



National Digital Minorities Summit

India has more minorities of various kinds than the mainstream. There has been major movement towards making the minority communities who live in remote areas and in clusters connected and digitally empowered.

Digital Empowerment Foundation is in a process to organize the 3rd National Digital Minority Summit, focusing on 'Social & Economical Empowerment of Minority Communities through Digital Inclusion' on the occasion of Manthan Awards Asia Pacific 2013 dated on 5th December, 2013 at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi. This 3rd in a row summit would discuss, showcase and opine at a policy level how concentrated efforts to empower minorities, digital media can play a impactful role.

The objective of the Summit is to address the much evident development and digital divides among minority communities in India. The core aim of the consultation workshop is to identify, deliberate and discuss in focused group sessions key issues ICT for development among minorities in key areas – education, skill development, livelihood and economic opportunities and employment generation.

The national workshop through this platform is inviting key government, academia, civil society, experts and intellectuals and other stakeholders to enter into dialogue in deliberating on development challenges faced by minorities in India and talking on solutions through ICTs and information medium for redressal of the same. This platform is aimed to provide a value added perspective to policy makers and policy advocators to identify and focus on policy areas around ICT for minority communities. It is also an effort toward building uniform policy and programme declarations for further follow and action-taken steps.

The Summit is open to more than 100 stakeholders from the government, industry, civil society, academic and other experts whose thrust shall be upon adopting various ICT and digital media tools and applications to meet traditional and emerging challenges faced by minority communities.