ICT in Health Care : A Case Study on Computer Network Applications in an Healthcare Institution in India

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INDIA – A Multi Cultural Multi Lingual Country Some Glimpses







Secular ...







Co-existence







Vision of our President



- "The total land area of India is around 3.3 million square kilometer with 7000 kilometer of coast line. The altitude of the country varies from the sea level to 8,600 meter. The entire area is spread into deserts, hilltops, mountain tops, sea shores, islands, valleys and plains. Out of the billion plus population in the country 70% live in six hundred thousand villages. India is poised to become a knowledge society.
- Electronic and knowledge connectivity is the key to realize this goal.
- Connecting one billion people throws up multiple challenges. "

Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, President of India

Virtual University - Through Universal Tele-Education



- Universities of Calcutta, Mumbai and Madras
- Other Institutions
- International institutions

- Identification of Experts
- Content Development
- Content Generation
- Content Workflow
- Content Deployment
- Delivery through
 - e-Learning
 - Tele-Education
- Digital Library





Multi-Pronged approach for Tele-Education



- Use the Wireless connectivity to connect the Affiliated colleges and Learning Centres in a high bandwidth network.
- Use VSAT for connecting the difficult regions

VIRTUAL UNIVERSITY GRID



- Connect the Three universities using High bandwidth Fiber Broadband network
- Establish
 Virtual
 University
 GRID
- Use EDUSAT/ WiMAX connectivity to connect the affiliated colleges.

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[Note: All Districts are, already, connected through BSNL-OFC Backbone

(home, business or hot spot)

Technology : Interfaces

Technology is the most Non-linear tool

Technology can effect the most fundamental changes in the ground rules of economic competitiveness

Science is linked to Technology through Applications

Technology is linked to Economy and Environment through Manufacture

Economy and Environment link Technology to Society









Case study on All India Institute of Medical Sciences





All India Institute of Medical Sciences

About AIIMS



- Premier National Medical Institute
- Conducts teaching programs in medical & paramedical subjects, both undergraduate and postgraduate levels
- Teaching in research in 42 disciplines
- Leader in medical research 600 research publications in a year.
- 25 clinical departments, 4 superspecialty centers
- Practically manage all types of disease conditions



All India Institute of Medical Sciences

About AIIMS



Patient attendance data (2000)

Departments	Patients attended	Patients admitted	Patients in surgery
Main hospital	1236708	50415	90049
Ophthalmic sciences	344534	16067	15871
Cancer	46853	8504	753
Neurosciences	59854	5514	2665
Cardio thoracic sciences	103523	9399	3005
Community medicine	171416	4333	1305
Total	1,962,888	94,233	113,663

	All India Institute of Medical Sciences About AIIMS		
	Departments	50	
	Teaching faculty/consultant doctors	500	
	Nursing staff	1800	
	Scientists	100	
<u>de</u>	UG students	250	
	PG students	800	
2	Admin & support staff	4500	
	Hospital beds	1700	

Network Applications in a Tertiary care hospital - AIIMS

- Intranet & Internet Systems
 - Academic & research information
 - Human resource information
- Hospital Information Systems
- Library Information systems
- Telemedicine applications systems

Intranet applications at AIIMS

- Web enabled human resource information systems
- Web enabled teaching modules for students
 Web enabled hospital information system modules





Teaching in the Department of Microbiology at AIIMS

Class Schedules (Under Graduate)

Teaching Programme III Semester

Teaching Programme V Semester

Class Notes(UG)

Staphylococcal Infection

Lab Diagnosis of Syphilis

<u>E. coli diarrhea</u>

Lab Diagnosis of Pulmonary tuberculosis

Wound infection

<u>Anthrax</u>



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Internet Applications at AIIMS

- Official website
- Health educations modules
- Ask the doctor systems
- Online information



Internet Access at AIIMS

- Around 1000 nodes with Internet Access round the clock, 365 days
- All the Faculty with internet access
- Students share the internet connection in laboratories
- Students have access to internet in Library, Computer facility.

Internet Infrastructure at AIIMS

- 2 MBPS leased line, 128K x 2 lines
- Cisco and Dlink routers 2 Number
- 3Com Remote Access Server 1+2 (24port)
- SGI O2 Webserver
- SGI Origin 200 Proxy server
- Cyberoam Webmail, content filter
- CA Etrust Firewall server
- Servers for Application hosting (Exam, Search, etc.,)

Internet Infrastructure at AIIMS

Cat 5 based last mile connectivity
 Few locations with wireless connectivity
 Fiber optics backbone > 2km length
 Mix of Hubs, switches (100's)





Patient Care - Hospital Information Systems at AIIMS

- Early to develop Oracle based HIS with 16 modules covering all functionalities of Hospital
- In the process of reengineering the whole system
- Very soon going to implement the state of art HIS for complete automation of hospital patient care system
- Tele Medicine

What is Telemedicine (TM)?



Telemedicine Defined

The electronic transfer of medical information

from a referring health care provider at one site to a consulting physician at anothe site

utilizing Communication and Information technology.






TM Implementation Model for India



Receiving Centre





Other

Text Note

Panel Doctor System





Satellite dish / radar / internet / ISDN



Critical Analysis

- AIIMS has good network infrastructure for Internet access to Faculty and scientists
- No connectivity / network services to all the campus and hostels.
- Need a project Implementation of wireless access to students at hostels of AIIMS.
- Need to plan a project for design & Implementation of wireless access to service areas of hospital.
- Implementation of wireless access to city hospitals for closer coordination of trauma, organ donation, and e-governance.

Internet connectivity ratio

Departments	50	1:1
Teaching faculty/consultant doctors	500	1:1
Nursing staff	1800	-
Scientists	100	1:1
UG students	250	1:50
PG students	800	1:50
Admin & support staff	4500	1:50

Economic analysis and project planning

The objective is

to estimate through traditional economic feasibility study,

the validity of project in terms of
social impact,
health economics,
patient benefit.

Approach to project feasibility

- The economic feasibility of a project is usually estimated by
- Comparing investments and annual expenses of the project to the revenue obtained thorough the project (cash flow)
- NPV and IRR are used

In case of AIIMS a non profit organization revenues are interpreted as "economies" coming back to Hospital from improvement of working activity.

Benefits of Intranet system

The current literature separates the benefits provided by an Intranet system in to three savings

Direct reductions in intermediate consumption
 Shorter time necessary to complete tasks
 Increase in "human resource productivity"

Provisional project plan

The capital expenses, recurring expenses are calculated

Doctors – estimating time and labour saving are calculated Nurses - estimating time and labour saving are calculated Admin Staff -estimating time and labour saving are calculated Students - estimating time and labour saving are calculated NPV and IRR are calculated and tabulated

Though we get a –ve IRR, when all the social benefits and "economies" are calculated the IRR turns +ve.
This draft provisional case study will work as base for further actual survey and working model.



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