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FACILITATING NGOs WITH TECHNICAL SUPPORT

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NASSCOM Foundation, the Corporate Social Responsibility arm of NASSCOM, in partnership with TechSoup, a San Francisco-based non-profit technology capacity building organization, launched a technology assistance programme "BiG Tech" in India.

Case Studies



Keystone Foundation has completed twelve years in the Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve, working with indigenous communities on eco-development initiatives. The Foundation's work has been concentrated in the areas of apiculture, micro-enterprise development, non-timber forest produce, land and water management, revival of traditional agriculture, and other issues concerning indigenous communities.

Mathew, Director of Keystone Foundation says, 'Our main office has about 20 systems that our staff use – they range from professionals to school drop outs who have now found computers an effective tool whether formulating documents or visually depicting their life and circumstances. Today, these efforts have been substantiated and validated through the support received from NASSCOM Foundation's BiG Tech program that now allows them to confidently communicate with the outside world'. He adds, 'we have been able to upgrade and network our systems through the support. The central server now provides 24 hour seamless access to data from anywhere in the world. As mentioned above, this is one step in overcoming hurdles in providing IT solutions'

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the BiG Tech programme (www.bigtech.in). It acts as a platform to facilitate the distribution of software and solutions (donated by corporate partners) to various Non Government Organizations in India.

Big Tech New Donor

At BiG Tech we are pleased to announce our new donor and a new solution, the highly praised UltraKey by Bytes of Learning.

UltraKey

Touch-typing is a vital skill in today's technology world and UltraKey, provides the highest quality typing instruction with the most teacher-friendly management tools. Children and adults will delight at how quickly and enjoyably they learn to keyboard as UltraKey demonstrates each typing action and congratulates them as they improve.

Bytes of Learning was established in 1984 to provide high quality learning software for school and private use. Through BiG Tech, Bytes of Learning donates its software to community organizations and other nonprofit groups who rely primarily on private donations and who assist disadvantaged people of any age and walk of life.

Now the branch of your organization can also order separately

Under the [BiG Tech](http://www.bigtech.in) program an eligible organisation may only order once a year. But if your organisation has separate branches or has multiple different locations, each of these can register and order individually. E.g. If your organisation has 4 separate branches or is located in 4 different locations, you would be able to place 4 separate orders each year. All they need to do is to register with their own unique email address.

Microsoft Products



Office 2008 for Mac Standard Edition DVD (Includes Software Assurance) (Rs. 624/-)

Microsoft Office 2008 for Mac is a suite of programs that includes Microsoft Word 2008, a full-featured word processor; Microsoft Excel 2008, a spreadsheet program; Microsoft PowerPoint 2008, a presentation program; and Microsoft Entourage 2008, a mail and personal information manager.

<http://www.bigtech.in/node/294>



Outlook 2007 (Includes Software Assurance) (English) (Rs. 156/-)

Outlook 2007 is a personal information management software application that integrates email, calendar, contacts, and tasks. The 2007 version can also receive voice mails, faxes, and RSS (Really Simple Syndication) feeds in its inbox.

<http://www.bigtech.in/node/283>

SQL Server 2005 Standard Edition (Includes Software Assurance and 1 Processor License) (English) (Rs. 9,364/-)

Microsoft SQL Server 2005 Standard Edition is a complete data storage, management, analysis, and reporting platform for medium-size organisations

Total saving through BiG Tech

Rs 4, 14,288

News From Partners

International Refurbishers Summit (ICRS 2008) will be held at the Delta Chelsea Hotel in Toronto Canada on May 5th and 6th 2008. It is hosted and organized by Renewed Computer Technology (RCT), PC ReBuilders & Recyclers (Computers for Schools, Chicago) and TechSoup.

The conference will cover "Triple Bottom Line" aspects of electronics refurbishing. There will be presentations on the deepening environmental case for electronics reuse, and the surprising ways that reuse is making social impact for low-income families, students and charities across the globe. For more information log on to <http://crs.memberlodge.org/>



and larger departments. It can be used as a backend database server for internal applications or for powering a dynamic Web site.

<http://www.bigtech.in/node/297>

Warm Regards,
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Note: Up to 6 titles per organization and up to 50 licenses per title per two-year period, with one donation request allowed per 12-month period. All MSDP orders must contain a minimum of 5 Microsoft seats (licenses) per order (except certain server products - For more information visit the MSDP FAQ link <http://www.bigtech.in/faqs/microsoft>

**Connecting Up 08 Conference -
 Brisbane, Australia, May 19 and 20,
 2008**

Connecting Up is Australia's only national conference devoted to IT and web issues for the nonprofit and charity sector. Connecting Up is operated by CISA Inc, who also manages the TechSoup global donation program in Australia through their DonorTec program.

Connecting Up 2008 has the widest range of international speakers in its 5 year history already confirmed. These include Rufina Fernandes from India's NASSCOM Foundation (implementors of BiG Tech); the undisputed 'queen' of the US nonprofit technology scene, Beth Kanter; and Bill Strathmann, CEO of Network for Good, the biggest fundraising and volunteering site in the US; as well as other presenters from the USA, New Zealand, and Hong Kong. For more information please log on to www.connectingup.org

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