be made available to the people but they should also be empowered to use it. Every Indian need to be made digital. We have to move from Digital India to Digital Indian.

The areas include Internet of Indian Things (IoIT), Big Data and Analytics, Cyber-security. Under the 'Internet of Things' (IoT) concept, the developed countries seek to connect the devices like washing machines, refrigerator and coffee makers. But India faces much bigger challenge in the areas like farm, sanitation, safety and security. So, if we can develop a mechanism of monitoring the health of soil, water and crop, it could be very helpful in boosting agricultural growth. Connecting dustbins would help more efficient and timely disposal of garbage. Similarly, technology could be used in other areas critical for the masses. Big data and analytics from these areas would help in taking targeted and effective policy decisions. So, we need the Internet of Indian Things (IoIT), instead of replicating the practices of developed world. There have been increasing instances of cyber-attacks on banks and other financial companies, industries, large organisations and even the country. Data with banks and the entities like GSTN are very critical and they will remain on the target of cyber attackers. The need is to remain vigilant and cautious and cyber security should be at top of any technological initiative.

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