

Annual Report 2008-09

CHAIRPERSON'S MESSAGE

Dear President and Member of IPTV India Forum,

I am very much delighted to address this august body on its Second Annual General Meeting.

The IPTV Society was formed and registered under Societies Act XXI of 1860 in October 2007, by a small group of professionals, who had been associated with government and industry, to promote the IPTV and Mobile TV services in the country. The activities of IPTV and Mobile TV in the course of time have encouraged many more telecom and broadcasting professionals, corporate and associates to join the Forum.

The challenge for the Forum was to act and advocate a speedy policy frame work for IPTV and Mobile TV Services in India. The Forum had a number of interactions with the policy makers and regulatory bodies. We have been able to facilitate and expedite a Policy on IPTV Services which is now in place, but the policy guideline for Mobile TV is yet to be finalized.

The Forum has represented the urgency of early announcement of the Mobile TV Policy guideline and had interacted and sensitised the Ministry of I&B, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Govt. of Delhi, Dept. of Telecom and Telecom Regulator consistently.

The Forum has organised very successfully a Conference on "Future of IPTV and Mobile TV in India" on 20th November 2008 at ASSOCHAM House, New Delhi. The conference was attended by Addl. Secretary I&B and Govt. officials and more than 80 professionals. The conference recommendations were sent to the MIB for consideration specially the early announcement of Mobile TV Policy guidelines.

The Forum also had several interactions with IPTV Stake holders. These were focused on the issues relating to the business model relevant for IPTV Services. The meeting discussed in details the concerns and issues relating to the IPTV business viability and how to move forward.

IPTV India Forum had endorsed a number of national and International events on IPTV, Mobile TV and Telecom wherein office bearer and members of the forum participated, and contributed significantly in the deliberations. These events helped the FORUM to establish its footprint.

In order to meet the aims and objectives of the society, it is of prime importance that more and more corporate / institutions are associated with the activities of the forum for financial and technical support.

Today afternoon the Forum is organising a **Round Table Conference on “Mobile TV- Enhancement of Choice”**, at ASSOCHAM House, 47 Prithviraj Road, New Delhi.

We are very hopeful that this program will provide answers to all the facets of Mobile TV Services for the stake holders. The recommendation of the conference will be sent to Ministry of I&B for its consideration. The Forum will take up such topical issues in future on a regular basis.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the founding members Dr. DPS Seth, President, Mr. Prithipal Singh, Vice President, Mrs. Sujata Dev, Vice President, Mr. TV Ramachandran, Vice President, Mr. Anil Prakash Secretary General and Mr. Samiran Gupta, Treasurer for their support and cooperation to make this Forum vibrant and meaningful to the society. I wish the Forum and its members all the success and assure my continued participation and support in all the future activities of the Forum.

Shyamal Ghosh

29th September, 2009