

## Inauguration of W3C India Office-A brief Report

6th -7th, May, 2010

Venue: The Lalit, New Delhi

W3C India office was formally launched on 6-7th May 2010 and organized a world wide web: Technology, Standards and Internationalization conference during that time at Lalit, New Delhi.

The programme for **World Wide Web: Technology, Standards and Internationalization Conference**, 2010 was a rich mix of formats, ranging from plenary sessions featuring many well-known and thought-provoking keynote speakers to intense, highly interactive discussion session. This year total of 35 eminent speakers and 6 chairpersons were involved, making it the most extensive programme of W3C in India yet. The main agenda of this W3C conference is to involve industry and researchers who are working in this area, and to identify and invite leading experts and representatives web related areas. The Conference schedule was created as per the recommendations and views of National advisory committee of W3C India Office, under the chairmanship of Dr. S Ramadorai, Vice Chairman, Tata Consultancy Services.

### PARTICIPANTS STATISTICS

More than 600 participants from different organizations involving industry, academia and Government sectors participated at the conference. The participants discussed about the challenges and issues involved in the implementation of the state of the art and future web technologies and their standardization shared experience with colleagues, made new contact and strengthened existing relationships, and honed their ideas and knowledge in web technologies related areas. Conference participants will how best to promote open standards participation and dissemination in India. The program begins with the formal

opening of the new Office, then is followed by discussions on internationalization, mobile access, Web architecture, Semantic Web, Accessibility, and other areas of W3C work.

### Major Participation from Industry

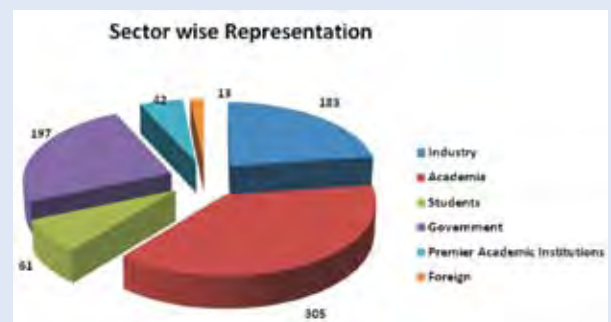
Microsoft, Google, Yahoo, IBM, TCS, Infosys, Wipro, Opera, Samsung, Tata Teleservices, Reliance, Intel, Nokia, Red hat, Nuance, Mob me Wireless

### Major Participation from Academia:

IIT Bombay , IIT Delhi, IIT Madras, IIT Hyderabad, IIT Kharagpur, IIITM Gwalior, LNM IIT Jaipur, Indian Institutes of Information Technology, University of Delhi, IP University, Delhi , National Institutes of technology

### Major Participation from Government

Department Information Technology, Govt of India , National Informatics Centre, Ministry of Communication & IT , Departments of Information Technology from State Governments Department of Official Language, Ministry of Home Affairs , Central Institute of Indian Languages , Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC) , BHARAT ELECTRONICS LIMITED , NISCAIR (INSDOC), CSIR , Office Of CCA , National Internet Exchange of India



## Inaugural Keynotes



*"I welcome the presence of W3C in India. The setting up of W3C India Office will go a long way in accelerating the growth of Web in Indian Languages. The engagement with W3C in building all the required standards will facilitate information access on World Wide Web regardless of languages, location, ability, generation, age and income. This will not only facilitate wider access of web by the people of this country but will also equip them to provide locally relevant content on the internet. Such initiatives will play a great role in reducing poverty, improving health care, education, spreading good governance and addressing all local challenges in the global context. "*

**Shri Sachin Pilot**, Hon'ble Minister of State for Communications & IT



*"World-Wide-Web standards activity is vital for promoting the development based on open standards, protocols supporting the various platforms for deployment of infrastructure. The internationalization activity is the back bone of implementation of IT solutions in Indian Languages. W3C India office will work closely with all other initiatives of the multi-stakeholders - Academia, Industry, Civil Society and Government to achieve the stated objective of 'Internet for All'. "*

**Shri R. Chandrasekhar**, Secretary, DIT, MCIT



*"Increased participation from India will strengthen W3C's international community," said Jeff Jaffe, W3C CEO. "I look forward to partnering with TDIL so that we build the W3C community in India, including drawing Membership from key industrial and academic leaders."*

**Jeffrey Jaffe**, CEO W3C



*"The setting up of the W3C India Office at Department of Information Technology, New Delhi is symbolic of India's expanding role in global standards for the internet and exemplifies our commitment to shaping the future of the internet. In this effort it is critical to make the web more inclusive for all Indians irrespective of language barriers. Exploiting the web to its full potential and enabling it in Indian Languages is the mandate of W3C India. I thank all those that have made these contributions and hope that this initiative will draw experts from academia, government and business on a common platform for exchange of views. I wish the W3C conference 2010 all success."*

**S. Ramadorai**, Vice Chairman, TCS India



**TESTIMONIALS**

*I thought the launch conference was excellent. The level of dignitaries on the stage spoke well for the support we have in country. All of our colleague organizations: Nasscom, MAIT were excellent”*

**Jaffrey Jaffe, CEO W3C**

*“Thank you very much for all your effort for the W3C India Office launch and the international conference. No doubt it was an excellent start for the Office and a great success. So I'd like to congratulate you for this. I think me and my W3C team fellows learned a lot about the situation in India and especially about the work of TDIL in this context”*

**Klaus Birkenbihl, Head , W3C Offices World-wide**

*“The event seemed to be a grand success, and I hope that we will see a continuation of W3C sponsored technical events in Delhi”*

**Anupam Joshi , IBM**

*“Best Wishes to you for a successful running of W3C India Office. Please don't hesitate to ask me for anything I can contribute to your endeavours in W3C India. My company “Vishwak Solutions Pvt. Ltd.” which is a member of W3C can contribute on Style Sheets, java script, Video & Mobile Web”*

**T.N.C.Venkata Rangan ,  
Vishwak Solutions Pvt. Ltd.**

*“Congratulations for the success of W3C conference. At last your vision is coming true”*

**Ashok Kappillil  
Head-Operations, Maatra , Global**

**FUTURE WORK**

- Setting up Core mission and priority areas as per national interest.
- Special Focus on Mobile Web Initiative and its requirements for implementations in Indian languages.
- Formation of Special Interest Groups in different W3C domain.
- Software Industry involved in development of various web services such as E-governance implementation and adherence to W3C standards.
- Increased membership from India in W3C Consortium.
- Focus on development of associated technology like TTS, ASR, Voice Browser and other assistive technologies in Indian Languages.