

Vote of Thanks

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Good Evening Ladies and Gentlemen, as we come to the close of Infocom 2006, it is my pleasure to deliver the vote of thanks to all who have helped make this event such a success.

What began as an initiative to put Bengal on the IT map is today the country's largest gathering of ICT professionals, academia, knowledge leaders and policy makers.

You will be glad to know that this year the conference inaugurated by His Excellency, The President of India-Dr APJ Abdul Kalam hosted over 75 speakers from across the globe. The conference saw participation from over 1200 delegates including 100 from overseas representing 350 corporates and 55 sponsoring companies.

The exhibition had eight focus pavilions, spread over 100,000 square feet of space, with 250 exhibitors from the best of breed technology companies across the world.

Several new initiatives were introduced this year:

- IFLA had over 500 students from 66 Business Schools across the globe who participated in a Paper writing competition on the theme of the event: Innovate to differentiate. Six Best papers were awarded by His Excellency, The President of India on the inaugural day of the conference.
- At the conference, we laid special focus on ICT enabling Healthcare, where topics like Tele Medicine and Clinical research were discussed by stalwarts across the globe.
- The Innovation Hub was created at the exhibition in line with the theme wherein different innovative technologies were showcased by young student innovators to established top rated tech companies like Intel and others.
- International participation came from Malaysia, China, Taiwan, Germany and Bangladesh.
- Last but not the least, a Knowledge workshop was held across 7 locations in West Bengal with an objective to enhance computer literacy among school children in the districts of West Bengal. 100

school children have already been enrolled for a free computer awareness programme.

- The event also includes the ever popular Infocom CXO Golf Tournament, the Jobs Mart and the Edu-Fair all of which grew much bigger this year.

Infocom over the past 5 years has evolved into the country's largest ICT exposition and has become a platform for the world to connect to the Indian ICT industry.

On behalf of Infocom 2006:

- We would like to express our deep felt thanks to our Chief Guest, His Excellency, The President of India, Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam, for setting the tone of the event through his insightful inaugural address.
- We would also like to thank the Hon'ble Governor of West Bengal, Mr. Gopalkrishna Gandhi for gracing the occasion.
- Our thanks also goes out to Mr. Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee, Chief Minister of West Bengal, for his participation in the Chief Minister's' Interactive Session.
- We thank Dr. Debesh Das, Minister for IT, West Bengal, for his active support.
- We thank all the sponsors for supporting the event & all our exhibitors for making the exhibition a world class one.
- We thank the speakers who came from India & abroad and shared their relevant knowledge & precious time.
- We thank the delegates who have joined us at the event.
- We thank the Government of West Bengal, Police & Fire Departments and West Bengal State Electricity Board for their whole-hearted support.
- We also thank the media for such an extensive coverage of the event.
- Last but not the least we thank ITC Sonar Bangla for hosting the conference.

Our vision for Infocom 2007 is to make it even bigger and better, where a confluence of divergent thoughts, ideas, nationalities will all come together under one roof to make great things happen.

In keeping with this spirit of continual change and evolution, we would like to unveil the new face of Infocom.

The new logo depicts the vision of INFOCOM 2007; Our vision is to make it more contemporary, more approachable & give it a younger, vibrant look. We all know that the end product of complicated technology is

always user-friendly & simple. An array of different colours depicts different groups of people, while the closely held letters depict their inter-dependability. The logo exemplifies this thought.

Let's look forward to Infocom 2007.

We are very happy to announce the dates of Infocom 2007. It will be a four-day conference and five-day exhibition - between Wednesday 28th November to Sunday 2nd December 2007.

So, friends, please block the dates in your diary from now. As all good things must come to an end, so does Infocom 2006. To conclude, let me once again reiterate that without you all we will never have the courage to dream and the passion to make it happen. So thank you all.

We shall now draw the curtains on the conference with the National Anthem.