

NEWS OF THE DAY

SEPTEMBER 29, 2016: The GIST group of Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC) and Technology Development for Indian languages program (TDIL) of Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) jointly conducted a national workshop on “Digital Publishing” at Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), New Delhi on August 29, 2016. The overall goal of the workshop was to discuss on various issues and challenges in digital publishing in Indian languages and to plan for creating an overall ecosystem with an aim to increasing e-content in Indian Languages.

Dr. Debashish Dutta, Scientist G and Group Coordinator, MeitY, Government of India reflected upon the importance of digital publishing and MeitY’s vision towards catalyzing Indian language content creation. Smt. Swaran Lata, Sr. Director and Head, TDIL, MeitY Govt of India presented on TDIL initiatives and reiterated the need of content creation in Indian languages. Mr. Mahesh Kulkarni, Associate Director and HoD, GIST, C-DAC, Pune coordinated the workshop and he stressed upon the need to follow standardization, especially the W3C standards in e-Publication. He also further requested all the speakers /publishers to share their experiences and requirements from digital publisher’s point of view. Mr. Vikas Gupta, Managing Director, Wiley India Pvt. Ltd and President, Association of publishers in India, Mr. Rohit Kumar, Advisor, Reed Elsevier India Pvt Ltd and Co-Chair FICCI Publishing Committee, and few others were important dignitaries present for the said workshop.

Total of sixteen speakers (majority being publishers in India) presented on various issues. Objective was to collate the issues and challenges which these publishers are facing during day to day operations. This information can be utilized by TDIL, MeitY, Government of India and C-DAC to help overcoming these challenges. All the presentations were based on “Issues and challenges in adopting Unicode, e-pub standards, content translation and others for digital publishing in Indian languages

