ACCESSIBILITY AT CIS - A TIMELINE OF EVENTS

- Hosted the ITU-T Focus Group meeting on audio-visual media accessibility.
- Got the copyright amendment we wanted. Updated the e-accessibility toolkit for policy makers and Global report on accessibility of financial services.
- First report on banking accessibility published. Second audit report of GOI websites covering all 7800 websites.
- WIPO SCCR meetings on the Treaty for the print impaired and other reading disabled.
- Inputs for the 12th five year plan.
- NVDA and E-speak development and the National resource kit projects (Hans funded) commence.

2008
- Attended the Internet Governance Forum in Hyderabad and became a member of the Dynamic Coalition on Accessibility and Disability (DCAD).
- First testing of 22 Government of India websites using the free tool Cynthia Says. Finding that almost all of them were inaccessible and this received attention amongst the print media.
- Began work on National Electronic Accessibility Policy.
- Worked to connect a network of blindness organizations and individuals to build Inclusive Planet.

2009
- Three national workshops on web accessibility in Delhi, Chennai and Trivandrum funded by NIXI.
- Part of a core group set up by NCPEDP.
- WCAG 2.0 Guidelines translated into Hindi.
- Began engagement with copyright amendment for persons with disabilities in the Indian Copyright Act and also at WIPO and SCCR.
- Report on copyright exceptions for persons with print disabilities to the MHRD.
- Right to Read (R2R) campaign continues.
- Presentation before European Parliament on the Right to read and the need for a treaty.
- Project with IIT-K and DFI under the National Mission on Education through ICT (NM-EICT) to convert college text books in four languages into Daisy format.
- Project to create a Wiki on accessibility funded by NIXI.
- Additions to the e-accessibility toolkit and edits to e-accessibility handbook. Part of Advisory committee of the NASSCOM Foundation.
- Presented in Egypt Internet Governance Forum.

2010
- National Award for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities from GOI.
- Champion the cause of National Electronic Accessibility Policy and TVI at WIPO.
- ITU report on Making Mobile Phones accessible. This report is now available in 6 languages.
- UNESCO report on Inclusive education in the Asia Pacific region and organized an international conference on Education through ICT (EDICT).
- Report on using universal service for persons with disabilities for the Universal Service Obligation Fund of India.
- NVVN-National Institute for the Visually Handicapped) Excellence Award.
- Champion the cause of National Electronic Accessibility Policy and TVI at WIPO.
- Continue campaigning for copyright amendment, web accessibility and Universal Electronics Accessibility Policy.

2011
- Begin work on accessibility in telecommunications.
- Ongoing feedback on draft version of Rights of Persons with Disabilities Bill.
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- Champion the cause of TVI at WIPO and the National electronic accessibility policy.
- Report and Workshop on making ICTs and telecom accessible for PWDs for Nepal and Afghanistan.

2012
- Published the Accessible Broadcasting Report.
- Became member of ITUD.
- Continuing work on projects funded by Hans Foundation.

2013
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