

DataWind Receives International Award

For Innovative Access Device

New Delhi: At the FICCI Auditorium in New Delhi, during the 7th annual NTA ICT World Communication Awards, DataWind was recognized for the most Innovative Access Device. The award was bestowed jointly by Dr. Hamadoun Toure, Secretary General, International Telecommunications Union (ITU), Dr. Mukul Sangma, Honourable Chief Minister of Meghalaya and Professor Tim Unwin, Secretary General, Commonwealth Telecommunication Organisation (CTO).

The award recognizes DataWind's breakthrough web delivery platform, covered by 18 U.S. and international patterns. Offered through DataWind's UbiSurfer browser, this unique technology reduces bandwidth consumption by factors of 10x to 30x, allowing the delivery of web pages across even congested GPRS networks in 5 to 7 seconds. The DataWind UbiSlate 7C+ tablet computers incorporate quad-band EDGE cellular modems, which coupled with this powerful technology, allow the fastest internet access on the remotest locations of India's mobile networks. Known for the world's lowest cost tablet computers in the form of Aakash2, the UbiSlate 7C+ represents DataWind's offering as the world's lowest cost phablet.

Dr. Toure commented, "These 7th NTA ICT World Communication Awards will identify and recognize outstanding contributions to the field of communications, ICTs, multimedia and infrastructure, offering well-deserved congratulations to companies which have shown outstanding research, development and innovations in the ICT sector."

He further recognized the efforts in "improving the lives of citizens right across India"

DataWind's CEO, Suneet Singh Tuli said, "We're honoured to have received this award, it validates our vision of delivering mobile connectivity to tablet computers, converting them to true access devices." He further thanked the CMAI and its President NK Goyal for establishing the premier internationally recognized telecommunications awards in India, which this year were attended and supported by Union Ministers, Chief Ministers and over a dozen Ambassadors.

About DataWind:

Datawind is a leading provider of wireless web access products and services. Based on several international patents, Datawind's breakthrough technologies solve the bandwidth limitations of cellular networks by accelerating content delivery by factors of 10x to 30x – resulting in a superior mobile web experience at a lower cost.

Most recently, DataWind's Aakash/UbiSlate tablets have received worldwide attention, as the Company executes a vision to empower the next 3 billion people with computing and internet access. On November 28th, 2012, DataWind's Aakash2 tablet computer was launched at the United Nations by the Secretary General, Ban Ki Moon.

DataWind has been recognized by Forbes magazine in its 2012 Impact 15 list as a “classroom revolutionary” using innovative technologies to reinvent education globally and crowned as UK’s Most Innovative Mobile Company for 2012. It’s products have been awarded by CNBC TV 18 and Mercedes Benz, the Young Turks Innovation award, and been finalists at the Mobile World Congress for Innovation in Education and at the CTIA Wireless Show for the BiG Idea award. Datawind has offices in Amritsar, London, Montreal, Mississauga and New Delhi.