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The Relevance of Internet to Developing Universities

[Nicholas Negroponte (Director, M.I.T. Media Lab), "Will Everything be Digital," Time, June 19, 2000, p. 45)

"Typically, the future of the Internet is described as being 50% U.S., 40% Europe, 5% Japan and Korea, and 5% the rest of the world. Boy, is that ever wrong! Be prepared to be very surprised by the rest of the world. Within three years, the developing world will represent more than 50% of the Web. Three years after that, the most widely used language on the Internet will be Chinese.

One reason we miscalculate the developing world's ability to leverage the power of the Internet is that we under-estimate the power of imperatives. A single connection can be shared by many people and provide access to a whole world of libraries to a school that previously did not even have books. The one-on-one use of computers we enjoy in the U.S. is not the only way to be connected. For some reason we understand that a small and poor company can compete with big and rich ones, but we do not realize that a small and poor country can compete on the world market with big and rich ones too. And they will, to everybody's surprise. You watch."

Vision

- A predominant number of colleges and universities of developing countries would have networked through knowledge sharing stimulated by iodevuni.

- The majority of them would have developed innovative educational and research programs of world class standards.

- This progress would have contributed significantly to the economic development of the respective countries.

iodevuni : A Knowledge Portal

That acts as a

- knowledge broker
- development facilitator
- information repository
- matcher of student interests with facilities
- creator of a new type of networked education on demand

Mission

Offer Internet based knowledge sharing services

so as to assist

colleges and universities of developing countries

in their progress towards

becoming educational and research institutions

of world class standards

and, thus,

contribute to the economic development

of the respective countries.

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Enterprise Culture

- Non-profit. Service-orientation.

- Internet culture. Individual empowerment. Minimum power distance.

- Goal orientation. Minimum planning. Maximum coordination.

- Dynamic. Flexible. Minimum regulations.

- International. Cross cultural. Non political.

- Customer focus. High quality of services and authenticity of information provided.

- Confidentiality. Information security.

Examples of value adding services

- Recently, Venuvinod Patri of City University of Hong Kong had compiled a metal cutting literature database containing some 4000 references for CIRP. This and similar other databases could be made available to iodevuni customers.

- Each participating university could link its databases containing a selection of its project reports (UG, PG, research, etc.), event/conference schedules, etc.

- Act as a catalyst in the development of cooperative and joint program and course offerings.

- Departments and faculty members could share teaching materials, simulated laboratory equipment/experiments, etc.

- Expert lecture-videos could be shared asynchronously.

- Student groups distributed across the world could work on common projects. Likewise, faculty could undertake distributed research projects.

iodevuni will become a virtual net distributed across the world

<u>Core Information Technologies to be progressively adopted :</u>

- The Internet

- Multimedia

- Networked enterprise-level information repositories

- Software agents and bots, and Datamining

- Automated Text understanding and summarization

The initial hub of *iodevuni*

- Deepak Patri and Dheeraj Patri (Founders of Silyx Corporation, Chicago) have offered their expertise and computer facilities in establishing the initial hub.

- *iodevuni* has already been registered through register.com.

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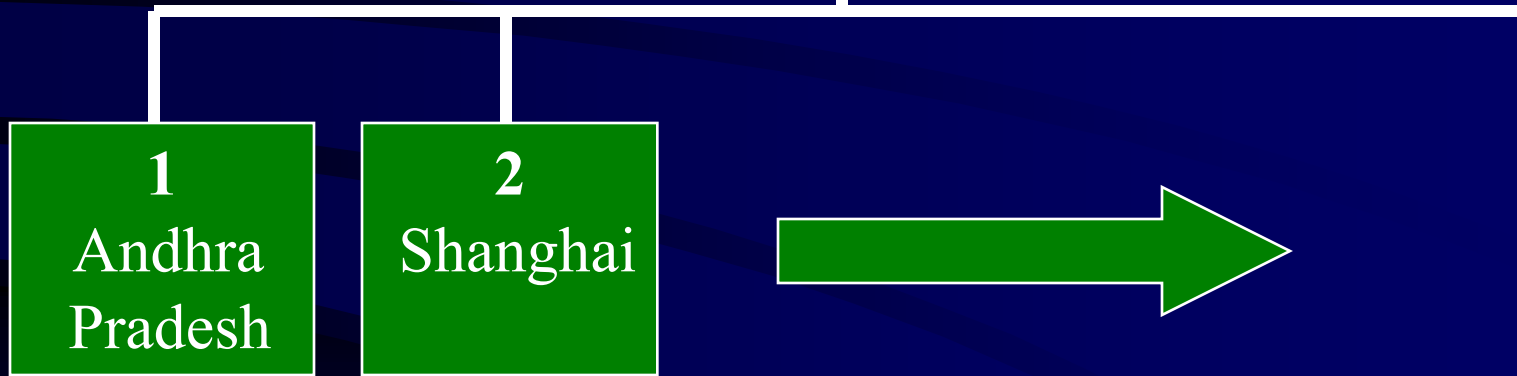| Enterprise Level	Region Level (Regional Chapters)
International Advisory Panel	Panel of Patrons
Management Team	Customer Organizations
Regional Coordinators	Organizars

Identification of a Niche in AP

- 110 engineering colleges of which 100 are private. Private outnumbers public by 10:1.

- Yet, the private colleges are seriously constrained by the regulatory frameworks of the public universities to which they are affiliated.

- Private enterprises can progressively innovate by undertaking independent activities (e.g., offering their own 'unrecognized' awards, franchising recognized awards from overseas universities—as Vellore has done from QUT in Australia, etc.).

- **iodevuni** could help accelerate such a process.

- In time, public universities could further improve owing to competition from private colleges.
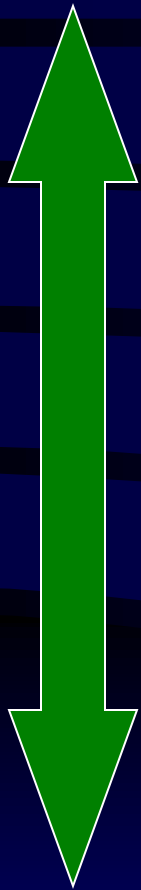
AP is Ripe

- AP is leading India in terms of computer and Internet cultures.

- The developed world has already recognized AP's potential as a world class player in the digital age.

- The potential of private sector in inducting high technology is already well-recognized in AP. For instance, private hospitals are at the forefront of medical high-technology in AP.
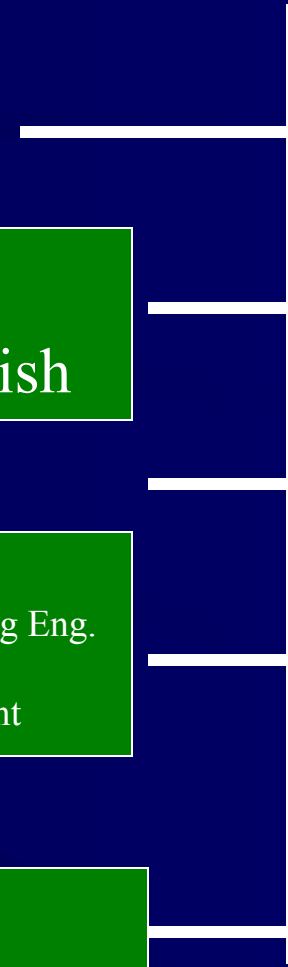
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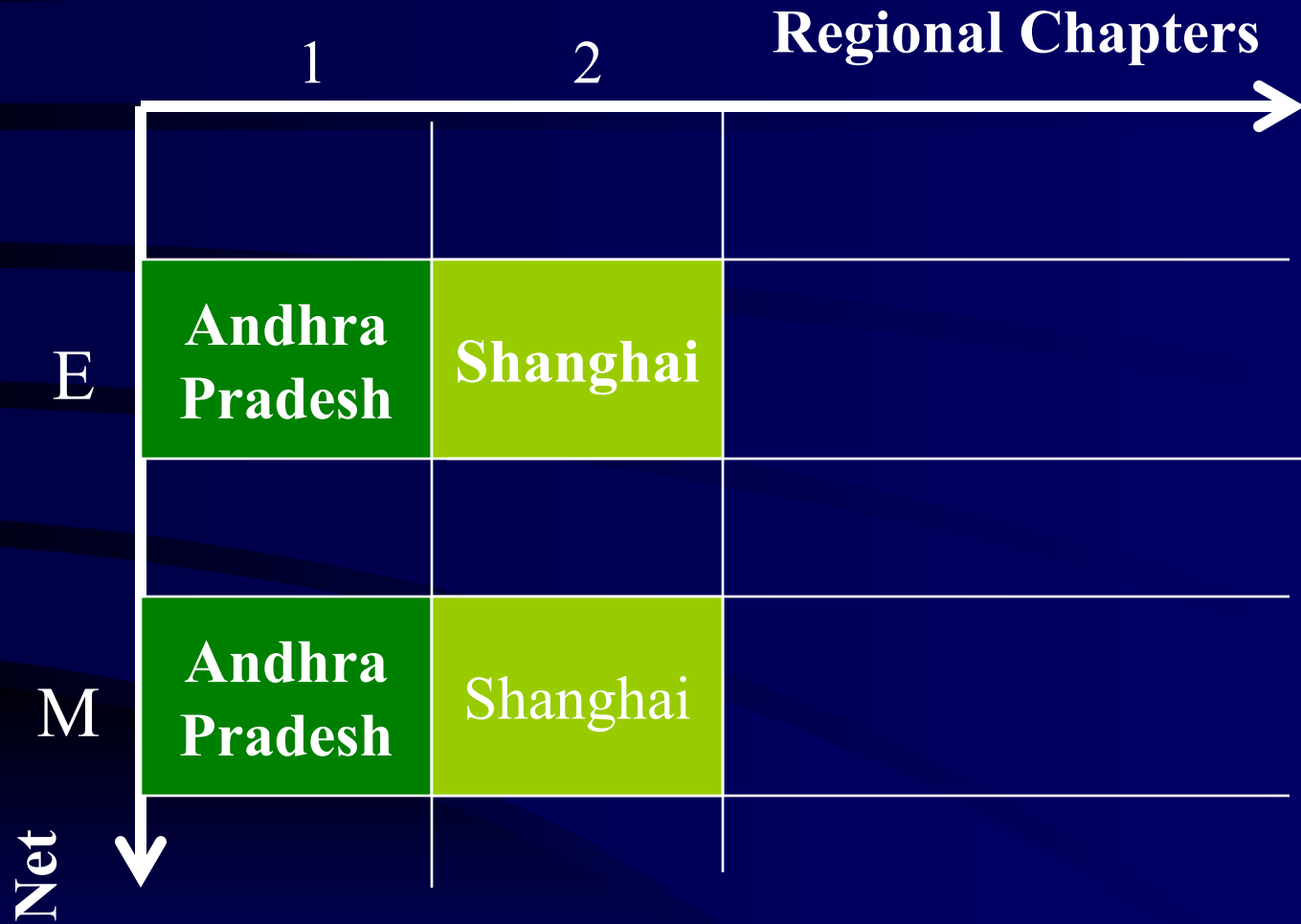**E-Net**
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Engineering Management

I-Net
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Members of AP Chapter of Customer Organizations

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AP Patrons

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- Industrial sponsors (Longterm)?

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