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# **A-VIEW Phase II**

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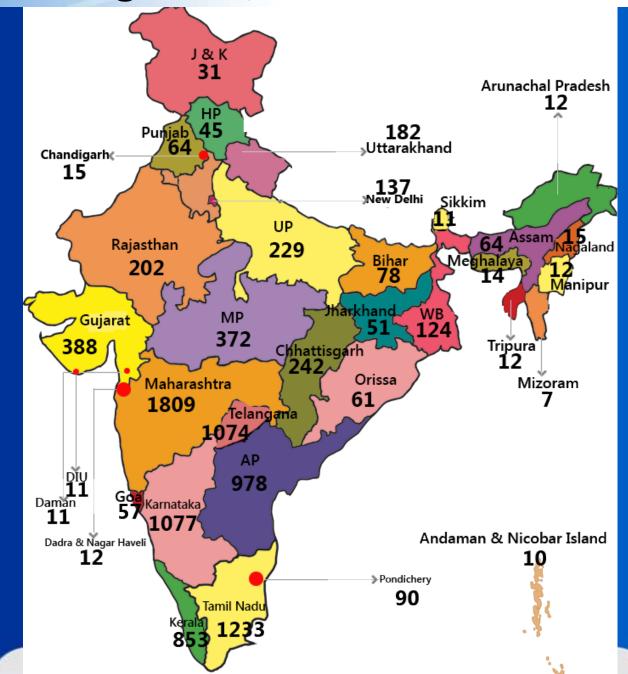
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#### A-VIEW Usage – 10,000 Institutions



#### **A-VIEW Phase II**

#### Phase II

Crores benefited
 25,000 Institutions (Higher Edu)
 Large Scale: Schools, Skill Training

#### **Phase I**

Lakhs benefited
10,000+ Institutions (Higher Edu)
Pilots: Schools, Skill Training

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## **A-VIEW Phase II Vision: Crores of Users**



Massively Scalable Live Interactive Collaborative **E-Learning** Platform

#### A-VIEW – Uttarakhand, Chattisgarh, AP State

# शिक्षकों के लिए बनेगा प्रौद्योगिकी ट्रेनिंग सेंटर

हल्हानी कार्यालय संवाददाता

शिक्षकों को शिक्षा की नयी तकनीक की जानकारी देने के लिए हल्द्वानी में एकेडमिक ट्रेनिंग सेंटर बनेगा। उच्च शिक्षा मंत्री डा. इंदिरा हृदयेश ने उत्तराखंड मुक्त विवि में यह सेंटर खोलने की बात कही है।

मंगलवार को उत्तराखंड विज्ञान एवं प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान, उच्च शिक्षा विभाग और युओयु की ओर से एमबीपीजी काऋलेज में प्रौद्योगिकी के प्रयोग से उच्च शिक्षा को सुसज्जित करने पर कार्यशाला का आयोजन हुआ। इस दौरान डा. हृदयेश ने कहा कि गेटवे आफ कुमाऊं हल्द्वानी को ई-गेटवे आफ कुमाऊं बनाने की जरूरत है। बताया कि सरकार जल्द ही आईटी एकेडमी भवन बनाएगी, जहां छात्र डिजिटल तरीके से पढाई कर सकेंगे। अंतर्राष्ट्रीय मामलों के जानकार प्रो. पुष्पेश पंत ने कहा कि यूओयू तकनीक के इस्तेमाल में आगे है इसलिए अब एकेडमिक ट्रेनिंग सेंटर हल्द्वानी में बनना चाहिए। यओय के प्रो. दर्गेश पंत ने कहा



हल्द्वानी में मंगलवार को आयोजित कार्यशाला में वित्त मंत्री इंदिरा हृदयेश और अन्य। • हिन्दुस्तान

कुलपति प्रो. नागेश्वर राव, उच्च शिक्षा निदेशक डा. बीसी मेलकानी, ग्रुप कैप्टिन अशोक कटारिया, गोविन्द बल्लभ, पंत विश्वविद्यालय के पूर्व कुलपति प्रो. बीएस बिष्ट, अमृता विश्वविद्यालय के प्रो. सीवी भास्करन, डाॠ केके पांडेय, प्रो. गोविन्द सिह, प्रो. पीडी पंत, प्रो. एचपी शुक्ल आदि मौजूद रहे।

'एव्यू' सॉफ्टवेयर से होगी पढ़ाई: हल्द्वानी। एमबीपीजी कॉलेज में आयोजित कार्यशाला में उच्च शिक्षा मंत्री डॉ. इंदिरा हदयेश ने 'एव्यू' सॉफ्टवेयर का उटघाटन किया। इस साफ्ट वेयर की लाग

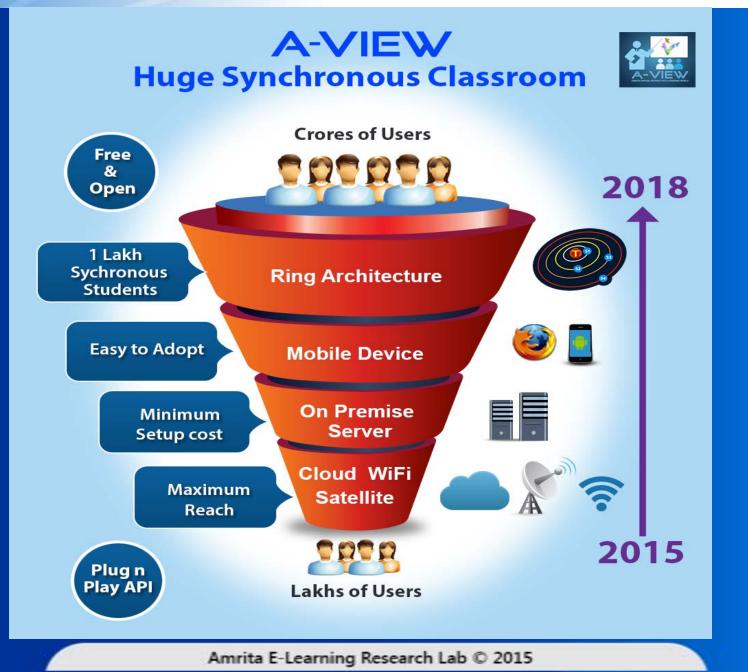
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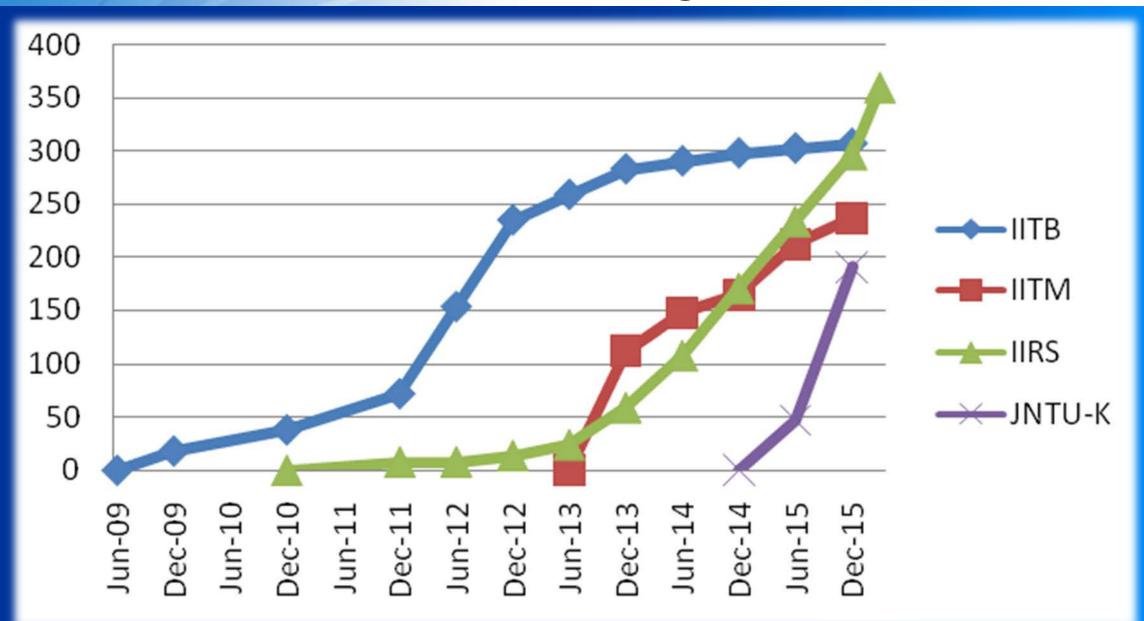
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## **A-VIEW Phase II**



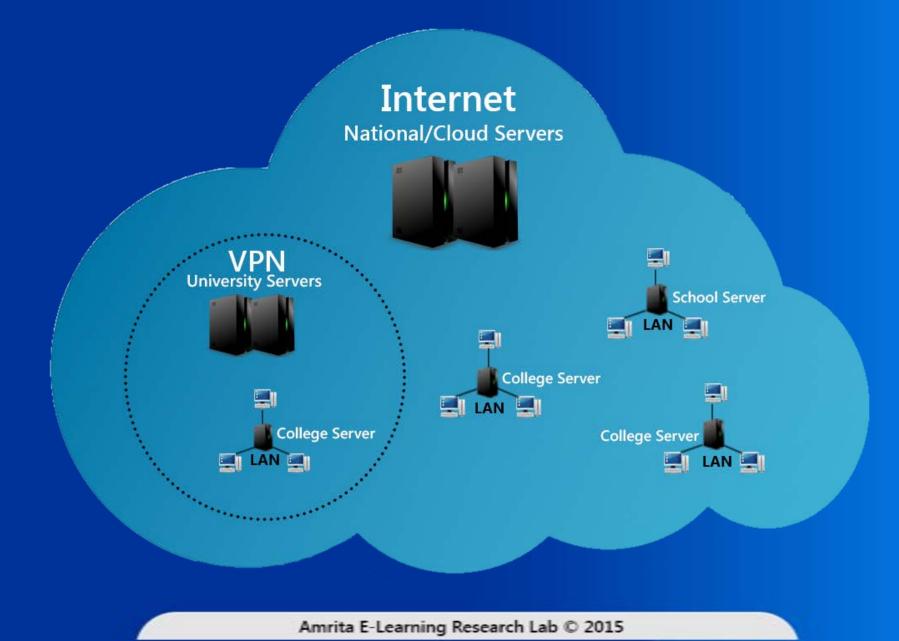
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#### **A-VIEW Remote Centers – Higher Education**



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# **A-VIEW Open Server**



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# **A-VIEW Free & Open Source with API**

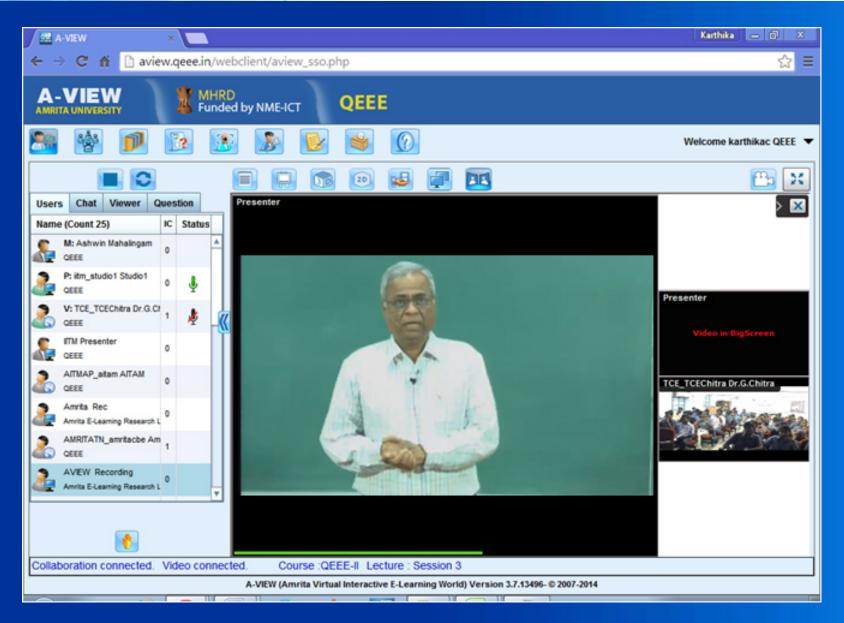
- Cloud/National servers free for everyone; supported by MHRD
  - e.g. Baadal Cloud, Data centers
- VPN servers at Universities
  - Provides better performance
  - e.g. within NKN VPN network
- LAN servers at colleges/schools
  - Provides accessibility to all students; without internet
  - More content security
  - e.g. within any institution campus

# **A-VIEW API**



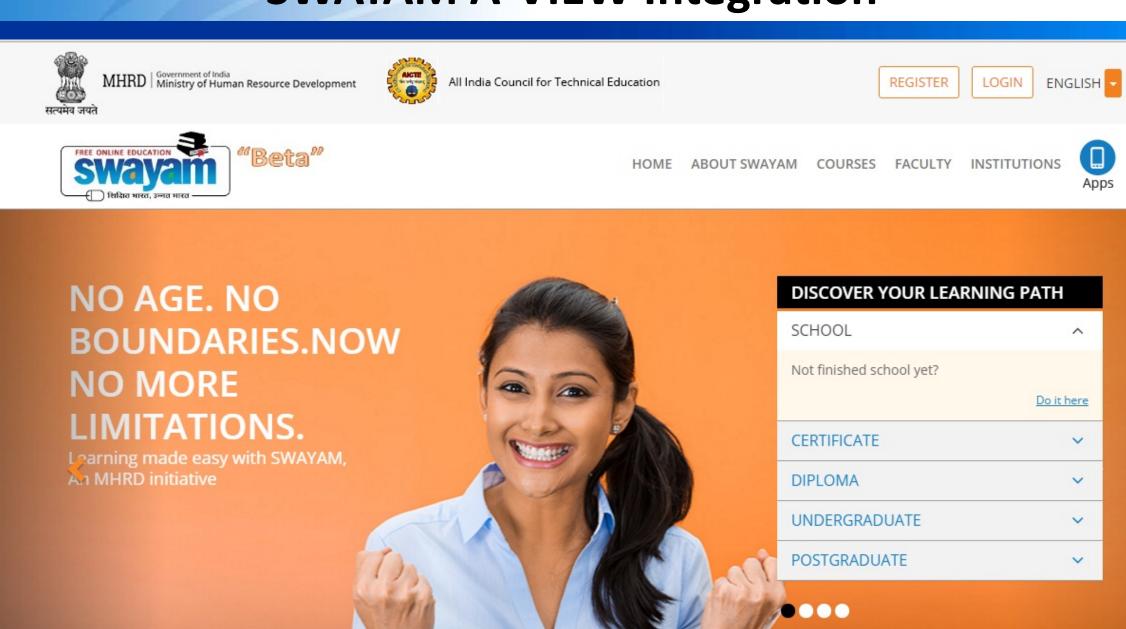
- Single sign-on
- Upload content from other platform
- Get audit data
- Get attendance report
- Synchronize user data
- Synchronize course/class scheduling

# **A-VIEW Integrated with IITM QEEE**



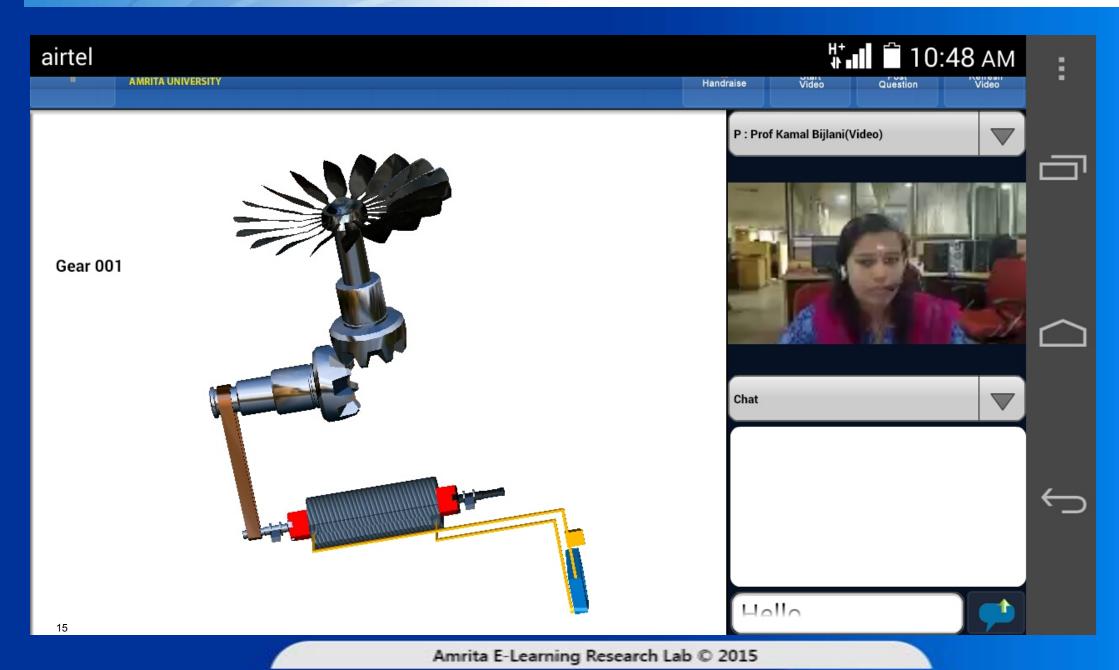
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# **SWAYAM A-VIEW Integration**



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# **SWAYAM A-VIEW Mobile App**



# **SWAYAM** Integration

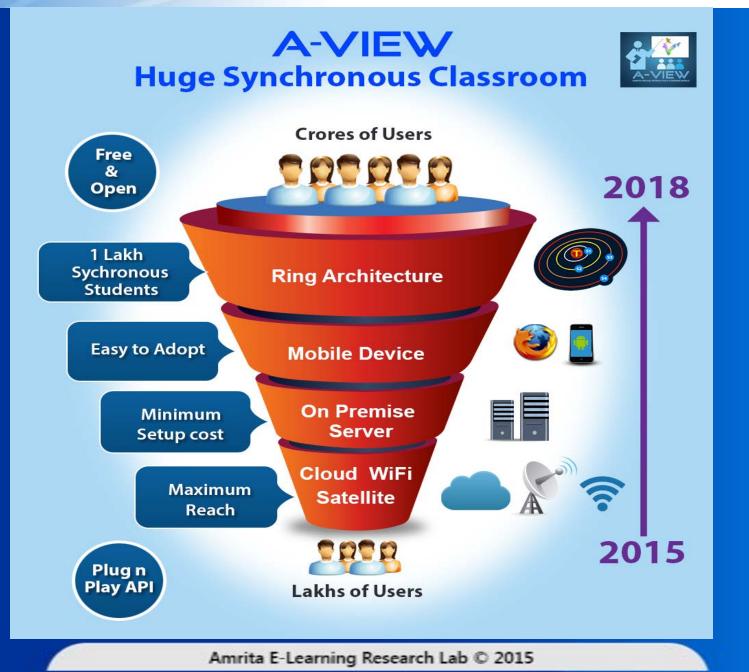
- Architecture Discussions with Microsoft under-way
- Roadmap Overview
  - Single Sign-On
  - Live Doubt Clearance Sessions
  - Live Classroom Monitoring
  - Teacher Self-Recording of Lectures
  - Seamless Web Integration

#### **A-VIEW on ISRO Satellite Network**

- Remote Areas
- Testing ongoing with ISRO Dehradun & Ahmedabad



## **A-VIEW Phase II**



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### **A-VIEW Maintenance**

- Continue A-VIEW Support for Major Stakeholders
- Complete partial features requested by Customers
  - FOSS for institutions using it locally on their own
  - Mobile App (70% completed)
  - Satellite (80% completed)
- Scale A-VIEW Deployment to Crores of users

# **A-VIEW Interoperability**

- Requested by DEC Connectivity (HRD Ministry)
  - Interoperate with MCU's and other Video Conferencing Equipment
  - Integrate with Campus Wi-Fi initiative
- Increase Wi-Fi/Internet utilization
- Mobile A-VIEW adoption on Campus Wi-Fi

#### **Phase II – Modules**

M1: Huge Virtual Synchronous Classrooms	M2: Classroom Monitoring & Attention Analysis	M3: Adaptive Plug and Play Devices	M4: Open Source Server Components
M5: Major Requests From Stakeholders	M6: Synchronous Tutoring Groups	M7: A-VIEW Using Low End Mobiles	M8: Local Synchronous Producer And Player
	M9: Automation Testing & System Integration	M10: Implementation For One Crore Users	

#### M1: Huge Virtual Synchronous Classrooms



#### **User Interface for each Role Type**



## **Live Classroom Monitoring**

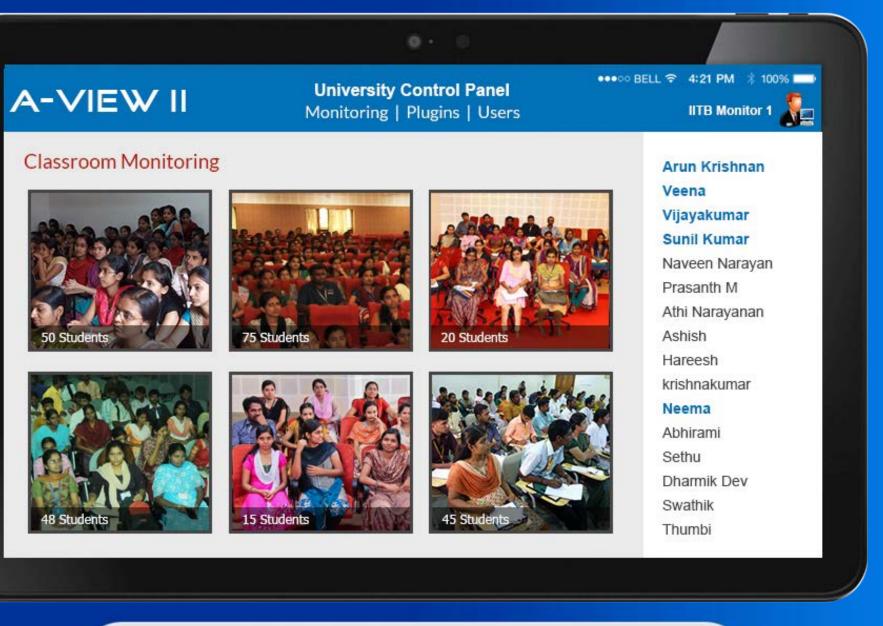
#### Computer Networks : Screenshots Date : 2014-07-04

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#### **M2: Classroom Monitoring and Attention Analysis**



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#### M3 : Adaptive Plug and Play Devices

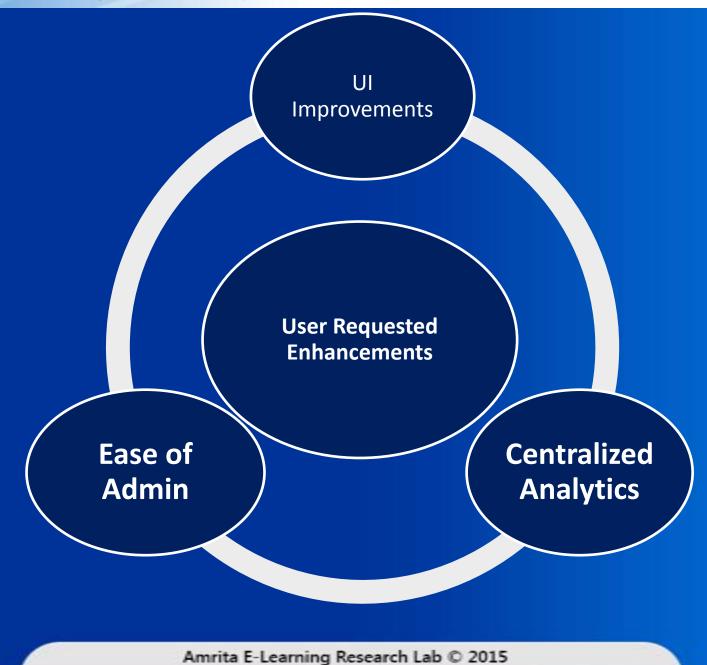
#### **Summary: Plug and Play Devices**

Support for wide-variety of certified audio and video devices.

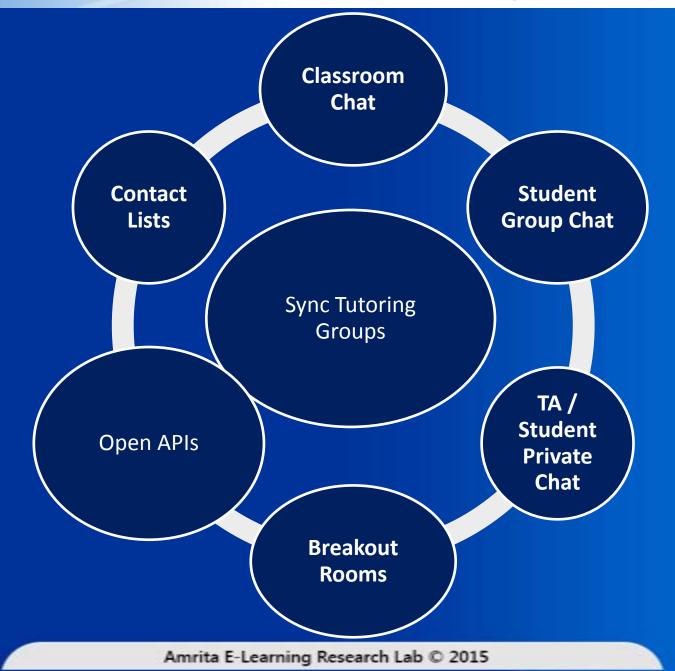
#### **Overview:**

- Automatic Device Recognition
- Seamless reconfiguration
- Cloud-based Profiles and Roaming
- Device Certification
- Quality Lab

#### **M5: Major Requests From Stakeholders**



## **M6: Synchronous Tutoring Groups**



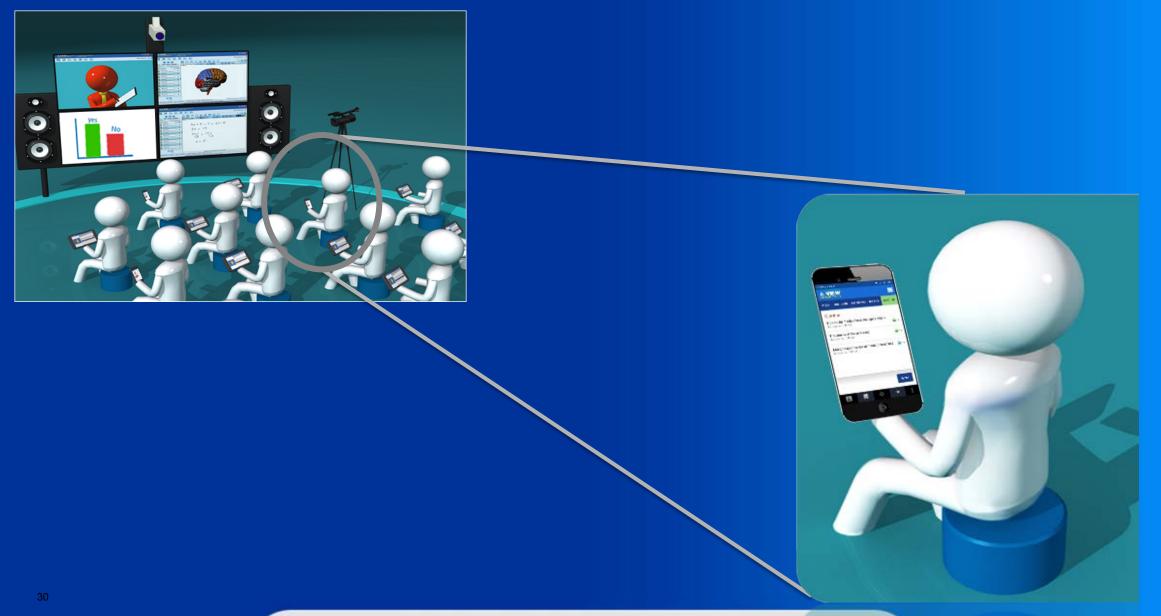
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# **A-VIEW On Mobile**



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#### **Immediate Feedback Mechanism**



#### **Live Mobile Quiz**

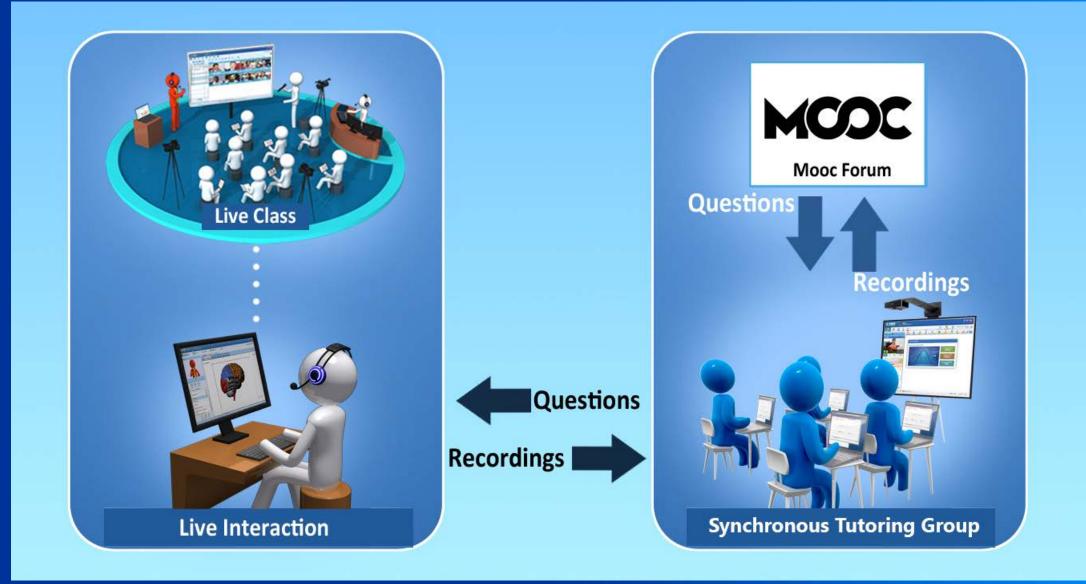
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🔵 Yamuna	
🔵 Kaveri	
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#### **Live Poll**



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# **Blended Doubt Clearance**



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# **M9: Automation Testing & System Integration**

#### Automation Testing

- Server / Cloud Validation
- Client Automation
- Load Testing
  - Satellite
  - IP Multicast

#### Tools for Deployment Validation

- Private Cloud Deployments
- Self-Check Tools for Admins

## **M10: Implementation for 1 Crore Users**

#### Deploy to 1 Crore Learners and Teachers

- Divide the Country into Regions
- Regional Phased Deployments
- Bi-Annual Managed Refresh
- Regional Support Coordinator
  - Regional Implementation Plan
  - Dedicated Trainings in Selected Cities
  - Minimize Travel Budget for Admins

# **Implementation for 1 Crore Users**

#### • Central Deployment Team

- Assisted Remote Deployments
- Regular Online Trainings
- 24x7 Technical Support
  - Phone / Chat / Email Support
  - Prioritized Ticketing System
- 24x7 IT Support
  - On-Call System Admins
  - Network Alerting, Escalation

#### **Implementation for 1 Crore Users**

#### Training & Documentation

- A-VIEW II Setup & Management
- A-VIEW II Configuring and Managing Users
- A-VIEW II User Guide
- Videos showing how to use A-VIEW II
- Mobile App User Guide
- Videos showing how to use the Mobile App
- Multi-Language Documentation
- Multi-Language Trainings

#### **A-VIEW 5.0 Features**

Client: Mobile & Tablet Easy MP4 Recording Self-Recording Producer Audio-Video

System/Server: Open Source A-VIEW License-Free National A-VIEW Server Red 5 Server Internet & Satellite

#### **Phase 1 – Funding Summary**

A-VIEW Phase I Funds (Received)						
A-VIEV	V Phase I Summar	y (in Lakhs)				
	Oct 2010 - Sept	2015				
Grants Sanctio	ned	3,446.80				
Grants Receive	ed	3, 445. 70				
No.	Financial Year	Amount	Team Size	Institutions using A-VIEW	Comments	
	Phase I					
1	2010-11	1034	100	20	Main Project Started	
2	2011-12	200	1 <b>40</b>	127		
3	2012-13	593.7	160	693		
4	2013-14	768	165	2,762		
6	2014-15	400	150	4,207	Funds exhausted in September 2014	
7	2015-16	0	120	8,426	No funds received in 2015; 5 crore Advance from Amita Universtiy;	
8	8 2016-17 450		74	10,141	450 Lakhs received, paid back to Amrita Univ.	
	Total Phase I	3446				

#### **Phase II – Original Total Budget**

#	Line Items	Amount (in la
Α	Total original budget	1484.47
	A = B + C	
В	Budget for Maintenance Items	1179.92
С	Budget for New features	304.55
	C = D + E (Swayam Breakup)	
D	New Features (some overlap with Swayam)	49.23
E	New Features (not part of Swayam)	255.32
	New Requirement (Module 11)	
F	A-VIEW Interoperability*	179.61

Maintenance Budget	1179.92
New Modules not overlapping with Swayam	255.32
New Module: A-VIEW MCU Inter-Operability *	179.61
Revised Total Budget (in lakhs)	1614.85

#### **Deliverable Breakdown by Module**

		Maintenance	New	Total To-Do
Item	Module Name	Items	Features	ltems
Module 1	Huge Virtual Synchronous Classrooms	23	9	32
Module 2	Classroom Monitoring and Attention Analysis	30	15	45
Module 3	Adaptive Plug and Play Devices	35	7	42
Module 4	Open Source Server Components	17	5	22
Module 5	Major Requests from Stakeholders	41	12	53
Module 6	Synchronous Tutoring Groups	16	10	26
Module 7	A-VIEW using Low End Mobiles	11	7	18
Module 8	Local Synchronous Producer and Player	11	8	19
Module 9	Automation Testing and System Integration	100%		
Module 10	Implementation of A-VIEW for Crores of Users	100%		
		184	73	257
41		Maintenance	New	Total
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#### **Budget Breakdown by Module**

Module #	Functional Description	Total Budget	Total No. of Items	# of Maintenance Items	Maintenace Budget	# of New Features Items	New Features Budget
Module 1	Huge Virtual Synchronous Classrooms	169.98	32	23	122.17	9	47.81
Module 2	Classroom Monitoring and Attention Analysis	130.40	45	30	86.93	15	43.47
Module 3	Adaptive Plug and Play Devices	99.74	42	35	83.12	7	16.62
Module 4	Open Source Server Components	97.48	22	17	75.33	5	22.15
Module 5	Major Requests from Stakeholders	158.45	53	41	122.57	12	35.88
Module 6	Synchronous Tutoring Groups	129.95	26	16	79.97	10	49.98
Module 7	A-VIEW using Low End Mobiles	143.31	18	11	87.58	7	55.73
Module 8	Local Synchronous Producer and Player	78.17	19	11	45.25	8	32.91
Module 9	Automation Testing and System Integration	138.05	100%	100%	138.05		
Module 10	Implementation of A-VIEW for Crores of Users	338.95	100%	100%	338.95		
		1484.47	257	184	1179.92	73	304.55

#### **Phase II - Maintenance Budget**

Expense Head	Y1	Y2	Y3	Total (3 yr)
Total In Lakhs				1179.81
Non Recurring	Y1	Y2	¥3	1039.22
Equipment	81.22	47.90	0.00	129.12
Total Salary	325.45	285.67	298.98	910.10
	406.67	333.57	298.98	
Recurring	¥1	¥2	¥3	140.59
Contingency	3.42	6.20	7.58	17.20
Consumables & Supplies	3.34	6.02	7.34	16.70
Internet for Servers & Development	3.10	7.45	9.11	19.66
Mobile & Internet	4.44	9.36	11.33	25.13
Regional Support & Training	6.5	15.3	18.7	40.5
Travel & Stay	4.8	7.4	9.2	21.4
	25.60	51.73	63.26	
Total (Rec + Non Rec)	432.27	385.30	362.24	

#### Thank you

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#### Appendix

#### Year 1 Expenditure

A-VIEW Maintenance	Budget: Oct 20	Total: 432.27 Lakhs				
Expenses (in Lakhs)	Incurred / Committed Oct 2015 - June 2016	Next 3 Months July 2016- Sept 2016	Comments & Explanation			
Staff Salary	248.73	76.72	Incurred Expenses; Salary for 3 months			
Hardware: A-VIEW Load Testing, Implementation	58.29	20.9	Hardware: A-VIEW Load testing for simultaneous large number of users			
Hardware Maintenance	1.5	0.53	Minor Hardware maintenance			
Consumables and Contingencies	16.5	4.3	Bandwidth costs for A-VIEW test servers; Data Cards; Other Support costs			
Travel & Implementation Expenses	3.6	1.2	Travel and expenses for implementation engineers			
Total	328.62	103.65	432.27			
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#### Year 1 Hardware (Non-Recurring)

A-VIEW Testing Hardware	Count	Unit Cost in Lakhs	Completed in Lakhs	Pending
Video Conf Equip for testing - Student grade	10	0.10	1.0	
Projector (for testing)	4	0.60	2.4	
Video Conf Equip for testing - Classroom grade	10	0.25	2.5	
30 TB NAS Desktop Storage (Lacie)	2	3.50		7.0
High end Machine for /Tesing/Server	2	1.20	2.4	
Mobile for Implementation - Category 5	8	0.20		1.6
Support Laptops - Category 1	6	0.40	2.4	
Workstations For Implementation	14	0.45		6.3
Video Streaming Server (Development and Test)	2	3.00		6.0
SAN Server (10 TB Storage Capacity)	1	6.00	6.0	
Software for Server, Computers	2	2.00	4.0	
Displays - TVs/Monitors	3	0.60	1.8	
Laptops For Testing - Category 2	4	0.65	2.6	
Workstations For Test / Dev	32	0.72	23.0	
Mobiles - Category 1 (for testing)	6	0.08	0.5	
Mobiles - Category 2 (for testing)	9	0.15	1.4	
Mobiles - Category 3 (for testing)	9	0.2	1.8	
Mobiles - Category 4 (for testing)	6	0.3	1.8	
Tablets - Category 1 (for Testing)	4	0.1	0.4	
Tablets - Category 2 (for Testing)	4	0.3	1.2	
Tablets - Category 3 (for Testing)	4	0.48	1.9	
Handy Cam - for testing	3	0.4	1.2	
Total			58.29	20.90

#### Year 2 Hardware (Non-Recurring)

A-VIEW Testing Hardware	Count 🗾	Unit Cost in Lak	Pending
30 TB NAS Desktop Storage (Lacie)	1	3.50	3.5
High end Machine for /Tesing/Server	2	1.20	2.4
Workstations For Implementation	6	0.45	2.7
Video Streaming Server (Development and Test)	1	3.00	3.00
Software for Server, Computers	4	2.00	8.0
Displays - TVs/Monitors	4	0.60	2.4
Laptops For Testing - Category 2	10	0.65	6.5
Workstations For Test / Dev	27	0.72	19.4
			47.94

#### **Module Teams Breakdown**

#	Item	Module Name	Team
1	Module 1	Huge Virtual Synchronous Classrooms	6
2	Module 2	Classroom Monitoring and Attention Analysis	4
3	Module 3	Adaptive Plug and Play Devices	6
4	Module 4	Open Source Server Components	6
5	Module 5	Major Requests from Stakeholders	5
6	Module 6	Synchronous Tutoring Groups	4
7	Module 7	A-VIEW using Low End Mobiles	6
8	Module 8	Local Synchronous Producer and Player	4
9	Module 9	Automation Testing and System Integration	7
10	ModuleImplementation of A-VIEW for10Crores of Users		26
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#### **Implementation** Team - Breakdown

SI.No	ltem	Qty
1	Deployment Manager	1
2	Regional Support	8
3	Trainers	3
4	Support Staff	3
5	Helpdesk Analyst	4
6	Technical Analyst	2
7	System Admin (24 Hour Service)	5

#### A-VIEW 5.0/5.1 Deliverables

Row Labels	Sum of 5.x
Adaptive Plug & Play Video	5
A-VIEW using Low-End Mobiles	8
Classroom Monitoring & Attention Analysis	6
Huge Virtual Synchronous Classrooms	6
Local Synchronous Producer & Player	6
Major Requests from Stakeholders	7
Open Source Server Components	3
Synchronous Tutoring Groups	2
Grand Total	43

### A-VIEW 5.0/5.1 Summary

Module	5.0/5.1 Features Committed	
Adaptive Plug & Play Video	Improved Pre-testing, Network Self-Testing, Automatic Mixer/Local Echo Detection	
A-VIEW using Low-End Mobiles	HTML5 Client – Poll, Quiz, User List	
	Dedicated Monitoring Role, Functionality for Monitors	
Classroom Monitoring & Attention Analysis		
Huge Virtual Synchronous Classrooms	A-VIEW on Satellite, Multicast	
Local Synchronous Producer & Player	MP4 Recording, Local Recorder	
Major Requests from Stakeholders	Analytics & UI improvements	
Open Source Server Components	Open Content Server, Bulk Admin Activities	

#### **A-VIEW Interop Module Budget**

A-VIEW Interop with MCUs						
SI.No	Item	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3		
	Non Recurring Cost					
1	Equipment	49.30	0.00	0.00		
2	Module Dev Salary	36.00	39.60	43.56		
	TOTAL (Non Recurring Cost)	85.30	39.60	43.56		
	Recurring Cost					
1	Contingency	0.60	0.70	0.80		
2	Consumables & Supplies	0.60	0.70	0.80		
3	Internet for Servers & Development	0.50	0.75	1.00		
4	Mobile & Internet	0.50	0.75	1.00		
5	Travel & Stay	0.80	1.00	1.20		
	TOTAL (Recurring Cost)	3.00	3.90	4.80		
	Total (Non Recurring + Recurring)	88.30	43.50	48.36		
		Grand Tota	al (Lakhs of Rs)	180.16		
	Module Dev Fees and Module Support , Maintenance Details					
SI.No	ltem	Qty	Rate (in Lakhs)	Budget (in Lakh		
1	Sr. Technical Manager	1	8.4	8.4		
2	Lead Software Engineer	2	6.6	13.2		
3	Software Engineer	2	4.8	9.6		
4	Jr Test Engineer	2	2.4	4.8		
		7	Total (Lakhs of Rs)	36		
	Equipment (	In lakhs)				
SI.No	Item	Qty	Rate (in Lakhs)	Budget (in Lakh		
1	Server Machine for development/testing	2	1.3	2.6		
2	Workstations (for Development, Server)	5	0.75	3.75		
3	Laptops (for Testing) Category 2	3	0.65	1.95		
4	Polycom MCU Testing Equipment	3	7	21		
5	Displays - TVs/Monitors	5	0.6	3		
6	Polycom HDX 7000	2	8	16		
7	Polycom RealPresence Software	5	0.2	1		
			Total (Lakhs of Rs)	49.3		

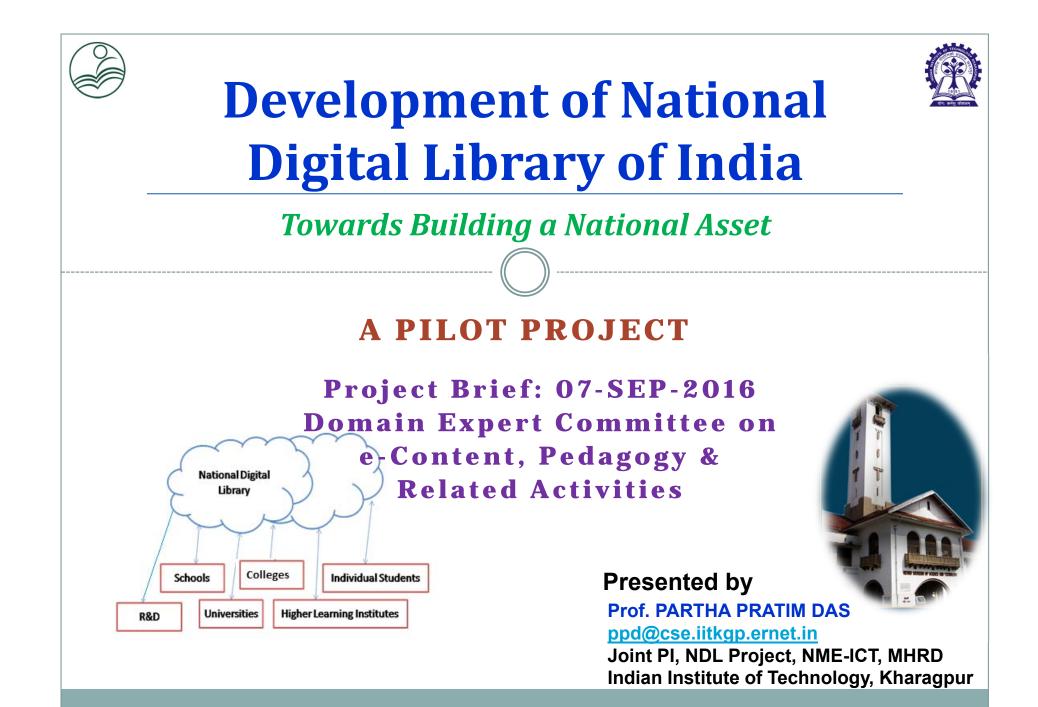
#### **Current Status – Year 1 Completed**

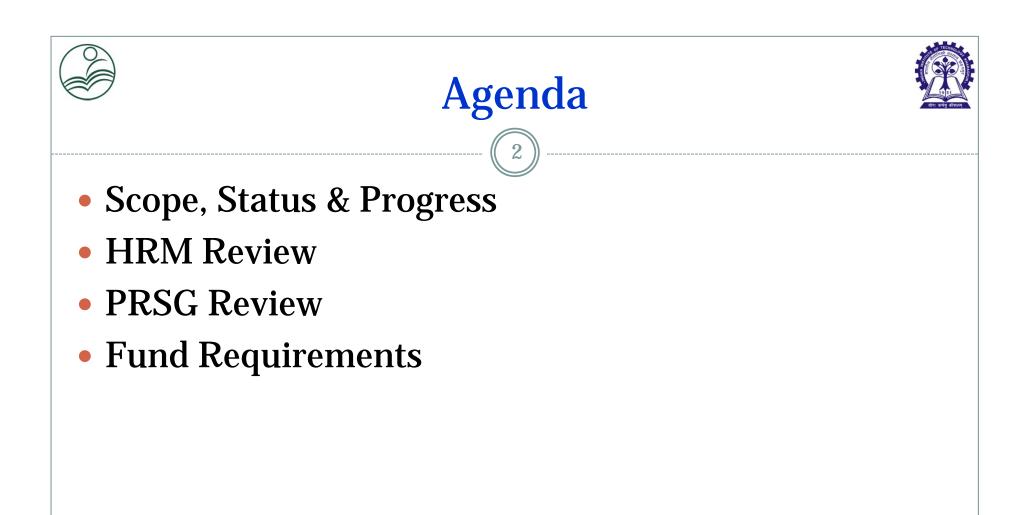
- Year 1 expense of Rs. 432. 27 Lakhs
  - On-Loan from Amrita University since Sep 2015
  - Pending salary Arrears of Rs. 35 Lakhs
  - Many senior staff on voluntary moratorium on salary raises / partial salaries – Rs. 23.58 Lakhs

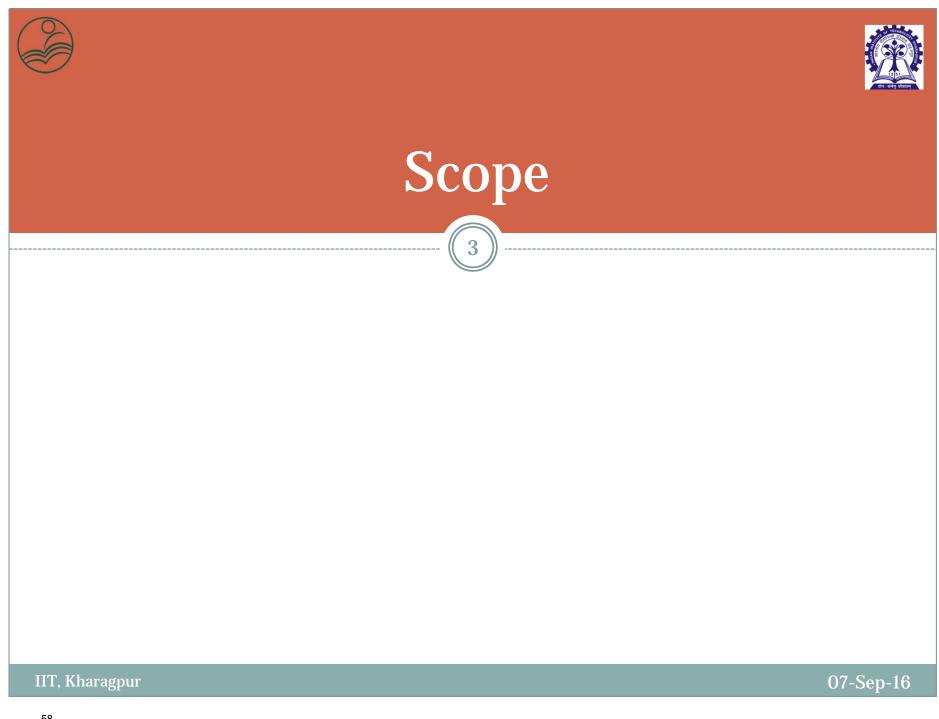
#### **Current Status – Year 1**

- Worked on Year 1 Deliverables since Oct 2015
- Version 5.0 to be released soon
- 5.0 Beta Given to IIT Bombay Working on feedback
- 5.0 Beta running on Production Server for QEEE

Program @ IIT Madras











- NDL is a pilot project of 3-year duration
- Start: April, 2015
- Scope of the pilot project
  - Creation of a 24X7-enabled Infrastructure suitable for 10,000 Concurrent Users
  - Harvesting IDR (Institutional Digital Repository) of 100 Contributing Institutes
  - Integrate contents from eLearning repositories like INFLIBNET, NPTEL, NCERT, DLI, NMEICT projects
  - Participatory adoption by 100 Participating Institutes
  - Host 1000 LMS Courseware



# Status & Progress

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PORTAL CONTENT SOURCES CONTENT PIPELINE METADATA STANDARD SYSTEM STATUS AWARENESS DRIVE & EVENTS USER REGISTRATION & POPULARIZATION



#### **Portal Status**



- NDL Portal (<u>https://ndl.iitkgp.ac.in</u>) gone live in Feb'16
  - o 24X7 infrastructure
    - × Partial server capacity (about 30% of planned)
    - × Partial access bandwidth (about 50% of planned)
  - English and Vernacular (Hindi & Bengali) User Interface
  - o 15 lakh+ content
  - 70 Harvested IDRs from Contributing Institutes
  - Contents of INFLIBNET, NPTEL, NCERT, DLI, a few NMEICT projects, Librivox (Audio Books), OECD, IIT-JEE Question Papers & Answers & Satyajit Ray Redbook archive
  - Contents of couple of international publishers
  - Got users from about 325 Participating Institutes registered
- Portal Screenshots

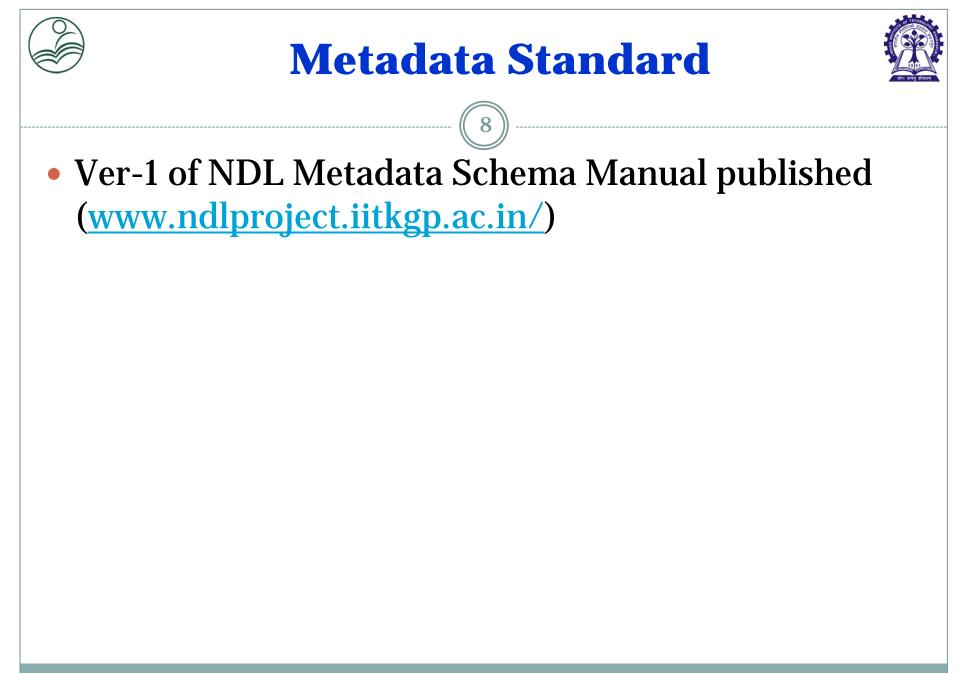




## **Content Pipeline**



- Another 6 IDRs harvested and ready to go Live
- Karnataka Board Text Books, Question Papers, Solutions, Teachers' Manual ready to go Live
- Joint Admission Test for M.Sc. (JAM) Question Papers (10 years) ready to go Live
- South Asia Archive ready to go Live
- World e-Book Library (WeL) (about 50%: 20 lakh) ready to go Live
- IEEE Publications (about 25%: 9 lakh) ready to go Live
- PubMed Publications (about 25%: 7 lakh) ready to go Live









 2<sup>nd</sup> lot of servers received and installation and setup configuration are in advanced stage

#### • Disaster Recovery system

- Server Room Infrastructure (A/C, UPS, Fire Alarm & Protection, Security Surveillance, Server Racks) Tender Evaluation completed and Order is being placed
- Server sizing and tender document preparation started
- Access bandwidth request initiated
- Sizing and tender document preparation for 3<sup>rd</sup> lot of servers initiated







- 8 Workshops on NDL familiarization and IDR setup conducted across the country
- Contributing & Participating Institute support
  - Hand-holding Contributing Institutes to set up IDR and making IDR harvestable
  - Hand-holding users of Participating Institutes
    - × Registration
    - × Usage
    - × Query response



# **Awareness Drive & Events**



- Workshop @ INDEST Meet @ Mohali, 29/30-Apr-15
- National IDR WS @ IIT Kharagpur, 15/17-June-15
- Regional (North-East-I) IDR WS @ IIT Guwahati, 04/05-July-15
- National Seminar on "Emerging Trends in Academic Libraries" @ IIT Kharagpur, 21-Aug-15
- Regional (North-I) IDR WS @ IIT Roorkee, 24/25-Aug-15
- ETD 2015 India @ JNU New Delhi, 05/06-Nov-15
- 4<sup>th</sup> NKN Annual WS @ JNTU Hyderabad, 21/22-Jan-16
- Regional (West-I) IDR WS @ M S University, 28/29-Jan-16
- National VC Address over NKN, 03-Feb-16
- Regional (South-I) IDR WS @ IIT Madras, 25/26-Mar-16
- Regional (South-II) IDR WS @ IISc, Bangalore, 20/21-May-16
- National Workshop for Open-Source Software for Library Management (OSSLM 2016) @ IIT Kharagpur, 13/18-Jun-16
- Regional (South-III) IDR WS @ IIIT, Hyderabad, 01/02-Jul-16
- Regional (North-II) IDR WS @ JNU, New Delhi, 01/02-Sep-16
- Regional (North East-II) IDR WS @ NIT Meghalaya, Shillong 23/24-Sep-16
- Regional (West-II) IDR WS @ IISER Pune, 05/06-Oct-16
- National (Medical) IDR WS @ AIIMS New Delhi, 20/21-Oct-16
- Regional (Central-I) IDR WS @ NIT Raipur, 18/19-Nov-16
- National (Law) IDR WS @ WB-NUJS Kolkata, 09/10-Dec-16



# **User Registration**

- Registered Users: 2.45 Lakh
- Active Users: 70K

#### Controlled registration to ensure

- Gradual build up of load on the system
- Security issues, if any, gets addressed with a smaller user base
- Limited to CFTIs and institutes in NDL Workshops and VC

#### Self-registration for selective domains

- o ernet, ac, res, nic, gov
- Many users don't have e-mail id in these domains
- In addition to CFTIs, UGC & AICTE approved Institutes have been approached to send user list for bulk registration
- Institutional Registration Process Planned





# **Popularization Drives**

- Regular update through Facebook (<u>https://www.facebook.com/NDLIndia/)</u>
- Promo video being hosted in YouTube
- PR Agency being appointed for promotion
- Mobile App under development; to be launched in near future
- Google Indexing of NDL site







### Hon'ble HRM Review

- Prof. P. P. Chakrabarti, PI-NDL Project & Director IIT Kharagpur, made a presentation on NDL to Hon'ble HRM on 26-Jul-16
- Hon'ble HRM reviewed the project and following actions were identified:
  - HRM desires that Botanical Survey of India (BSI) and Zoological Survey of India (ZSI) materials to be linked to NDL
  - User feedback and action taken on these feedbacks to be presented to Hon'ble HRM
  - No. of users registered with NDL very low compared to GER of Higher Education. Necessary steps to be initiated to advertise through social media like LinkedIn, Facebook etc. And also Akashwani (FM) may be approached for publicity purpose
  - A video clip about NDL to be made available and hosted on YouTube
  - Students of UGC and AICTE colleges to be asked to register on the NDL portal through suitable notification by UGC and AICTE





### **ATR of HRM Review: BSI & ZSI**

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- HRM desires that the Botanical Survey of India (BSI) and Zoological Survey of India (ZSI) materials have to be linked to NDL
  - AS (TE) wrote to Secretary, Ministry of Environment
  - NDL team had been in touch with BSI for sometime and had the last meeting with BSI Director on 13-Aug-16 wherein followings were agreed:
    - SI & NDL will work on a broader collaboration; an MoU will be worked out in this respect
    - A plan for migration of data from BSI metadata schema to NDL metadata schema will be made
    - NDL will help BSI in their IDR and Herbarium setup on technical points such as machine selection, software developer identification and NKN connection
    - Both will work on a vision to make a Portal of Biological Sciences with GIS



# ATR of HRM Review: BSI & ZSI



- NDL team met ZSI Director on 20-Aug-16 wherein followings were agreed:
  - **×** An MoU for the collaboration will be made
  - ZSI will collate user data of all its Scientists and Staff and send it to NDL for registration in NDL
  - × ZSI will nominate Nodal Official(s), to coordinate with NDL
  - NDL, with the help of ZSI, will work out revisions required in its metadata schema to represent fauna related digital resources in NDL and corresponding mapping
  - × NDL will share its IDR Workshop schedule with ZSI so that ZSI can send their representatives to attend these workshops

# ATR of HRM Review: User Feedback

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- User feedback and action taken on these feedbacks to be presented to Hon'ble HRM
  - 5216 feedback have been received till 18-Aug-16
  - 20% are positive feedback: No action required
  - Feedbacks on which actions required, classified in 2 categories:
    - × Interface & Search results related
    - Content related
  - Interface related
    - Graphics design of the Landing page modified and its software implementation is in advanced stage
    - Different sources have different page design. To provide uniform look and feel to users while accessing content from different sources, a transcoding system has been designed and tried out in pilot mode. Deployment of the same in Live system will be taken once the new lot servers are operational

# **ATR of HRM Review: User Feedback**

## • Search results related

- Search engine (Solr) parameter tuning done to improve ranking of search results
- ★ To address user frustration of content (full-text) not being accessible for some sources after clicking the search result, search result will display content status as one of the following:
  - "Open" (accessible from anywhere)
  - "Selectively subscribed" (accessible from institutional network who have subscribed to the source)
  - "Subscription/purchase required"
  - "Registration with the source institute required"
  - "Author to be approached"

New field has been introduced in metadata schema for this. Implementation started with sources currently in curation process. Will be made operational progressively, especially for sources which are already Live

# **ATR of HRM Review: User Feedback**

## • Content related

- ×Some users requesting to include a specific content which he/she is looking for
- × No specific of pattern has yet been observed for such request
- Whenever any specific pattern or prominent source will be noticed, necessary harvesting or inclusion action will be taken



## ATR of HRM Review: User Registration & Publicity

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- No. of users registered with NDL very low compared to GER of Higher Education. Necessary steps to be initiated to advertise through social media like LinkedIn, Facebook etc. And also Akashwani (FM) may be approached for publicity purpose
  - NDL account in Facebook operational for sometime (<u>https://www.facebook.com/NDLIndia/)</u> through which regular updates and events of NDL propagated
  - PR agency being appointed to draw up a comprehensive plan and take actions related to Publicity, Marketing and Branding



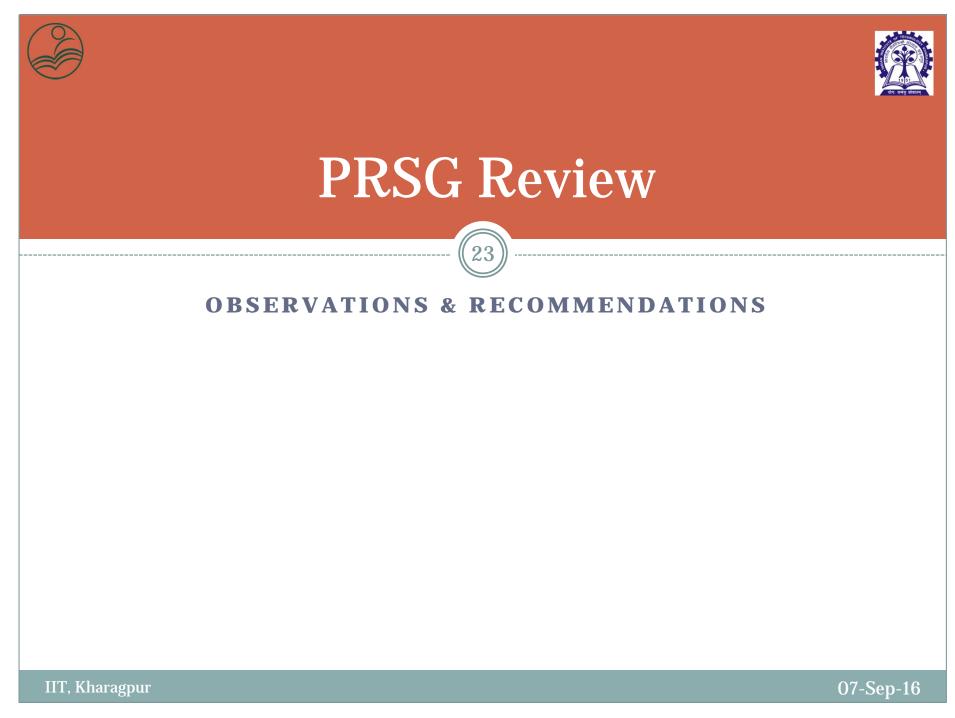
## ATR of HRM Review: User Registration & Publicity

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- Video clip about NDL to be made available and hosted on YouTube
  - Video clip made; being hosted on YouTube
- Students of UGC and AICTE colleges to be asked to register on NDL portal through suitable notification by UGC and AICTE
  - Notification sent to UGC and AICTE
  - UGC requested its institutes to get in touch with NDL directly
  - Institutes have started contacting NDL who are being asked to send their user data to NDL
  - A few institutes already sent data and these users registered in NDL
  - AICTE sent a list of Heads of 50 institutes to NDL. NDL has asked these Heads to send their user data to NDL
  - AICTE is preparing a list of Heads of another 150 institutes and will send the same to NDL soon to get their user data

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- 2<sup>nd</sup> PRSG Meeting held on 10-Jun-16 at IIT Center, Kolkata
- Attended by:
  - Prof. H. P. Khincha, IISc Bangalore: PRSG Member & Chairman
  - Dr. Jagdish Arora, Director, INFLIBNET: PRSG Member
  - Prof. Uma Kanjilal: IGNOU: PRSG Member
  - Prof. T. V. Prabhakar, IIT Kanpur
  - Prof. Swapan K. Chakravorty: Kabiguru Rabindranath Tagore Distinguished Professor in the Humanities, Presidency University: Member Invitee

## • Followings attended over VC:

- Prof. Pushpak Bhattacharya, Director IIT Patna: Member Invitee
   Dr. Neona Pahuia: Director Concred. EPNET: Member Invited
- Dr. Neena Pahuja: Director General, ERNET: Member Invitee

# • Prof. P. S. Mukhopadhyay attended as Invited Library Science Expert

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> PRSG Recommendations

- Organize a contest to select a name of the Portal: In progress
- Make landing page more informative containing some specific link to contents: Under implementation
- Display in Portal "What's New" & "Source-wise Last update Status": Under implementation
- Implement in Advanced Search "Range", "Boolean", "Relational" & "Positional Search"
- Implement "Saved Search", "Search History" & "Contextdriven help"
- Make Publicity, Marketing & Branding Plan: PR Agency being appointed
- Make appropriate document for Phase-wise Visualization of the project
- A few other documents for future reference





## 2<sup>nd</sup> PRSG Recommendations

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- Re-appropriation of budget heads (without change of total budget) was discussed and approved
- Release of Rs. 9.71 cr for the current year was recommended







### **SUMMARY (All figures in Rs. Crore)**

SI. No.	Items	Original Approval		
	Equipment	8.41		
2	Manpower and Consultant	12.45	12.45	3.75
	Subscription /Procurement of e-Resources (Support to Institutes to make e-Resources usable by NDL)	15.00	7.16	1.50
4	Training and Awareness Workshops	0.95	2.45	1.25
5	Travel	1.00	2.50	1.25
6	Consumables	1.50	1.50	0.70
7	<b>7</b> Contingency		0.50	0.20
	<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	39.81	39.81	15.74
	UNSPENT BALANCE (07-Jun-16)			6.03
	FUND REQUIREMENT			9.71
IIT,	Kharagpur			07-Sep-16





## **Utilization Certificate**

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SPONSORED RESEARCH AND INDUSTRIAL CONSULTANCY

INDIAN INSTITUE OF TECHNOLOGY, KHARAGPUR CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

(RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE PERIOD 26/03/2015 TO 06/09/2016)

itle of the Research "Development of National Digital Library of India, towards Building a National Asset (BNA)"

ponsoring Agency : MHRD, New Delhi

ame of the Investigator-in-Charge : Prof. Partha P. Chakrabarti & Prof. Partha Pratim Das

Department : Central Library

ate of Commencement : 26/03/2015

Date of Termination : 25/03/2018

Receipts			Payments							
Year	Grant	Total	Salary/Manpower/ Honorarium	Travel	Consumables	Contingency	Equipment	Misc. Expenditure/ Others	Total	Closing Balance
014-15*	69700000	69700000	507938	16956	84729	44406	* 1169598	0	1823627	67876373
015-16	49700000	49700000	6326776	1047730	701356	1252210	38729529	1061406	49119007	68457366
016-17	0	0	27835441	697019	495668	1175847	29581221	1135046	60920242	7537124
Total	119400000	119400000	34670155	1761705	1281753	2472463	69480348	2196452	111862876	7537124

Grants sanctioned for the FY 2014-15 received on next financial year i.e. 2015-16 through online transfer dated: 04/04/2015

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Signature Finance Officer with Stamp

S. K. Biswas Sr. Administrative Officer (F & PM) Sponsored Research & Industrial Consultancy LLT. Kharagpur-721302

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### **Fund Release Requirement** 29 **Sl.** # Item Amount in Rs. Cr. Total Sanction (2015-18) 1. 39.80 2. Fund received as on date 11.94 3. Total expenses as on 06.9.16 11.19 Unspent balance as on 06.9.16 (#2-#3) 0.75 **4**. **FUND REQUIRED TO BE RELEASED** 9.71 5. (as recommended by PRSG)

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# Thank You

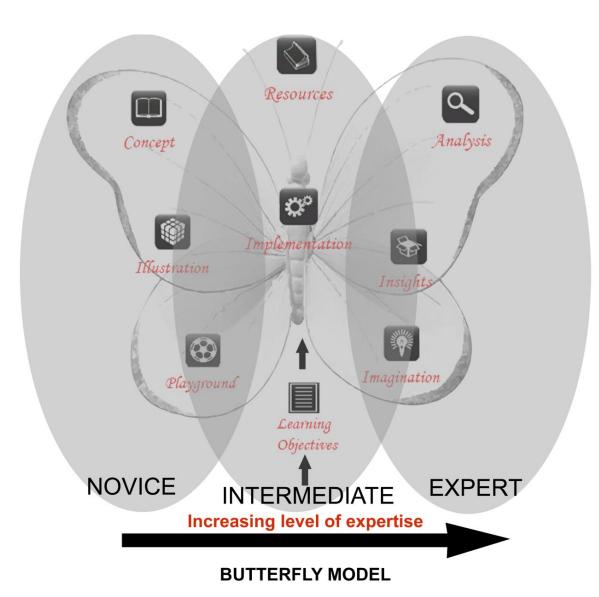
"Learning by Doing (LbD) based course content development in areas of CS and ECE"

> Venkatesh Choppella Principal Investigator IIIT Hyderabad <u>venkatesh.choppella@iiit.ac.in</u>

## Agenda

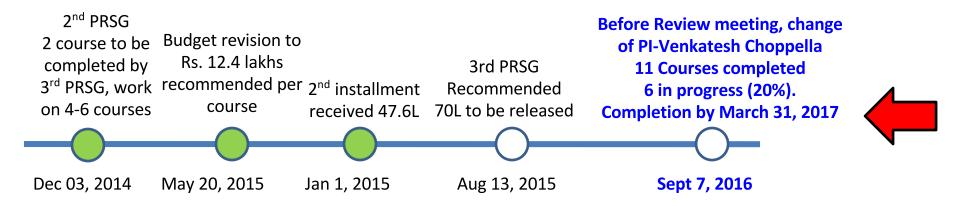
- Project Objective: Learning by Doing (LbD)
- Project Status
- Financials
- Conclusion

## LbD Model



## Phase I Timeline





## **Project Status**

Date	Milestone	Status	Recommendation
2015-08-13	3rd PRSG	9: under dev. 0: delivered	70L to be released
2016-09-07	Review Meeting	6: under dev 11: delivered Funding pending Total staff: 3 animators	

courses uploaded to eAcharya:

http://eacharya.inflibnet.ac.in/search?q=iiit+hyderabad&search-button=Search&field=dins\_name&opt= free

All delivered courses uploaded to: <a href="http://enhanceedu.iiit.ac.in/moodle/">http://enhanceedu.iiit.ac.in/moodle/</a>

## Appendix

## list of courses and Status

Delivered Courses	Courses to be delivered
Advanced Topics in Text and Web Mining	Electro Magnetic Theory
DSD Using Verilog	VLSI
Algorithms	Complexity and Advanced Algorithms
Analog Design	Design for Testability
Embedded Systems	Visual Java Development Environment
Data Mining and Data Warehousing	CAD for VLSI
Operating Systems	
Social Networking	
Introduction to e-Governance	
Topics in Embedded Systems	
Solid state Electronic Design	

## Status of courses to be delivered

Courses to be delivered	Status (%)
Electro Magnetic Theory	15%
VLSI	15%
Complexity and Advanced Algorithms	5%
Design for Testability	20%
Visual Java Development Environment	18%
CAD for VLSI	20%

## **Financials**

No.	Date	Item	Source	Amt (L)
1	2012-08	17c @ 7L/c	DPR	119.0
2	2013-08	1st installment funding		35.7
3	2015-01	2nd installment funding		47.6
4	2015-08	Renegotiated Budget 10.24L/c x 7c + 12.4L/c x 10c	2015-Aug PRSG	191.36
5	2015-08	Amount recommended for release	2015-Aug PRSG	70
		Amount to be delivered after project completion	2015-Aug PRSG	38.06
6	2016-09	Due	2015-Aug PRSG	108.06

## Conclusion

PRSG recommendation sought for:

- Immediate release of 70 lakhs as recommended during the PRSG 3 meeting on 13 August 2015
- Delivery of remaining 6 courses by Jun 2017

## Thank you



## Main Phase Project Proposal on Development of Indian Sign Language Education and Recognition Platform for Hearing Impaired Students of India

http://www.iitg.ernet.in/isl/

Submitted to

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### The Department of Higher Education

Ministry of Human Resource Development, Govt. of India



# **Project title:** Development of an Indian Sign Language Education and Recognition Platform for Hearing Impaired Students of India.

### **Objectives as per the Mission Document:**

Development of interfaces for other cognitive faculties which would also help physically challenged learners.

### **Organizing Institute:**

Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati, India.

- Principal investigator:Dr. Manas Kamal Bhuyan.<br/>Associate Professor,<br/>Department of Electronics & Electrical Engineering,<br/>Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati, Assam, India.<br/>PIN: 781039.<br/>Tel: +91-361-258-2523 (O), Fax: +91-361-2582542<br/>E-mail: <a href="mailto:mkb@iitg.ernet.in">mkb@iitg.ernet.in</a>Co-Investigator:Dr. Prabin Kumar Bora.
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### **Participating Institutes:**

Deaf and Dumb Educational Institutes/Schools of India including Ali Yavar Jung National Institute for the Hearing Handicapped, Mumbai, India. Most specifically, the institutes of its kind in the entire North-Eastern region of India are now participating in this project. Moreover, Engineering Colleges/Institutes of the North-Eastern region are now also contributing towards the goal of this project.

Project period: 36 months.

Beneficiaries: Hearing impaired/mute students of India.

#### Introduction:

Sign languages are natural languages that use different means of expression for communication in everyday life. More particularly, it is the only means of communication for the hearing impaired. Thus, it offers enhancement of communication capabilities among normal beings and provides replacement for speech among deaf and mute people. Because of these, automatic sign language recognition has attracted vision researchers for long. Several research works are going on sign language in order to make the communication between a deaf person and a normal person easy. Examples of some sign languages are the American Sign Language, the British Sign Language, the native Indian Sign Language, the Japanese Sign Language, and so on. Generally, the semantic meanings of the language components in all these sign languages differ, but there are signs with a universal syntax. For example, a simple gesture with one hand expressing 'hi' or 'goodbye' has the same meaning all over the world and in all forms of sign languages. In a sign language, the signs are generated by combinations of hand motions and finger gestures, frequently augmented with mouth movements according to the spoken language. Hand motions are distinguished from one sign to another by the spatial motion pattern, the speed, and in particular by the body parts that the signer touches at the beginning, during or at the end of a sign. In addition to the hand movement, the finger configuration during the slower parts of the hand movements also provides significant meaning to a gesture.

Sign languages are well structured languages with a phonology, morphology, syntax and grammar distinctive from spoken languages. The structure of a spoken language makes use of words linearly, *i.e.*, one after the other, whereas a sign language makes use of several body movements parallelly in the spatial as well as in temporal space. The linguistic characteristics of a sign language are different than that of spoken languages due to the existence of several components affecting the context such as the use of facial expressions and head movements in addition to the hand movements.

Some common facts regarding sign languages are as follows-

- 1. Sign languages are the pictorial representation of spoken languages.
- 2. Sign language is an integral part and an identifying feature of membership in the deaf culture.
- 3. Expressing hidden meaning is not possible in sign language.
- 4. Sign language has its own grammatical structure independent of any spoken or written languages.
- 5. The majority of deaf children are born to hearing parents and therefore do not acquire sign language as a mother tongue. They need to learn it at schools.
- 6. Minority of deaf children are born to deaf parents. They acquire sign language as a mother tongue.

7. According to some studies, children can learn sign language earlier than they can learn to speak.

### Motivation of the Project:

Sign language is very popular among the deaf community. But the people who are not deaf never try to learn the sign language for interacting with the deaf people. This becomes a cause of isolation of the deaf people. If the computer can be programmed in such a way that it can translate sign language to some speech or text format, the difference between the normal people and the deaf community can be minimized. This project is aimed to develop an automatic Indian Sign Language Education and Recognition Platform for hearing impaired student of India.

#### Goals and Objectives of the Project:

This project is aimed to develop an automatic Indian Sign Language Education and Recognition Platform for hearing impaired student of India. The system can substantially help in the primary/vocational/higher education of hearing impaired student and people of India. The framework is proposed to be extended to 14 different languages of India with extensive interactive features in the audio-visual mode.

Another important aspect of the project is that, the proposed interactive system will be able to recognize different hand/body gestures of Indian Sign Language and the system can give the interpretation of the recognized gestures in the form of some text messages displayed in the computer monitor along with audio interpretation. The same module can be used as a gesture recognition system as well as a gesture animation system and it would be quite useful in the educational process of hearing impaired/mute students of India.

The important motivation of the proposed research/project is to develop an Indian Sign Language Recognition platform for mute people. Automatic sign language recognition offers enhancement of communication capabilities for the speech and hearing impaired, promising improved social opportunities and integration.

The objective of the proposed research/project work is to build a system that uses natural gestures as a modality for recognition in the vision-based and/or glove-based setup. The focus of the proposed project is to develop a Human Computer Interaction (HCI) platform in context to Indian Sign Language. The development of a system for translating Indian sign language into spoken language would be great help for deaf as well as hearing people of our country. In a country like India there is a need of automatic sign language recognition system, which can cater the need of hearing impaired people. Unfortunately, not much research works on Indian Sign Language recognition is reported till date.

Moreover, there is no officially recognized Indian Sign Language system. The ultimate gain of the proposed system would be enormous. The student will get acquainted with a comparatively latest technology in the form of HCI. We can even think of commercialization of the research outcomes in this area.

### **Project deliverables:**

Automatic Indian Sign Language Recognition Platform for hearing impaired/mute people of India. More specifically, the system would be quite useful for the hearing impaired students of India.

### Scope of Work:

In order to pursuit the goals of the project the following points are identified as essential-

- 1. Designing the prototype of Indian sign language education and recognition system.
- 2. Gathering information regarding different regional sign languages of India.
- 3. Creating skeleton of various signs and storing them into database for an interactive online environment.
- 4. Capturing gestures by the use of hand gloves or camera.
- 5. Making the computer understand different gestures of different sign languages and animating different gestures in real time.

#### Work plan:

Following few fundamental steps have to be followed for practical implementation of the project:

- Study of wide classes/varieties of sign language all over the India: This is the most fundamental step but equally critical phase of the development. Extensive analysis/research of different sign languages of India is required for the creation of a most generalized/unique system.
- **Creation of extensive database:** This is the most crucial step of the project. Our ultimate objective is to create an audio/video database for all the sign languages of India.
- Audio/Video analysis: Audio/Video analysis is another very important aspect of developing an integrated and generalized learning methodology of sign languages.
- Generalized platform for extensive education: This is the final step of the sign language education system. The proposed interactive system will have both audio and video materials/components for proper primary/higher education for the hearing impaired students of India.
- Development of a more generalized hand gesture model and verifying the model behavior for wide classes of hand gestures: Both static and dynamic hand gestures will be considered for the development of a generalized model, where the sptiotemporal variation will be exclusively taken into consideration. Subsequently, we have to resolve some critical issues related to the continuous hand gesture recognition for fluent sign language recognition.
- Development of the hand gesture recognition algorithm: Next phase is the development/implementation of suitable image processing algorithms along with some

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### PILOT PHASE DETAILED PROJECT REPORT

The main motivation of the proposed research/project is to develop an Indian Sign Language education/recognition platform for mute people. The goal of this project was to develop a system that can substantially help in the primary/higher and/or vocational education of hearing impaired students/people of India. The framework is proposed to extend to 14 different languages with extensive interactive features in the audio-visual mode. Against each alphabet, number, word and sentence a multimedia comprising of audio and video will be played to interpret them. Moreover, there will be provision for text and animation describing the interpretation process. We have planned to add more features like provision of online courses, interactive session in sign language etc. The another important aspect is that, the system can recognize different hand gestures of Indian Sign Language in the form of some text messages displayed in the computer monitor.

The project work was divided into two major parts for the fulfillment of different demands of deaf community. The first objective was the up liftmen of deaf community in the field of education. Second one is to make the conversation between a deaf and a normal person easy even though the normal person does not have any exposure of sign language. For fulfilling the first need, an attractive GUI based audio-visual platform is being developed which will act as an Indian Sign Language Dictionary in alphabet, word and sentence level. Secondly, a functioning sign language recognition system can provide an opportunity for the deaf to communicate with non-signing people without the need for an interpreter. Recognition of a sign language is very important not only from the engineering point of view but also for its impact on the human society. A sign language recognition platform can be used to generate speech or text making the deaf more independent. Unfortunately, there has not been any system with these capabilities so far. Research has been limited to small-scale systems capable of recognizing a minimal subset of a full sign language. The reason for this is the difficulty in recognizing a full sign language vocabulary – recognition of gestures representing words and sentences undoubtedly is the most difficult problem in the context of gesture recognition research.

We received the first installment of the sanctioned amount on 14.07.2009 and as such, we could start our activities only after this. We have almost completed the first part of the project and fulfill most of the objectives of the pilot phase of the project.

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### **Plan of Action:**

#### Pilot Phase:

The pilot study was conducted in three phases which are as follows:

- Part 1: Literature Study (Study of wide varieties of Sign Language all over the India) [Completed].
- Part 2: Creation of an Extensive Database [Completed].
- Part 3: Audio/Video Analysis [Completed].

Part 4: Generalized Platform for Sign Language Education [Completed]

Future Enhancements:

Part 5: Development of Hand Gesture Recognition Module.

Part 6: Testing the Hand Gesture linterface.

Part 7: Building the Prototype Recognition System with Full Capability.

### Work Accomplished:

The pilot phase work has been completed. We have the following satisfactory outcomes after the completion of the pilot phase-

- 1. Launch of the project website.
- 2. Around 100 gestures have been recognized in a vision-based setup.
- 3. Developed some novel gesture recognition algorithms and we are getting desired accuracy by the proposed pattern recognition algorithms.
- 4. Development of an extensive sign language database and different alphabets, numbers and words have been interpreted by skillful interpreters/experts.
- 5. We are now able to access different interpreting clips against appropriate alphabets, numbers and words from the database.
- 6. Different signs have been animated to get three dimensional views of signs.
- 7. An online dictionary of signs has been prepared to provide textual representations of signs.

### **Time Schedule:**

Months from Project Start	Activity	Status
1	Deciding equipment and software specification	Completed
2	Call for Quotations	Completed
3	Ordering & procurement of items	Completed
4	Installation of Items	Completed
5	Setting up of a test bed for preliminary studies	Completed
6	Refinement of test bed setup for carrying out various experiments and R&D activities	Completed
7	Testing and improving algorithms	Partially completed
8	Full integration of software modules for field testing.	Partially completed
9-14	Documentation of Project	Partially completed

Time schedule of different activities related to the project in the pilot phase are as follows-

### **Current financial position:**

Amount sanctioned for the pilot phase: Rs. 132 Lakhs.

Amount received: Rs. 132 Lakhs

Total expenditure till date\*: Rs. 132 Lakhs

Balance amount: NIL

\* Expenditure also includes funds committed for the procurement of equipments and payment to the experts.

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**Summary of the project :** Sign language is very popular among the deaf community. But the people who are not deaf never try to learn the sign language for interacting with the deaf people. This becomes a cause of isolation of the deaf people. If the computer can be programmed in such a way that it can translate sign language to some speech or text format, the difference between the normal people and the deaf community can be minimized. This project is aimed to develop an automatic Indian Sign Language Education and Recognition Platform for hearing impaired student of India.

The objective of the proposed research/project work is to build a system that uses natural gestures as a modality for recognition in the vision-based and/or glove-based setup. The focus of the proposed project is to develop a Human Computer Interaction (HCI) platform in context to Indian Sign Language. The development of a system for translating Indian sign language into spoken language would be great help for deaf as well as hearing people of our country. In a country like India there is a need of automatic sign language recognition system, which can cater the need of hearing impaired people. Unfortunately, not much research works on Indian Sign Language recognition is reported till date.

Year	Activity	Status
2009- 2010	Deciding equipment and software specifications, Setting up of a test bed for preliminary studies, Refinement of test bed setup for carrying out various experiments and R&D activities	Completed
2011	Development of Indian Sign Language Education platform	Completed
2012	Development of Data Glove for HCl, and recognition of gestures in a vision-based setup	Completed
2013	Full integration of software modules for field testing, Documentation of Intermediate results of the project	Completed The project had also won the National Award for best applied research and technological innovation. Video Link: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7e65nRCMMMM
2014	Development of a complete gesture recognition platform, application of this frame of for sign language recognition, extension of the proposed method for recognizing sign languages of 14 languages of India.	<b>Not Completed</b> as the main phase of the project is not sanctioned till date. We don't have fund to continue the project, and the financial constraints bring this project to a standstill.
2015	Development of gesture animation framework for Indian Sign Language	<b>Not Completed</b> as the main phase of the project is not sanctioned till date. We don't have fund to continue the project, and the financial constraints bring this project to a standstill.

#### Deliverables (year-wise), as mentioned in DPR:

#### Deliverables achieved so far with details of the work done by the project team

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We completed the first part of the project and fulfilled the most of the objectives of the pilot phase of the project.

#### The outcomes of the project, as stated in DPR contributing to mission objective

Till now the pilot phase work has been completed. We have the following satisfactory outcomes after the completion of the pilot phase-

- 1. Launch of educational portal for web learning of Indian Sign Language and development of a new laboratory for HCI research.
- 2. More than hundred gestures have been recognized in vision-based and glove-based setup.
- 3. We are getting desired efficiency in pattern recognition with the help of novel gesture recognition algorithms developed.
- 4. Video clips, audio descriptions, a few animations and text descriptions of different signs are made available.
- 5. Different signs have been animated in three dimensional views to provide a clearer picture of signs.
- 6. A dictionary of signs is prepared to provide user a textual description of signs.

#### The outcomes of the project as achieved on date, with impact assessment done, if any.

The research work so far provides a web-based interactive system for Indian Sign Language Education and Recognition.

We have a developed a system for hand Gesture Recognition. More than 350 signs (hand gestures) have been recognized by the computer in a Human Computer Interactive environment. A sign displayed in front of a camera or performed by using a data gloves can be processed by a computer to give textual description of the sign. So far, we have come out with the real-time recognition of alphabets, numbers (fingertips detection both single-handed and double-handed) and some words. The main objective of this part of the research/project is the elimination of social isolation of the deaf community by recognizing hand gestures/signs. Recognition of gestures would establish an interaction between a normal person (who may be unaware of Indian sign language) and a deaf person, which may be feasible in near future.

Additionally, we have developed a web-based portal for extensive Indian sign language education. This part of the research is currently supported by MHRD, Govt. of India under National Mission for Education through ICT [http://www.iitg.ernet.in/isl/]. The database driven web portal avails a learning platform of Indian sign language. The on-line system provides video, audio, animation and textual description of each of the signs of Indian sign language. Further, many features (e.g., search option) that enhance interactivity are also incorporated in the system. So far, signs of alphabets, numbers, different words and sentences have been uploaded in the developed website. With a single click on a particular word, a user can access the corresponding video clip, audio description, animation clip and finally the textual description of the sign. Description of a sign in different modes eliminates the difficulty in learning and makes a sign easily understandable. Hearing-impaired people as well as the normal one can easily interact with this user friendly e-learning interactive environment. This will significantly reduce the communication gap between the hearing impaired/mute people and the normal people.

Additionally, our research work is also boosting an important research in the field of Gesture Recognition as it covers key issues like Human Computer Interaction and Virtual Realities which is still a blur picture for many researchers particularly for Indian researchers working in this domain.

As explained earlier, the important aspect of the developed system is that, the computer can recognize different hand gestures of Indian sign language in the form of some text messages displayed in the computer monitor. Following few fundamental steps were implemented for practical implementation of the developed system:

(A) Indian Sign Language Recognition System:

 Development of a more generalized hand gesture model and verifying the model behavior for wide classes of hand gestures: Both static and dynamic hand gestures are considered for the development of a generalized model, where the sptio-temporal variations are exclusively taken into consideration. Subsequently, I have resolved some critical issues related to the continuous hand gesture recognition for fluent sign language recognition.

• Development of the hand gesture recognition algorithm: Next phase is the development/implementation of suitable Image Processing/Computer Vision algorithms along with some advanced pattern recognition modules. Subsequently, codes (Open CV) were developed for the selected/developed algorithms to implement it in a real-time and complex scenario.

• **Testing the hand gesture interface:** Data gloves are designed and subsequently, used for gesture recognition. The interface was tested until it is error-free.

• Building the prototype recognition and animation system with full capability: Field testing and improving different algorithms are done for successful implementation in a real-time error free automatic recognition platform. Around 350 gestures have been recognized in a vision-based as well as glove-based setup. Gesture animation system was subsequently developed by measuring

different parameters of the hand and fingers from a gesture video. This module was implemented in the software platform of Open CV and Open GL.

• **Final product:** Finally, all the hardware and software modules are assembled for a more generalized Indian Sign Language Recognition and Education System. We are now planning to hand over the developed software module to some government agencies for possible deployment in the Deaf and Dumb Schools of India.

(B) Indian Sign Language Education System:

- Study of wide classes/varieties of sign language all over the India: This is the most fundamental step but equally critical phase of the development. Extensive analysis/research of different sign languages of India has been done for the creation of a most generalized/unique system.
- Creation of extensive database: An audio/video database for Indian sign language is created. Audio/Video analysis is another very important aspect of developing an integrated and generalized learning methodology of a sign language. This part of the research is currently supported by MHRD, Govt. of India under National Mission for Education through ICT [http://www.iitg.ernet.in/cet/homepage.htm].
- Audio/Video analysis: Generalized platform for extensive education: This is the final step of the sign language education system. The proposed interactive system has enough audio and video materials/components for extensive education of primary/high school standard hearing impaired students of India.

Some of the results of the entire developed system are highlighted in Figs. 2 – 8.

### INDIAN SIGN LANGUAGE RECOGNITION IN A VISION-BASED SETUP





II Hand

IV Hand

V Hand



Cartridge



Bridge

Friend



High



Mid day



Oath



*Fig. 2: Some hand gestures of Indian Sign Language which are recognized by the proposed system.* 

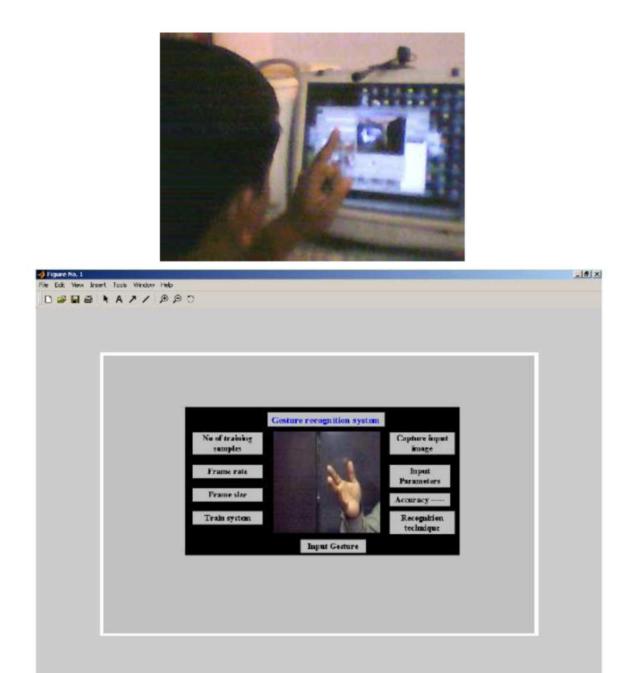
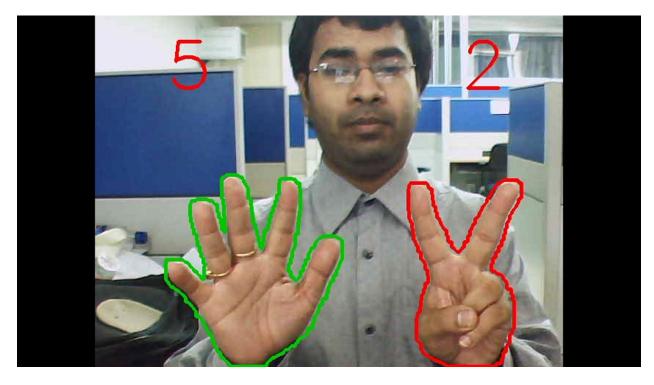
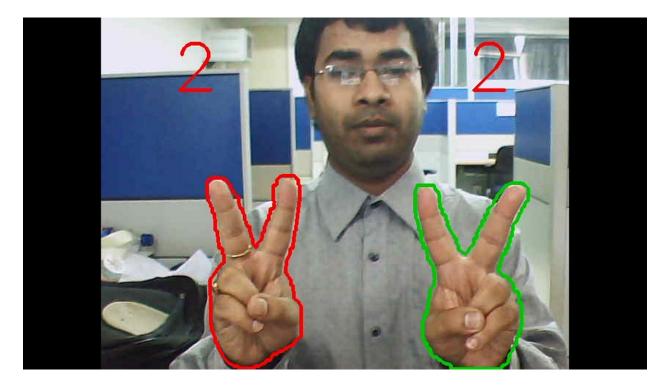


Fig. 3: The developed HCI system for vision-based gesture recognition.



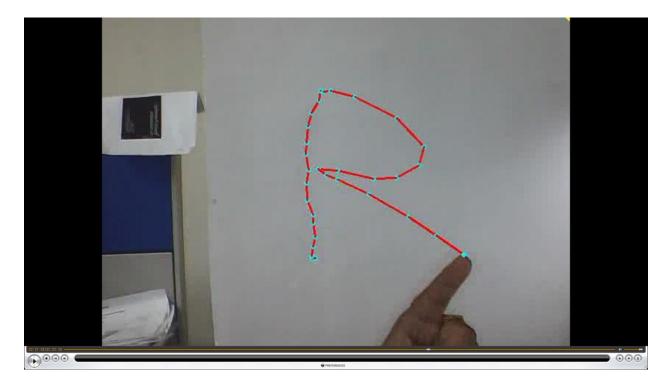
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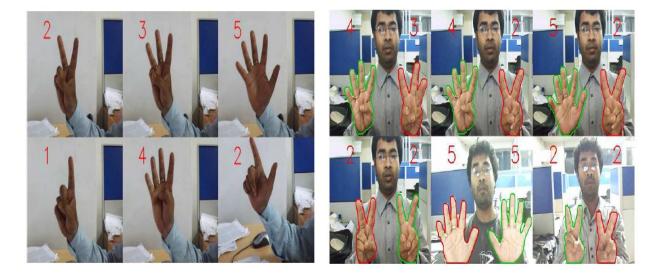


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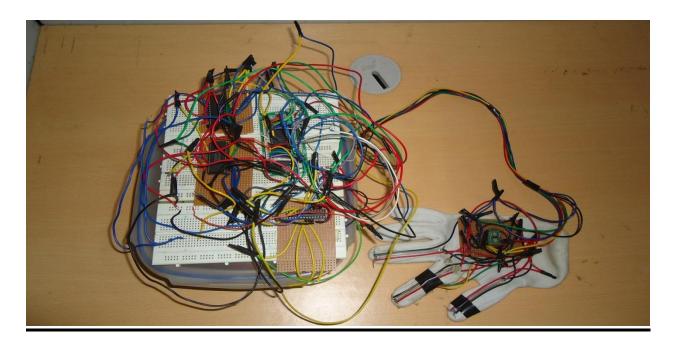


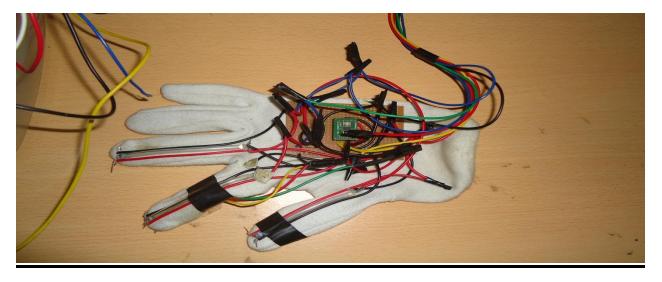
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Fig. 4 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f): Real-time gesture recognition (single and two-handed gestures) in a vision-based setup.

# INDIAN SIGN LANGUAGE RECOGNITION IN A GLOVE-BASED SETUP

### **DESIGNING OF DATA GLOVES**





*Fig. 5: Data-Gloves for two hands are designed for Indian Sign Language recognition.* 



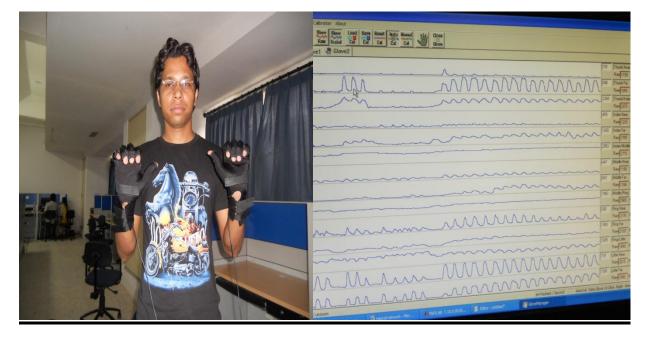


Fig. 6: Real-time Indian Sign Language recognition in a Glove-based setup.

### **GESTURE ANIMATION FRAMEWORK**

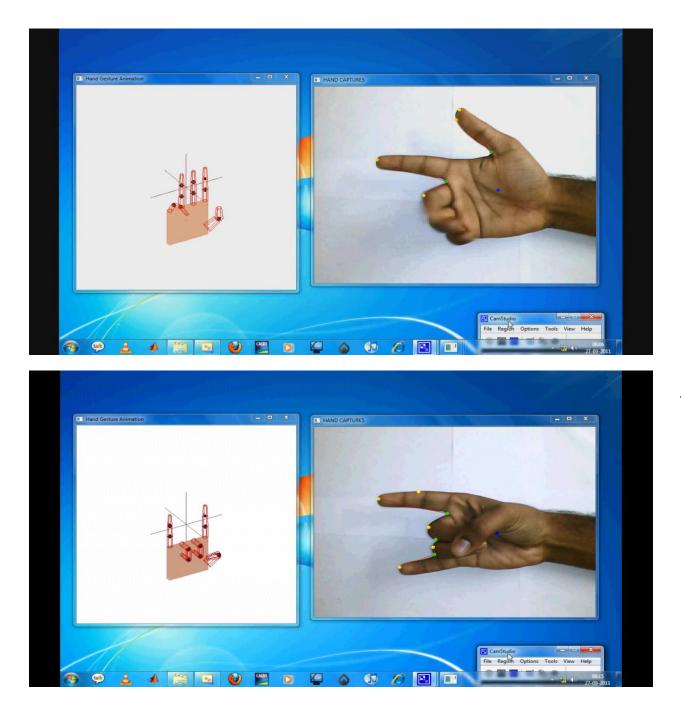


Fig. 7: Indian Sign Language animation framework.

### INDIAN SIGN LANGUAGE EDUCATION PLATFORM

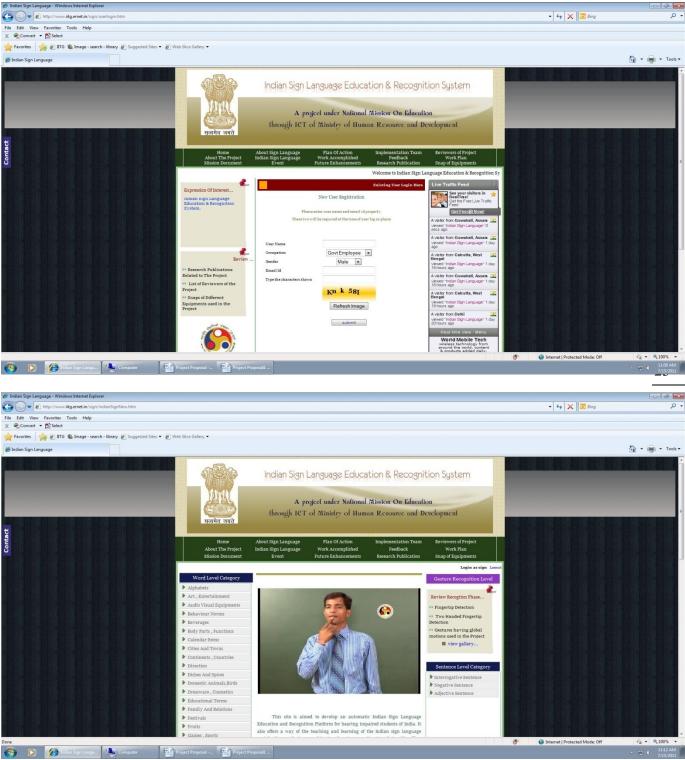


Fig. 8: Indian sign language education platform.

### Demonstration and Validation (Test by users)

The developed Indian sign Language Recognition and Education platform was demonstrated in few deaf and dumb schools of India. Furthermore, the developed system was evaluated and validated by some domain experts. Students of some deaf and dumb schools of North Eastern Region of India used the web-based learning system of Indian Sign Language and they found the system totally informative and reliable in understanding signs *i.e.*, sign language education. Also, they were able to make the computer to map their gestures into corresponding text by signing in front of a camera and/or by using a data gloves. Following workshops [*http://www.iitg.ernet.in/isl/*] were conducted for intermediate project evaluation and validation of the proposed system for the pilot phase of the project.

#### Workshops

 Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati, India: A workshop at IIT Guwahati was conducted during the month of November, 2011. Mr. Tomohire Morakomi, Inspec Inc., Japan and Yuji Iwahori, Professor, Dept. of Computer Science, Chubu University, Japan attended the workshop. Dr. Arun Banik, Director, National Center for Disability Studies, IGNOU from New Delhi also participated the workshop and delivered a lecture on Assistive Technology for disables. Another workshop was conducted in the month of December, 2011 for verification and validation of the developed online education system. Dr. Arun Banik (Director, NCDS, IGNOU) and Ms Indira Indira Ghosh (ISL Interpreter, AYjNIHH, Kolkata) attended the workshop.

#### 2. National Institute for Hearing Handicapped, Kolkata, India:

The implementation team visited National Institute for Hearing Handicapped (NIHH), Kolkata for a demonstration of the project from 29<sup>th</sup> May, 2012 to 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2012. During this workshop, a discussion was carried out with the professional sign language interpreters for validating the developed Indian Sign Language database. Additionally, real time class room teaching methodology for hearing impaired students were recorded and included in the developed portal to highlight the requirement of an online sign language education system.

The developed Human Computer Interactive System works perfectly and was tested by some domain experts of India and abroad. Following few domain experts are listed in this regard, who closely inspected/validated the developed system and gave their valuable comments.

- Prof. Arun Banik, Director, National Center for Disability Studies, IGNOU, New Delhi, India.
- Prof. Vinod Kumar, Professor, Dept. of Electrical Engineering, IIT-Roorkee, India.
- Prof. Yuji Iwahori, Professor, Dept. of Computer Science and Engineering, Chubu University, Japan.
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- Dr. A. K. Sinha Asst. Director, Ali Yavar Jung National Institute for Hearing Handicapped, Kolkata, India.
- Mr. Amit Samal Master Trainer of Indian Sign Language, Ali Yavar Jung National Institute for Hearing Handicapped, Kolkata, India.
- Indira Ghosh Indian sign Language Coordinator/Interpreter, Ali Yavar Jung National Institute for Hearing Handicapped, Kolkata, India.
- Mr. Gopal Narayan Dwibedi Indian Sign Language Interpreter, Meerut, India.
- Mr. Kshirasindhu Saraf Hearing impaired student, Ali Yavar Jung National Institute for Hearing Handicapped, Kolkata, India.

### **Social Impact**

The project so far provides a web-based interactive system of Indian Sign Language Education and Recognition. Currently, extensive research is going on in the field of gesture recognition. However, there still remain significant problems that need to be solved in gesture recognition, especially in sign language recognition.

The database driven web portal avails a learning platform of Indian Sign Language. The on-line system provides video, audio, animation and textual description of each of the signs of Indian Sign Language. Further, many features (*e.g.*, search option) that enhance interactivity are also incorporated in the system. So far, signs of alphabets, numbers, and different words have been uploaded in the website. With a single click on a particular word, a user can access the corresponding video clip, audio description, animation clip and finally the textual description of the sign. Description of a sign in different modes eliminates the difficulty in learning and makes a sign easily understandable. Hearing-impaired people as well as the normal one can easily interact with this user friendly e-learning interactive environment. This will significantly reduce the communication gap between the hearing impaired/mute people and the normal people.

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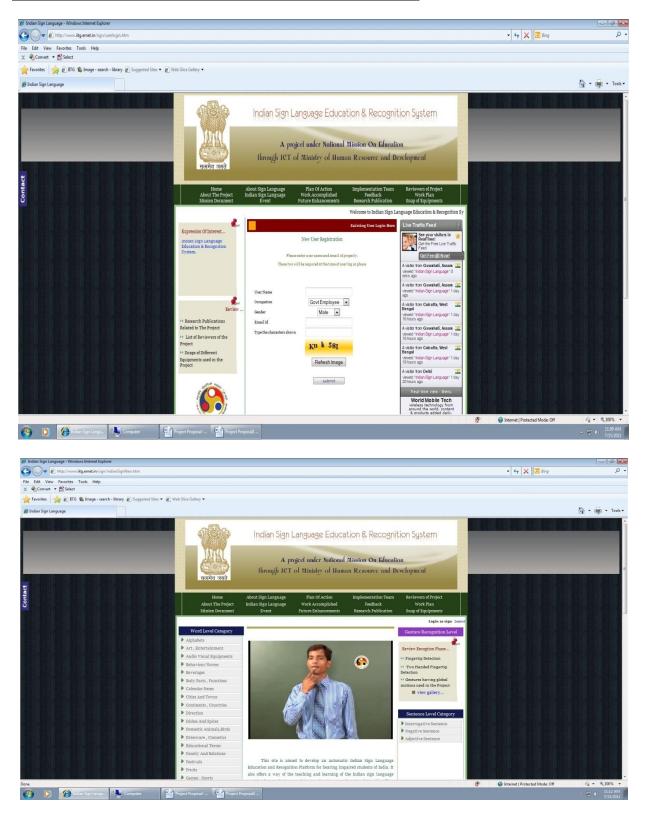
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SL. No.	Item	Population (Approx.)	Expense (Rs)	Expense/person (Rs)
1	Deaf people in India	11,00,000	130,00,000	11.80
2	Normal people in India	120,90,93,422	130,00,000	0.01 (approx.)
Total		1210193422	130,00,000	0.01 (approx.)

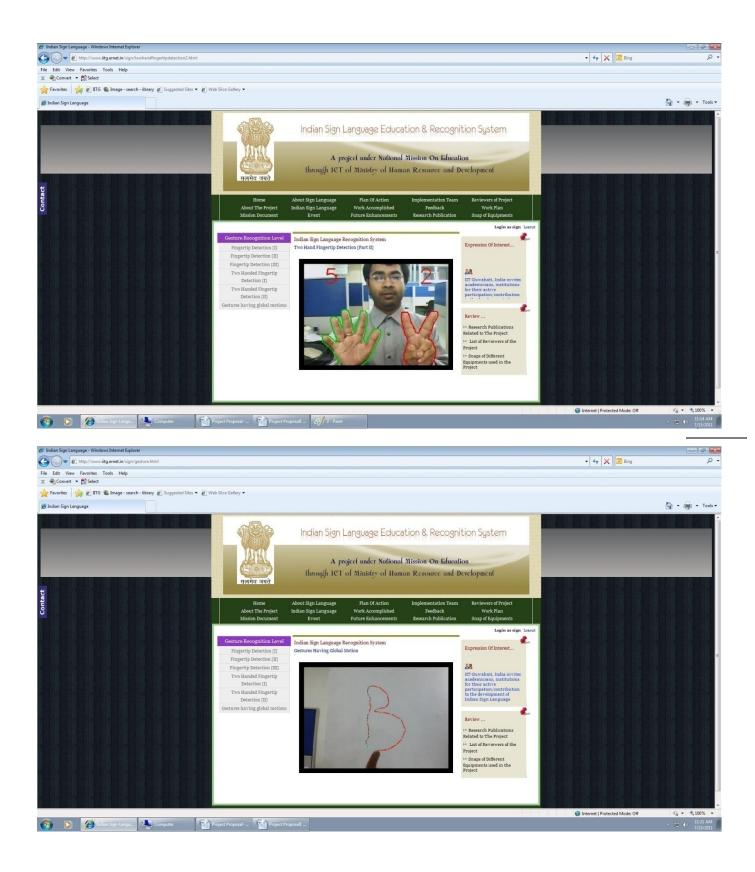
### **Cost Benefit Analysis**

### List of publications related to the developed system:

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### System Development under Pilot Phase of the project



### MAIN PHASE PROJECT PROPOSAL

#### **Future Enhancements:**

After completion of the pilot phase, we are left with many challenging activities for the successful completion of the project. The activities that have to be completed to get the full outcome of the proposed project are as follows.

- 1. Recognition of hand gestures using Data Gloves to bring more efficiency.
- 2. Converting different signs to textual form displayed on the computer screens to minimize the difficulties in communication with the deaf community.
- 3. To develop an HCI system so that people can interact with the computer directly without the need of mouse, keyboard, joystick or any other input device.
- 4. Character level, Word level, Sentence level, Paragraph level and finally different course level interpretations are to be implemented.
- 5. An audio track is to be merged with each sign clips to depict the steps to signing.
- 6. Interactive session in sign language will be launched.
- 7. Enhancement in the form of research in Virtual Reality.
- 8. Development of a complete animated platform.
- 9. Deployment of the developed system in the Deaf and Dumb Schools of India.

Work Plan:

- 1. Creation of extensive database: This is the most crucial step of the project. Our ultimate objective is to create an audio/video database for all the sign languages of India.
- 2. Audio/Video analysis: Audio/Video analysis is another very important aspect of developing an integrated and generalized learning methodology of sign languages.
- 3. Generalized platform for extensive education: This is the final step of the sign language education system. The proposed interactive system will have both audio and video materials/components for proper primary/higher education for the hearing impaired students of India.
- 4. Development of a more generalized hand gesture model and verifying the model behavior for wide classes of hand gestures: Both static and dynamic hand gestures will be considered for the development of a generalized model, where the sptio-temporal variation will be

exclusively taken into consideration. Subsequently, we have to resolve some critical issues related to the continuous hand gesture recognition for fluent sign language recognition.

- 5. **Development of the hand gesture recognition algorithm:** Next phase is the development/implementation of suitable image processing algorithms along with some advanced pattern recognition modules. Subsequently, codes are to be developed for the selected/developed algorithms to implement it in a real time and complex scenario.
- 6. Testing the hand gesture interface: The interface is to be tested until it is error-free.
- 7. **Complete animation setup:** It is proposed to develop an interactive animated system for sign language education.
- 8. Research on Virtual Reality: Extensive research on this emerging research area for possible deployment in sign language education system.
- 9. **Building the prototype recognition system with full capability:** Field testing and improving different algorithms for successful implementation in a real-time error free automatic recognition platform.
- 10. **Final product:** Assembling all the hardware and software modules for a sophisticated Indian Sign Language Education and Recognition System and handling over the software module to MHRD for possible deployment in the Deaf and Dumb Schools of India.

### Budget proposed for the main phase: 429.41 Lakhs

### Budget estimates (Summary): 459.41 Lakhs

	Items	Total (Rs.)
Α.	Recurring	
	1.Salaries/wages	70.60 Lakhs
	2. Consumables	25.00 Lakhs
	3. Travel	30.00 Lakhs
	4. Conf. & workshop	55.00 Lakhs
	5. Other cost	22.36 Lakhs
	(Contingencies)	
В.	Equipment	230.65 Lakhs
C.	Honorarium to investigators/Domain Experts/PRSG	25.8 Lakhs
	members	459.41 Lakhs
	Grand total (A+B+C)	

### Notes:

- 1. Eight research associates/scientists will be needed to carry out some of the experimental works involving design and testing.
- Equipment consists of high-end systems for Image/Video Processing, Servers, Workstations, equipment for virtual reality applications, PCs, Printers, Scanners, Photocopiers, Video Conferencing facilities at multiple campuses, consoles and other audio-video equipment, animation platform including related software, magnetic sensors for tracking

systems, setup of servers, computers and the installation of related software, Magnetic sensors for tracking systems, Set up of servers, computers and installation of software in different nodal centers (*e.g.,* Deaf and Dumb educational institutes) of the project.

- 3. Travel includes attending conferences /workshops/seminars (national and international) to present and discuss about research findings from the project and gaining knowledge regarding latest advancements in the related area. Furthermore, for data collections of Indian Sign Language and for the interactions with the deaf/dumb students, we have to visit different places of India. Finally, I am planning to visit some of the deaf and dumb institutes of India to demonstrate the developed system. Subsequently, I would like to train some of the teachers/volunteers to use the system more effectively. Also, the budget includes the cost of holding PRSG meetings.
- 4. Contingency is needed to buy books/periodicals to keep abreast of latest developments in the area of research.
- 5. Some very sophisticated equipment like very high end computing systems, sophisticated data acquisition systems etc. are needed for design, implementation and testing of proposed Indian Sign Language interface system. The cost includes transport, insurance and installation charges.
- 6. Expenditure related to the Conference & Workshop includes organization of some conference/workshop/symposia related to Sign Language Recognition in the national/international level. We are planning to involve deaf/dumb students of India in this process of knowledge/information sharing.
- 7. Travel expenditure related to visiting different states for data collection while developing the platform for 14 regional languages.

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# **Project Deliverables**

Automatic Indian Sign Language Recognition and Education Platform for hearing impaired/mute people of India. More specifically, the system would be quite useful for the hearing impaired students of India.

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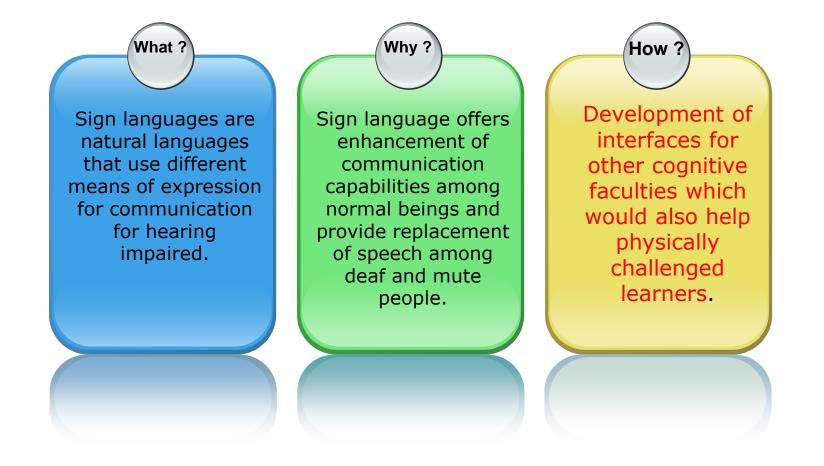
Ali Yavar Jung National Institute for the Hearing Handicapped, Mumbai, India.

Deaf and Dumb Educational Institutes/Schools of North-Eastern region of India. Organizing Institute Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati, India.

# **OBJECTIVE & MOTIVATION**

- This project is aimed to develop an Indian Sign Language Education and Recognition Platform for hearing impaired student of India. The system can substantially help in the primary/vocational/higher education of hearing impaired student and people of India.
- The important motivation of the project is to develop an Indian Sign Language Recognition platform for mute people. Automatic sign language recognition offers enhancement of communication capabilities for the speech and hearing impaired, promising improved social opportunities and integration.
- The objective of the research is to build a system that uses natural gestures as a modality for recognition in the vision-based and/or glove-based setup. The focus of the proposed project is to develop a Human Computer Interaction (HCI) platform in context to Indian Sign Language.
- Objectives as per the Mission Document: Development of interfaces for other cognitive faculties which would also help physically challenged learners.

# Sign Language



# Goals

### Education

- Education for the deaf community.
- Development of different courses for education of hearing impaired students.
- Development a complete animated platform for extensive sign language education.

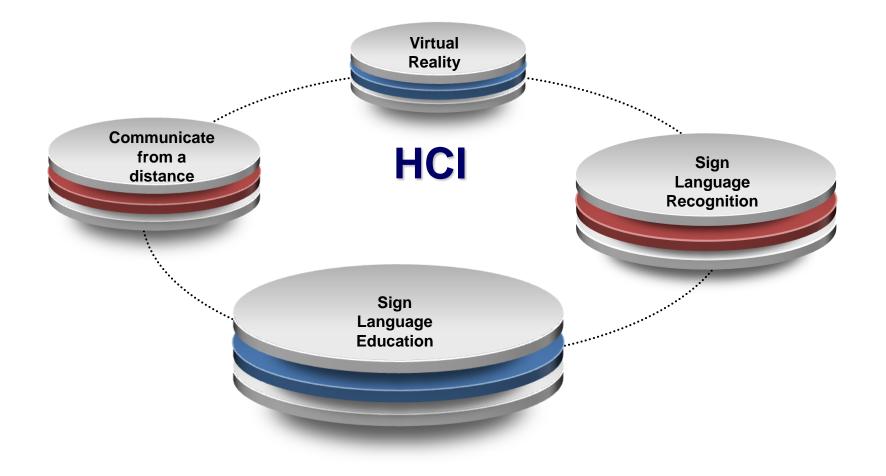
### Interface

- Enabling the physically challenged students to interact with computer.
- HCI interface for Indian Sign Language.
- Recognition in the vision-based and the glove-based setup.
- Translating gesture into some spoken language.

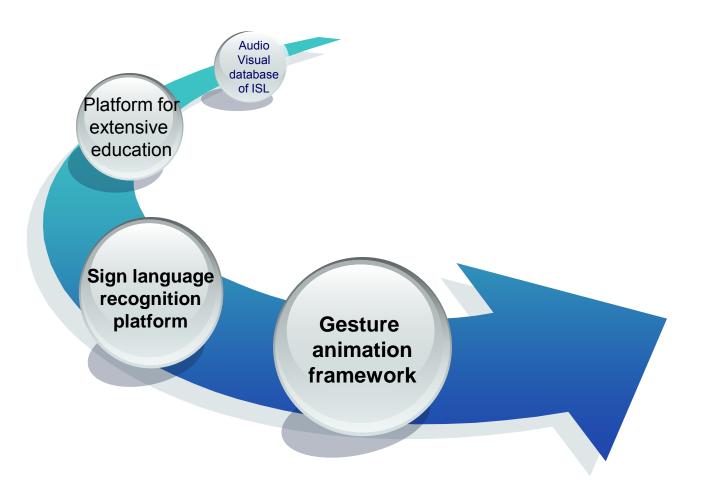
### Applications

- Research on Virtual Reality for possible deployment in sign language education.
- Extension of the scope of the project for Indian classical dance education
- Deployment of the proposed system in some selected schools/institutes of India.

# **Project Goals and Scopes**



# Work Plan



# Work Plan

### Pilot Phase (Completed)

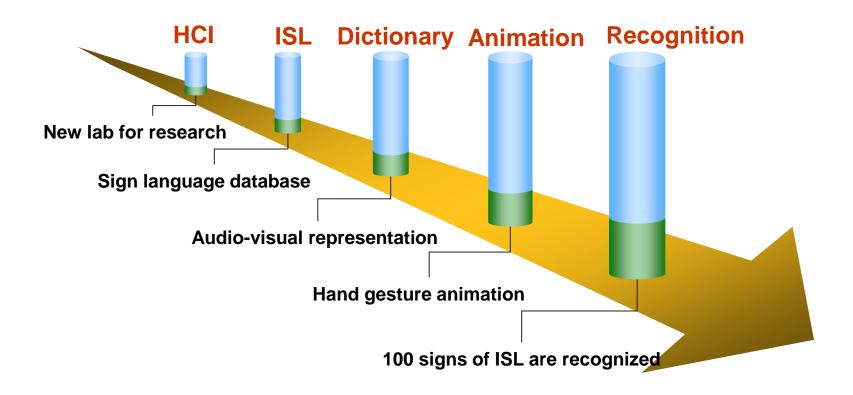
- Literature study of ISL
- Creation of an extensive database
- Audio/Video analysis
- Generalized platform for sign language education
- Recognition of hand gestures

### Main Phase

Development of full gesture recognition module

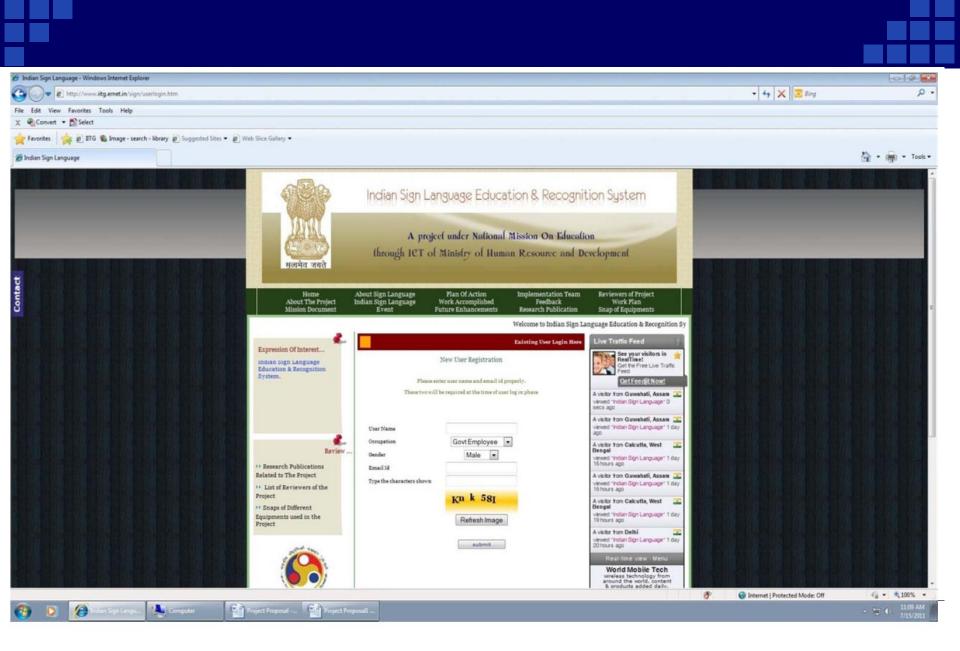
- Gesture animation system
- Building the prototype recognition system
- Extension related to Indian classical dance education

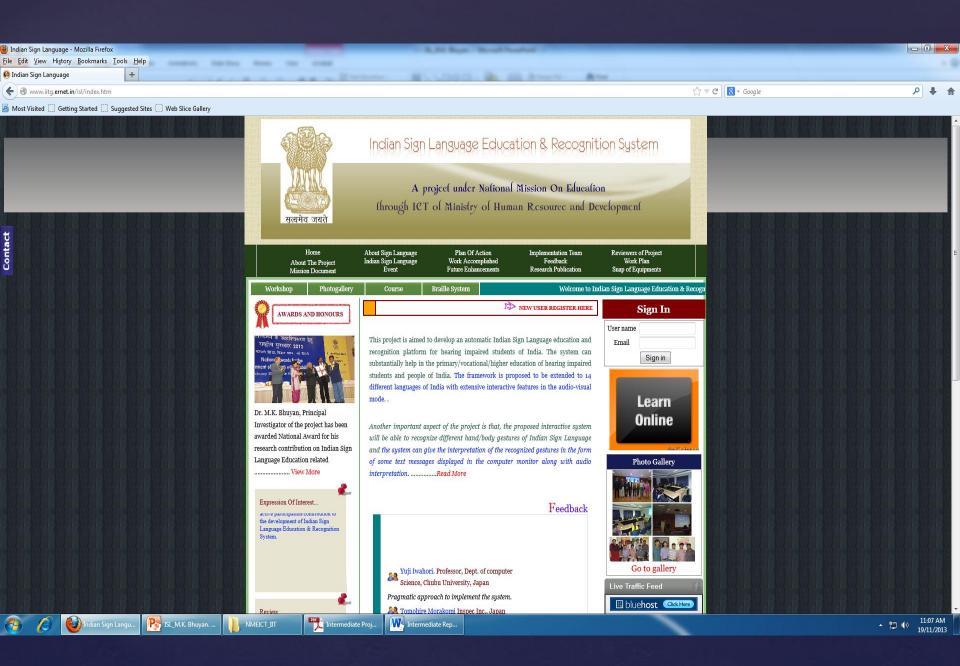
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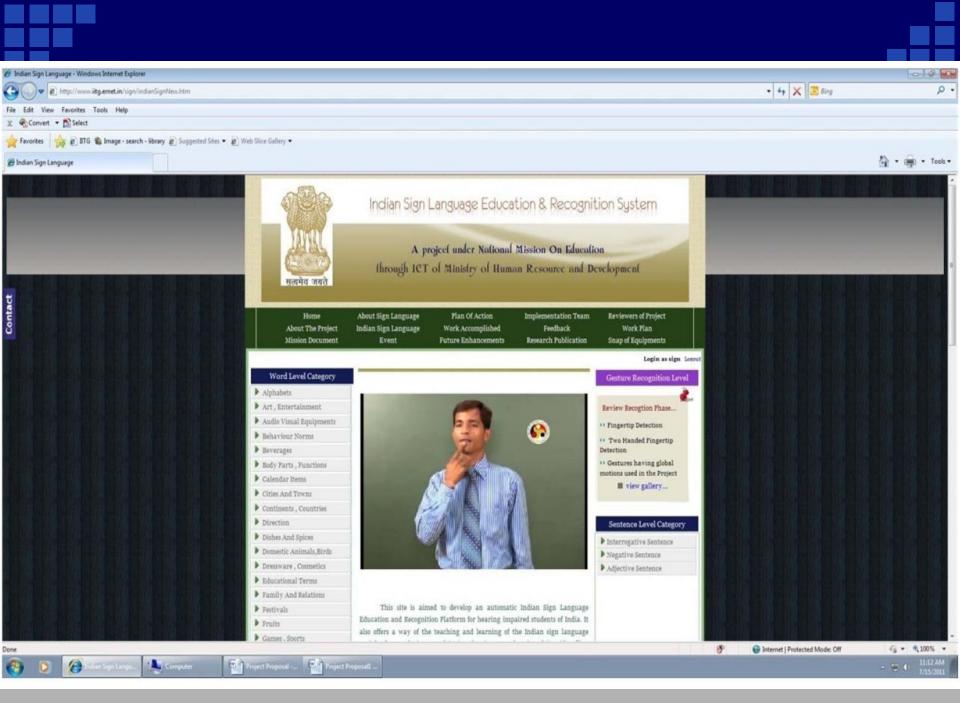


# **Indian Sign Language Education**









# Indian Sign Language Recognition System

Roadmap for development and validation

### Fundamental Research

Extensive research for the development of a versatile Human Computer Interface.

### Building Commercial Prototype

Development of a prototype system for testing.

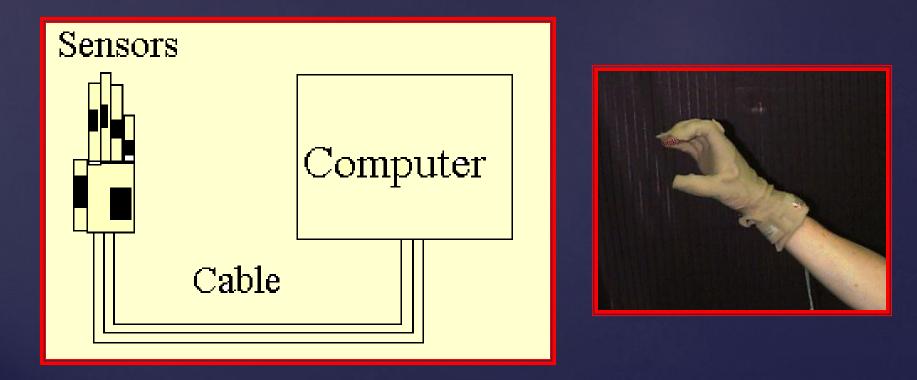
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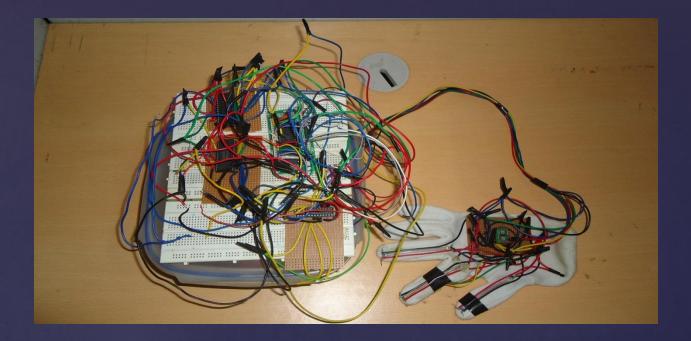
Testing of the proposed system by deaf and dumb students and subsequent improvement of the system.

### Deployment

Deployment in deaf and dumb institutes of India and handing over the complete setup to MHRD, Government of India for possible deployment and commercialization.

# Data Gloves



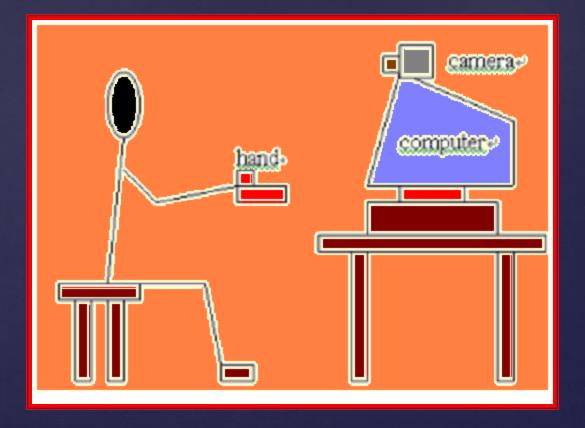






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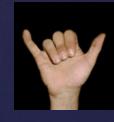




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Some Static Gestures (ASL) http://where.com/scott.net/asl/abc.html



Chair



He has lost it



Open the door



He has forgotten it





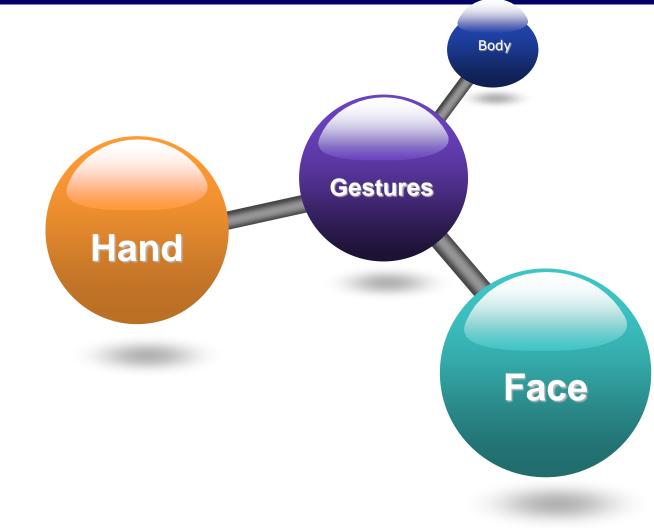
Listen to it

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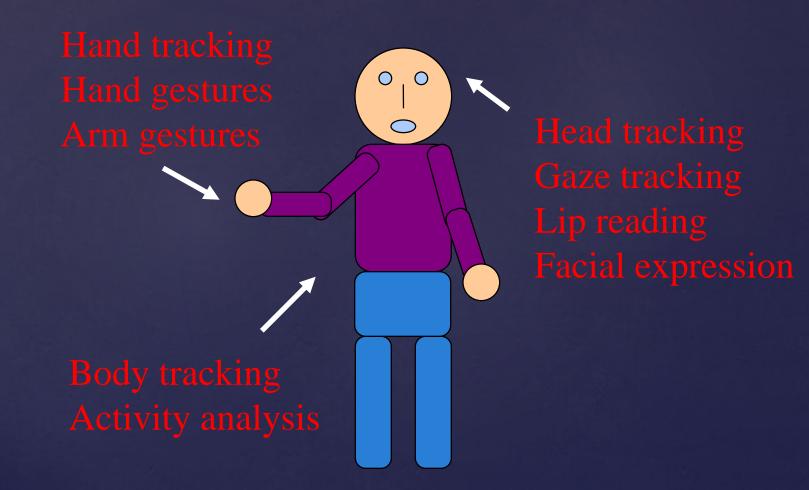
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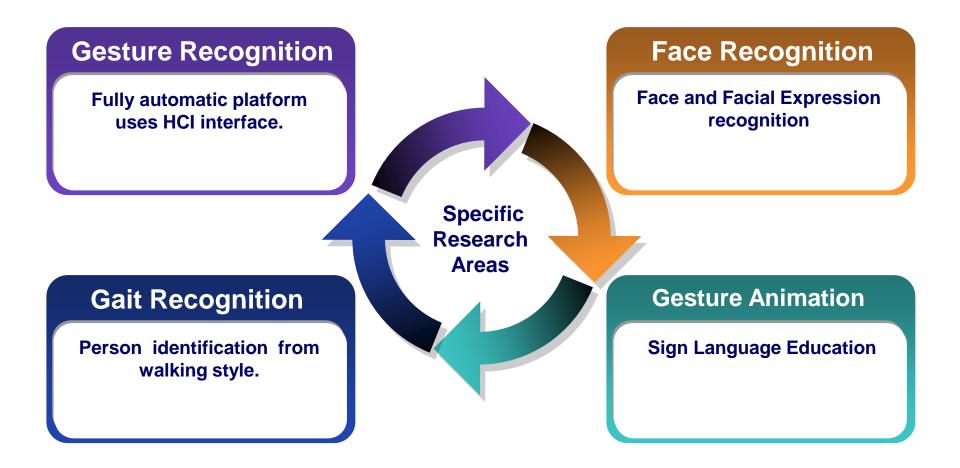
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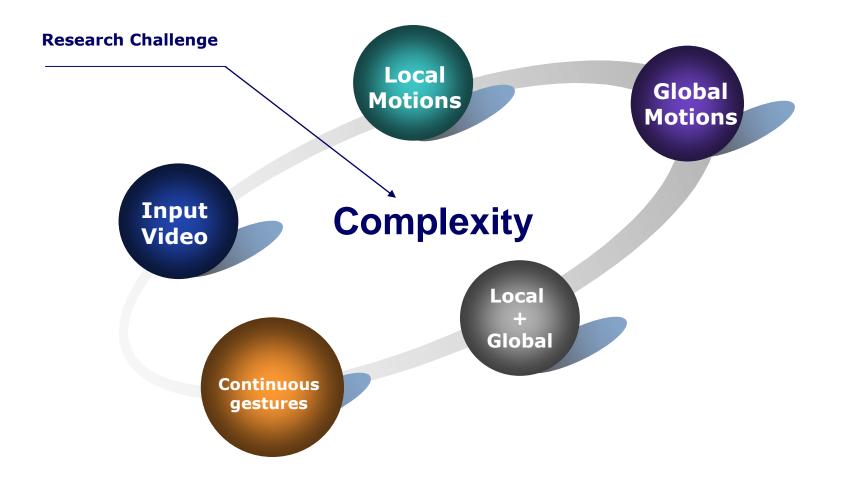
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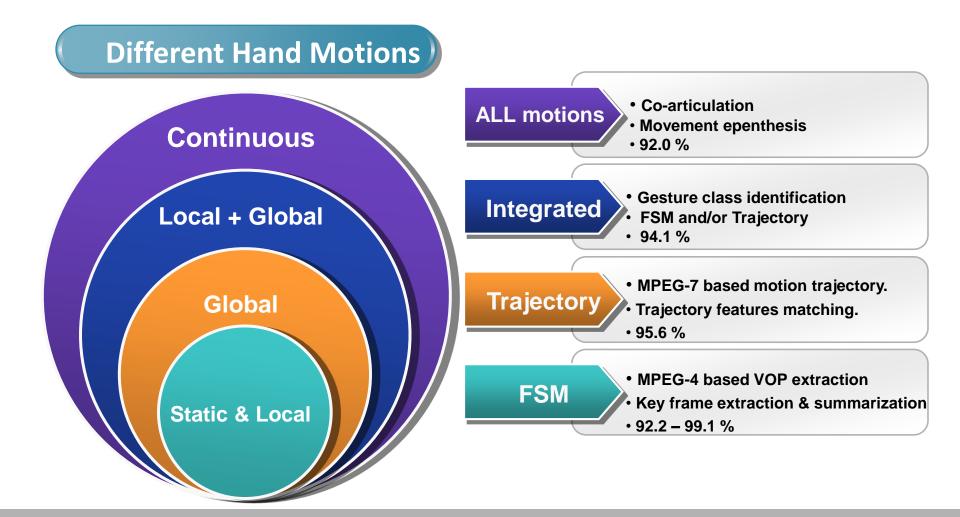
#### Specific Research Areas for Sign Language Recognition



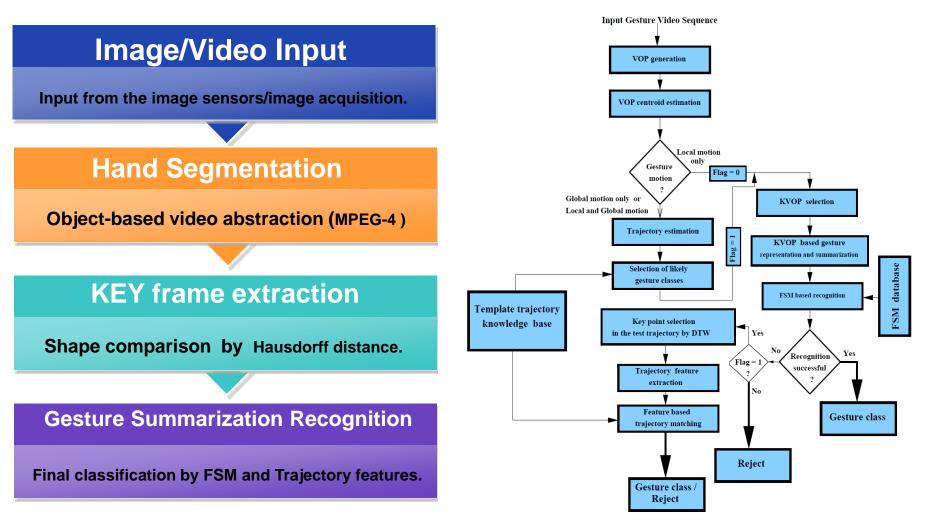
# **Gesture Recognition System**



#### **Proposed Gesture Recognition System**



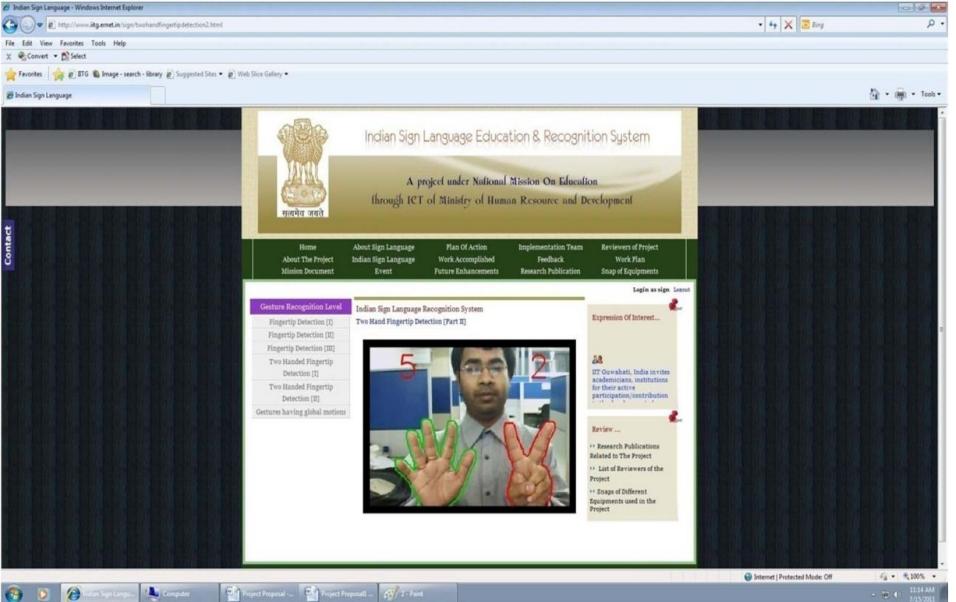
#### **Proposed System**



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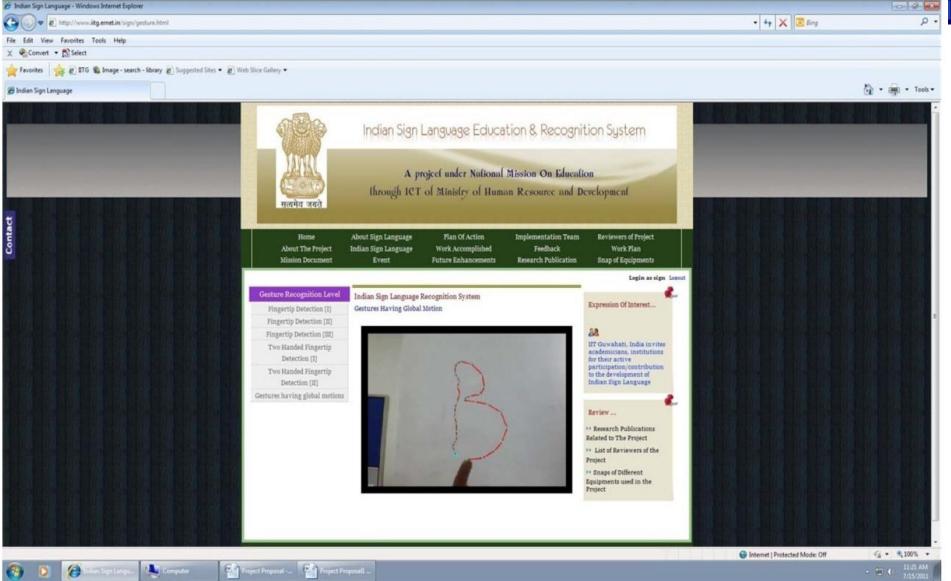


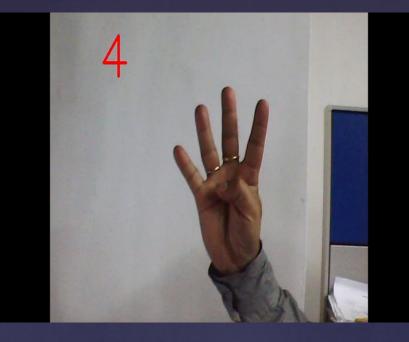






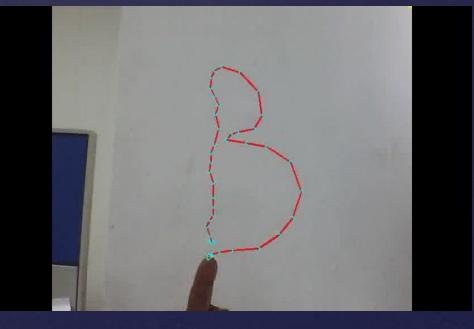




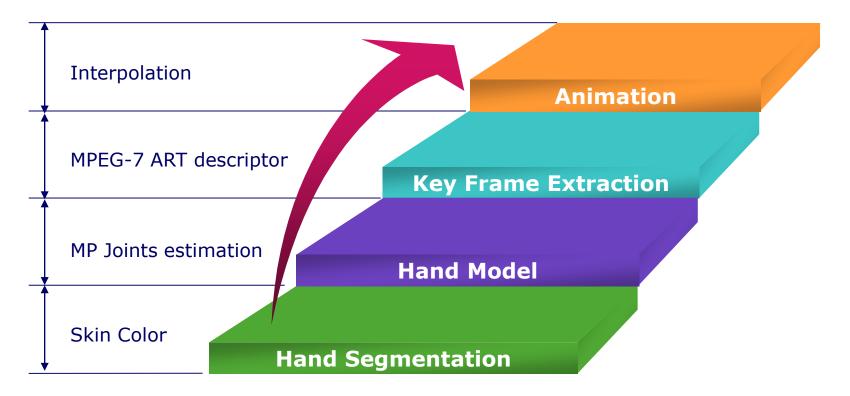








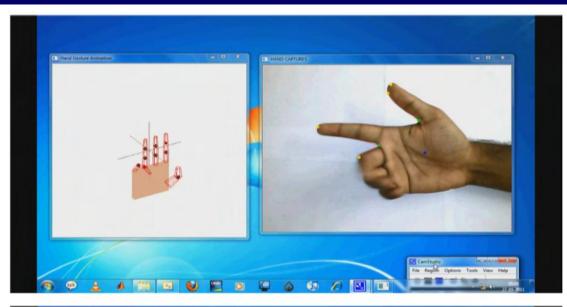
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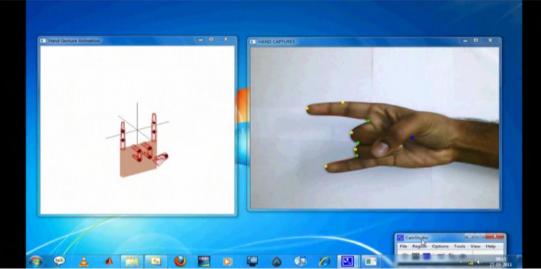


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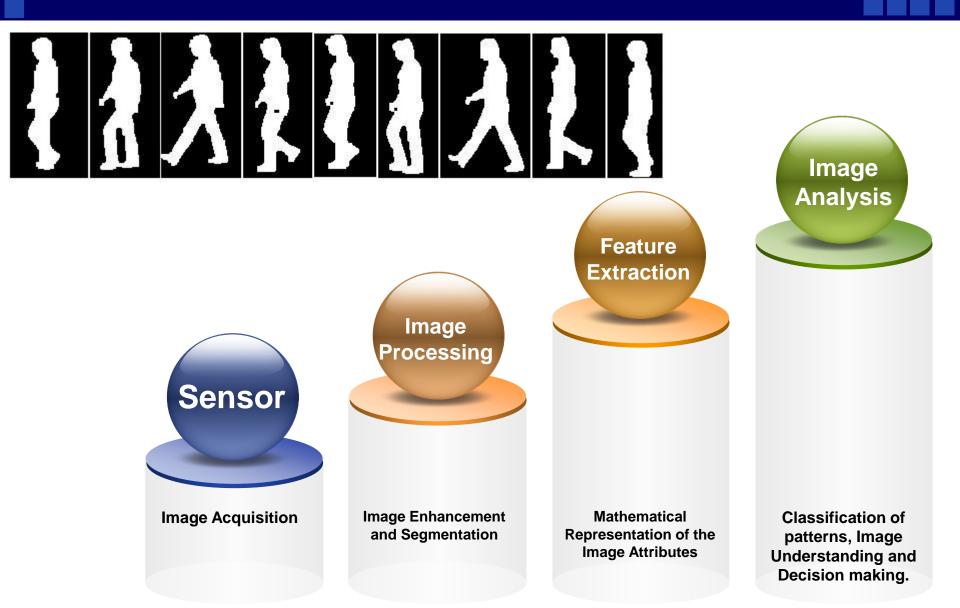
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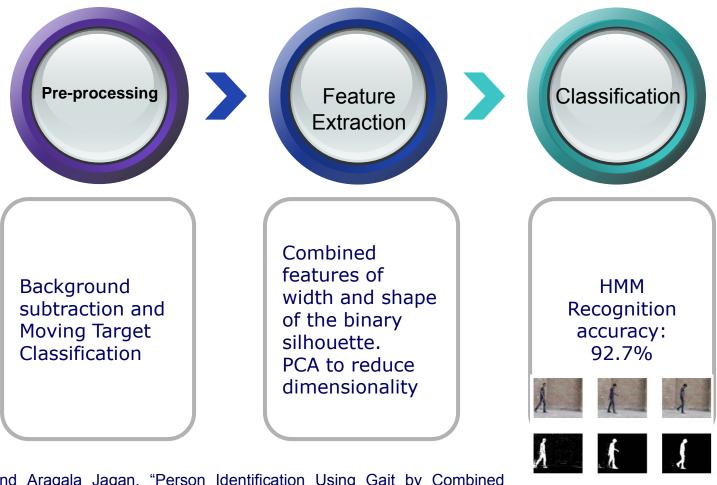




#### **Gait Recognition**



#### **Proposed System**



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#### **Facial Expression Recognition**



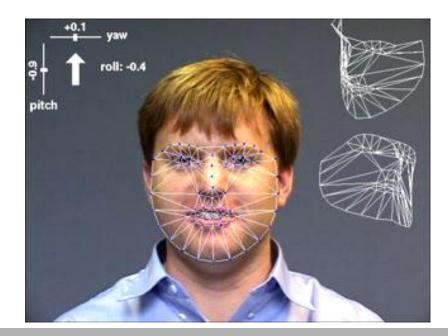




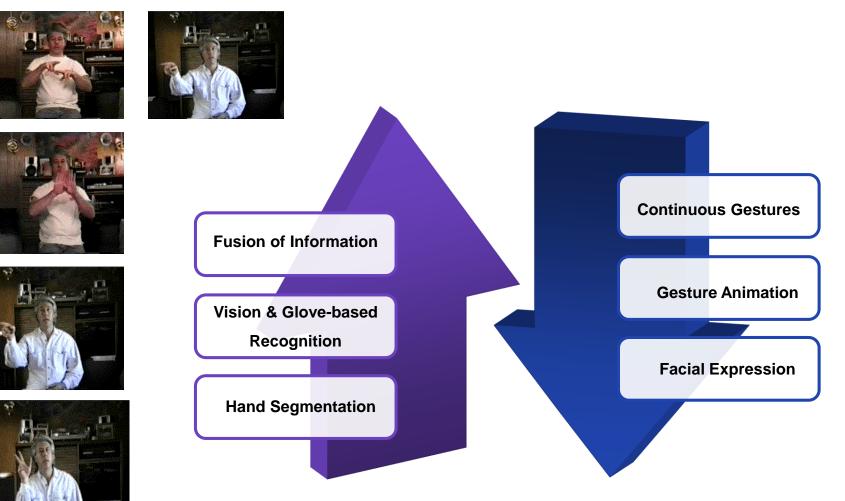






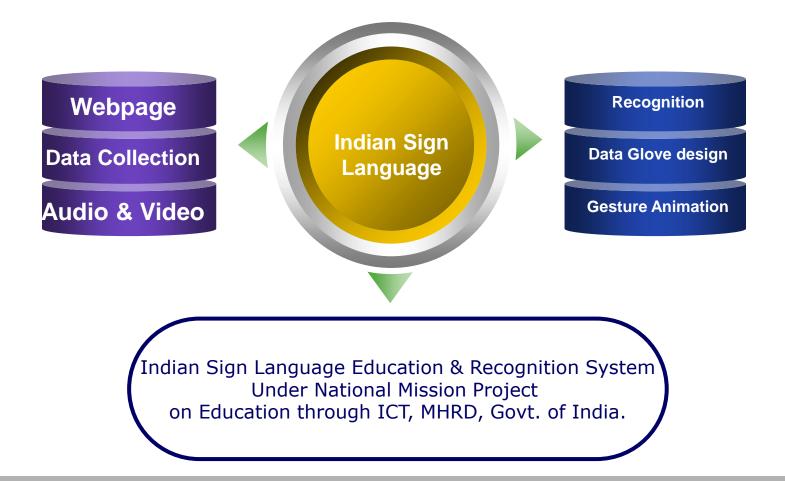


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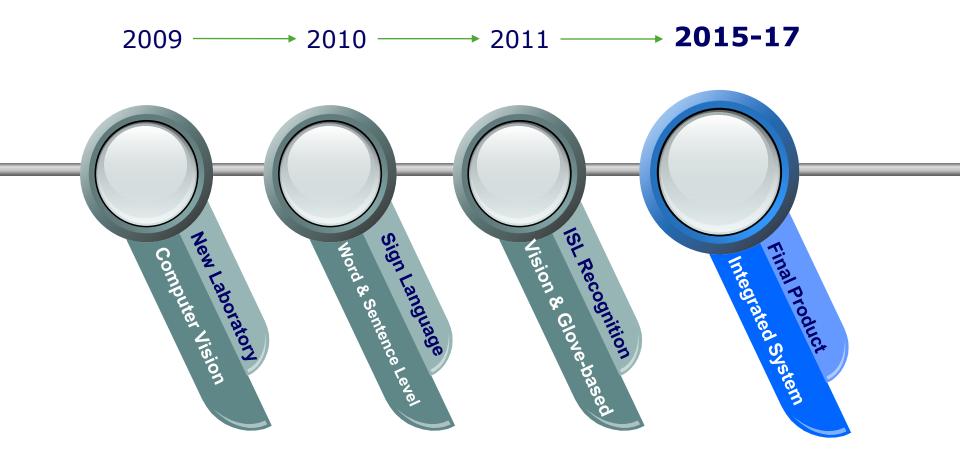


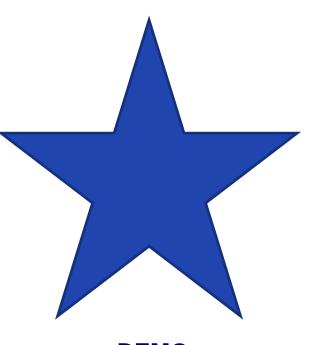
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#### **Overall Development**



# **Work Flow**





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#### **Workshops Organized**

#### Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati, India



Mr. Tomohire Morakomi, Inspec Inc., Japan Dr. Yuji Iwahori, Professor, Chubu University, Japan Dr. Arun Banik, Director, National Center for Disability Studies, IGNOU Ms Indira Indira Ghosh (ISL Interpreter, AYINIHH, Kolkata)

National Institute for Hearing Handicapped, Kolkata, India



Demonstration and Validation of the project

I was awarded the National Award for "Best Applied Research/Technological Innovation" by Government of India. The award was conferred by **Honorable President of India** at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi on 6<sup>th</sup> February, 2013.



Demonstrating my interactive gestural sign language innovation at CET, IIT Guwahati, India.





#### List of publications related to the developed system:

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- M.K. Bhuyan, "FSM-based Recognition of Dynamic Hand Gestures via Gesture Summarization Using Key Video Object Planes", International Journal of Computer and Communication Engineering, (6), pp. 248-259, 2012.
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### **Current Financial Position**

Amount sanctioned for the pilot phase: Rs. 132 Lakhs.

Amount received: Rs. 132 Lakhs

Total expenditure till date: Rs. 132 Lakhs

Balance amount: NIL

Over Expenditure: Rs. 39,437.00

Main phase project proposal was submitted on the standing committee meeting (16<sup>th</sup> July, 2011) and discussed on the standing/evaluation committee meeting (3<sup>rd</sup> Sept, 2011)

Budget proposed for the main phase: Rs. 426.41 Lakhs



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# **Major Equipment to be Procured**

































