



DATAWIND

Press Release

## **DataWind CEO Suneet Singh Tuli Honored with Awards for Innovation Receives Bharat Samman Award and GPS Achiever Award**

**New Delhi, 15 January, 2015:** Recognising DataWind's innovative approach and efforts aimed at addressing the chronic issues of connectivity for the forgotten billion in India with its low cost internet connectivity devices and bundled in free internet browsing services, the President & CEO of the company Suneet Singh Tuli received the Bharat Samman Award and Global Punjabi Society Achiever Award at the recently concluded NRI Divas celebrations.

Suneet Singh Tuli received the Bharat Samman Award from Dr Mahesh Sharma, Minister of State of Culture and Tourism (Independent Charge) & Civil Aviation and the GPS Achiever Award from Former Prime Minister of India, Dr Manmohan Singh for Innovation in developing technology to help the digitally disenfranchised and underserved cross the digital divide and contribute to the Digital India Vision.

Suneet Singh Tuli was recognized for making UbiSlate, the low cost, affordable internet connectivity devices accessible to people at the grass root level and in turn making a transformational impact to the Indian Tech industry. An evangelist for true democratization of technology, Suneet Singh Tuli and DataWind's efforts have received global attention as the company powers its way to achieve its vision of connecting the next 4 billion to the internet. The company is the only firm to offer free internet browsing with its devices in India

Upon receiving the award, **Suneet Singh Tuli, President & CEO, DataWind said,** *"I am deeply touched and honoured for this recognition. My roots that connect me to India, fill me with pride and this recognition of our efforts further bolster our ambition to continue to act as a catalytic agents in the digital transformation and success of this great nation.*

*"At DataWind we strive to make technology and connectivity most affordable just so that the true benefits of this digital age are accessible to all. Education and knowledge are the definite routes to empowerment. There is no better way to follow these routes than being connected. We will continue to invest in innovative technologies and solutions to bring connectivity to the forgotten billions", added Tuli*

Under the leadership and vision of Suneet Singh Tuli, DataWind has been recognized at several prestigious platforms across the world including by Forbes magazine in its Impact 15 list as a "classroom revolutionary"; as one of the 50 Smartest Companies by MIT Tech Review; UK's Most Innovative Mobile Company by UK Trade & Investment amongst others.

### **About DataWind:**

DataWind is a leader in low-cost Internet connectivity for emerging markets. DataWind's mission is to bring the Internet, which has the ability to create tremendous social and economic benefits, to billions of unconnected people in the developing world. The Company's Internet Delivery Platform offers a low-cost Internet browsing solution by bundling an affordable tablet device with an inexpensive, pre-paid, 2G Internet service plan. DataWind has been named to [MIT Technology Review's](#) 2014 annual list of [50 Smartest Companies](#) of the world's most innovative technology companies and has received acknowledgement at several prestigious fora including Mobile World Congress, UKTI Annual Awards for Most Innovative companies, CTIA Wireless Show, Forbes Impact 15 List to name a few.

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