



# ***DIGITAL INDIA***



## ***IMPACT OF TECHNOLOGY & AI ON BUSINESS MODELS AND THE ECONOMY***

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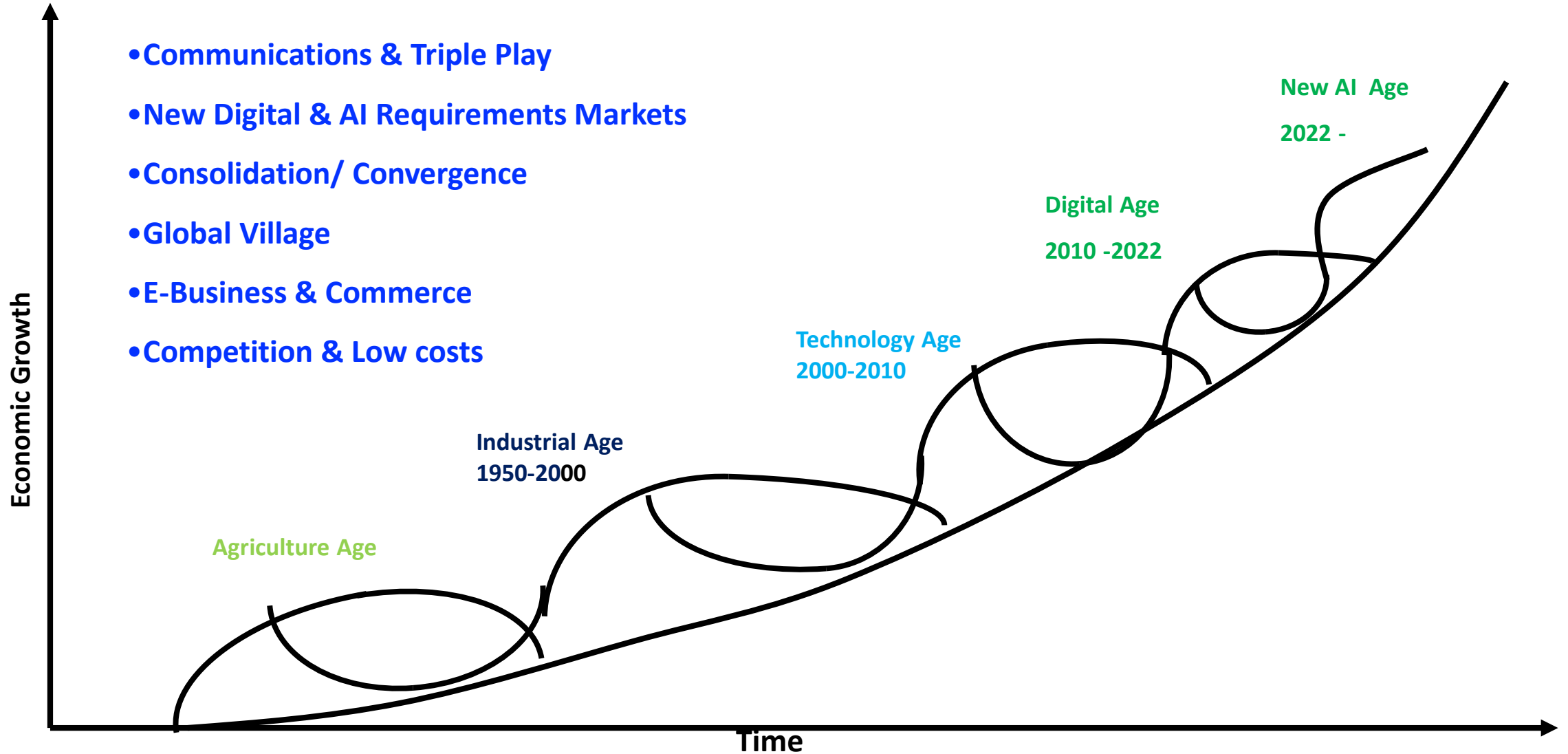
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# INDIA MARCHING TOWARDS DIGITAL AGE & NEW AI ECONOMY



# Traditional Indian Story – Industry & Infrastructure

(Followed 60 years of 12 Five Year Economic Plans of India )



**Core Manufacturing**

- Steel & Alloys
- Petrochemical
- Cement
- Capital Goods
- Light & Heavy Engineering
- Electrical Machines
- Electronics

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**Agriculture & Traditional**

- Textiles
- Sugar
- Paper
- Fertilizer
- Food Processing
- Chemical
- Pharma

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**Infrastructure & Service**

- Power Sector
- Road Sector
- Port Sector
- Telecom Sector
- Shipping & Airports
- Hospitals
- Tourism & Hospitality

# INDIA'S LEADERS ON DIGITAL INDIA



*“Digital India is an enterprise for India’s transformation on a scale that is perhaps unmatched in human history.”*

Shri Narendra Modi  
*Hon’ble Prime Minister of India*

# INDUSTRY LEADERS ON DIGITAL INDIA



*“The new trifecta of a bank account, digital identity and smartphone for everyone will drive economic change.”*

Nandan Nilekani  
Co-founder of Infosys &  
First Chairman of UIDAI



Satya Nadella  
CEO, Microsoft

*“Everything that’s happening in marketing is digitised. Everything that’s happening in finance is digitised. So Pretty much every function in every industry, has a huge element that’s driven by information technology. Its no longer discreet.”*



*“We’ve learned that that when we solve for a place like India, we solve for everyone around the world. #DigitalUnlocked”*

Sundar Pichai  
CEO, Google



# DIGITAL INDIA – LANDSCAPE AND POTENTIAL

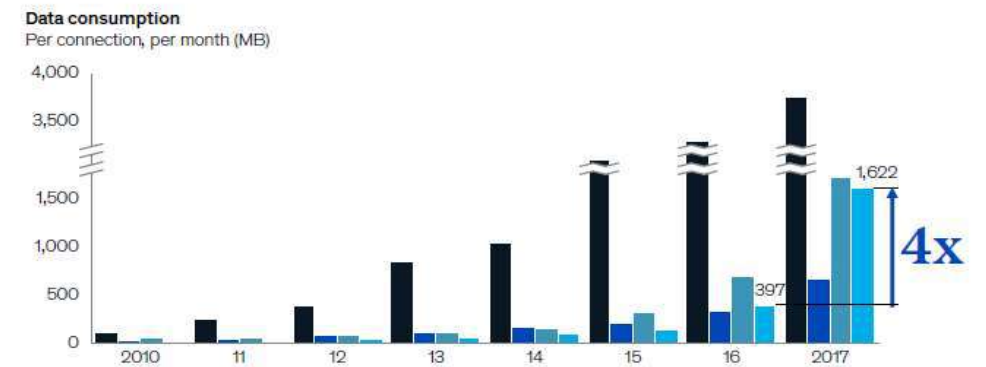
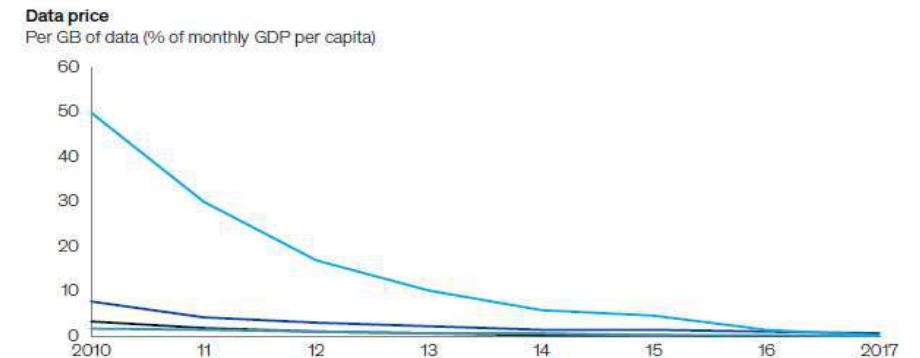
<b>Enablers</b>	1150.8 million telecom subscribers (Teledensity 90.3%)
	913 million Broadband Subscriber
	1.38 billion digital identities registered (Aadhaar)
	550 million beneficiaries of Jan Dhan Accounts
	Worlds highest data user per smartphone (28 GB)

Source: TRAI

<b>Govt. Initiative</b>	Digital India
	Digitation of Social Welfare Distribution
	100% FDI with approval in Telecom, Digital Payments
	Evolving Regulation for E-Commerce & Fintech
<b>Economy &amp; Demographic</b>	World's fastest growing economy at 6.1%
	Fast technological absorption
	60% active working population & 50% below 30 yrs.
	Growing population of middle class families

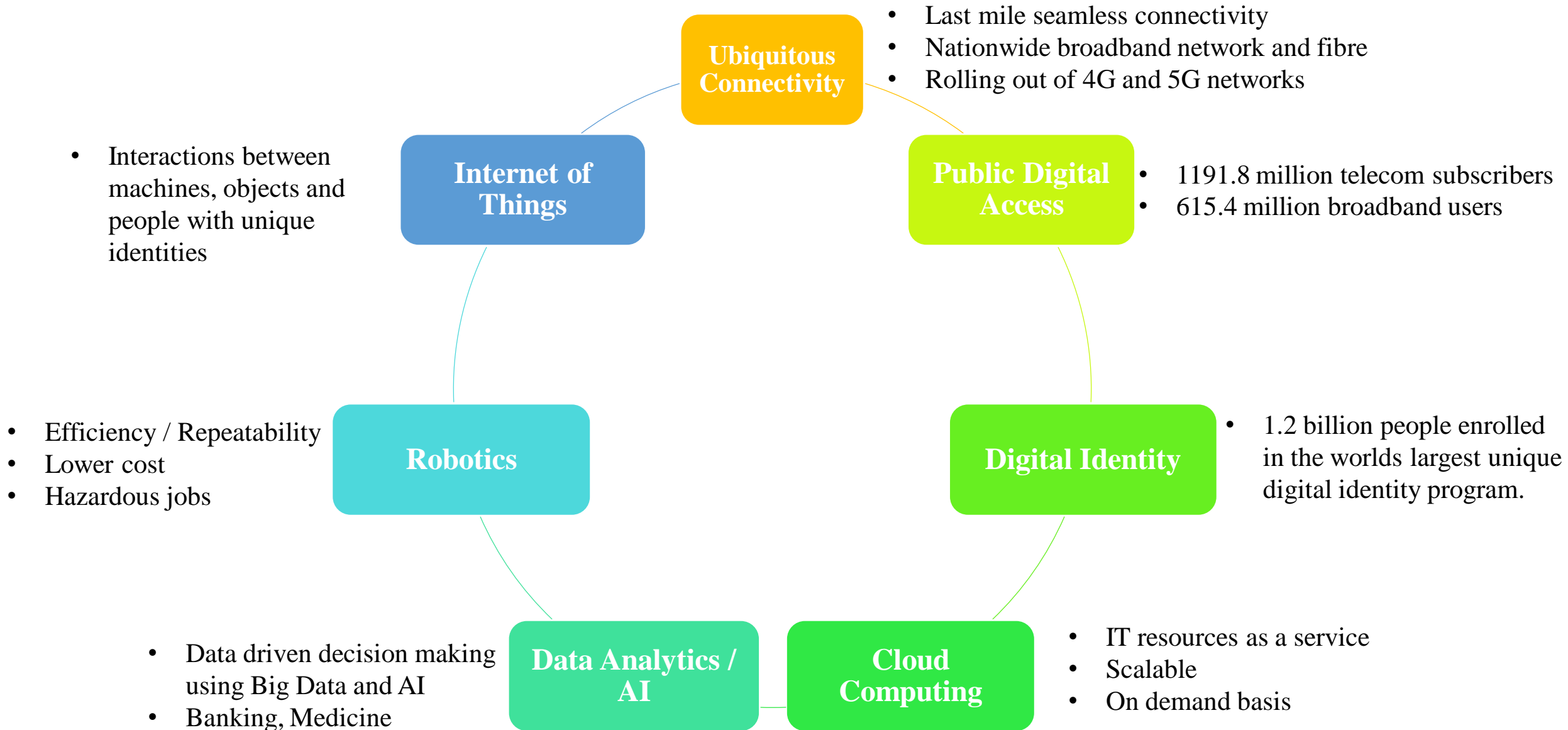
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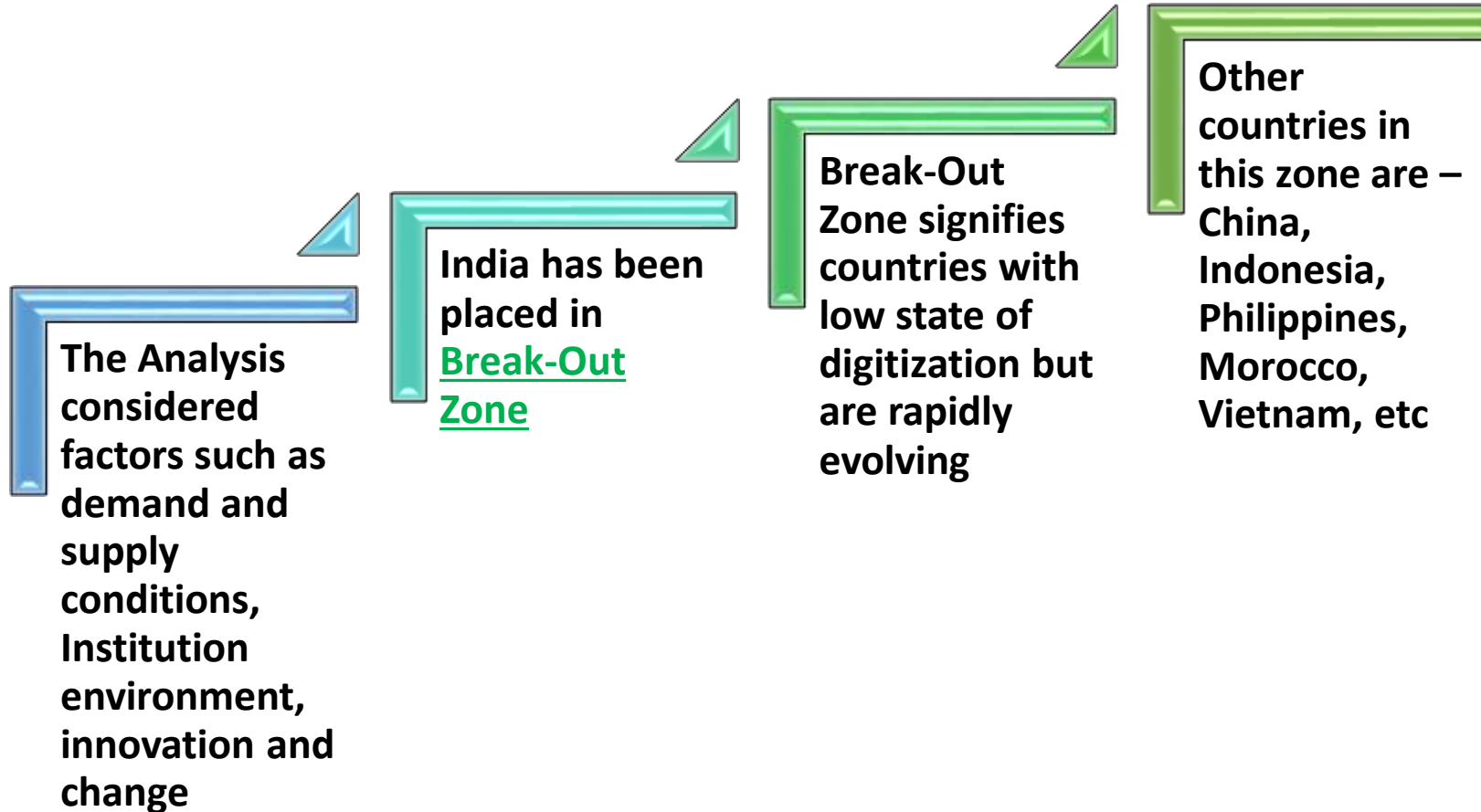
Source: Technology to transform a connected nation - McKinsey Global Institute

# DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE ECO-SYSTEM



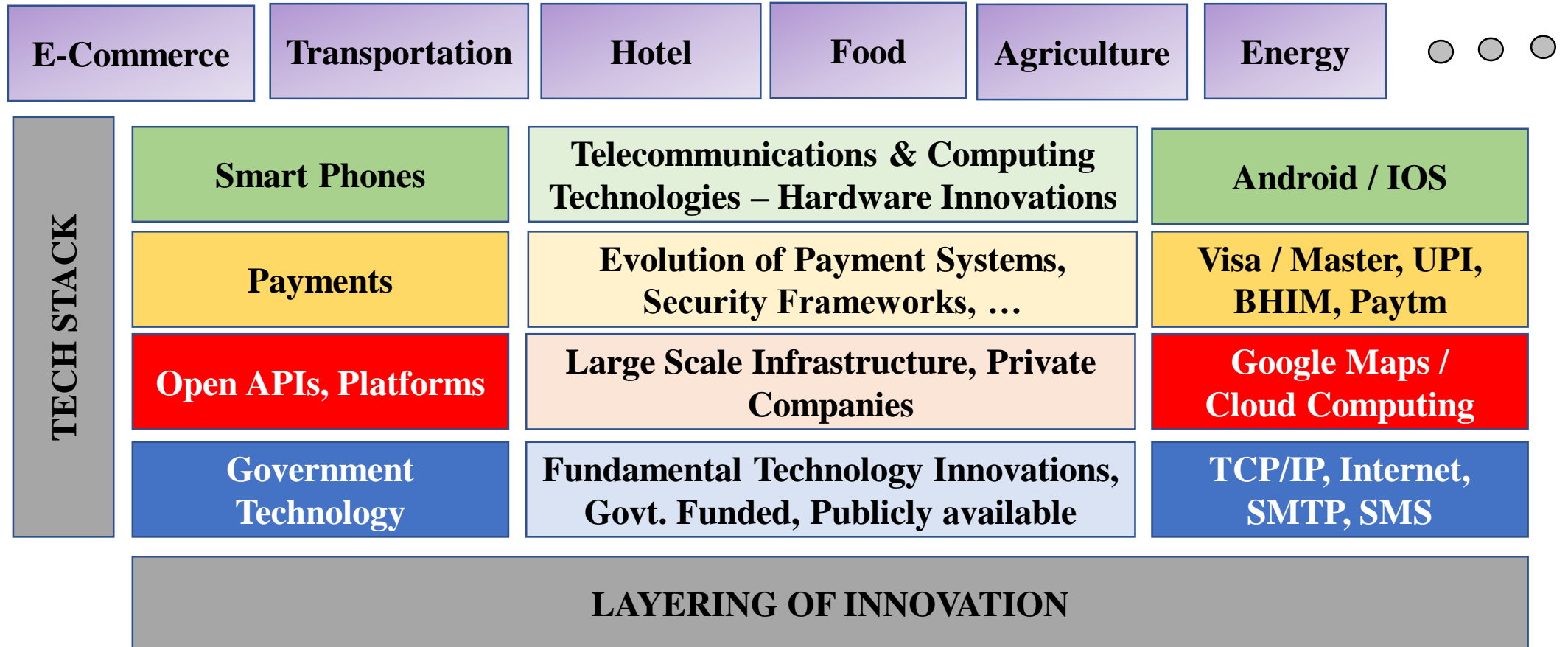


# DIGITAL EVOLUTION INDEX 2017 – HARVARD BUSINESS REVIEW

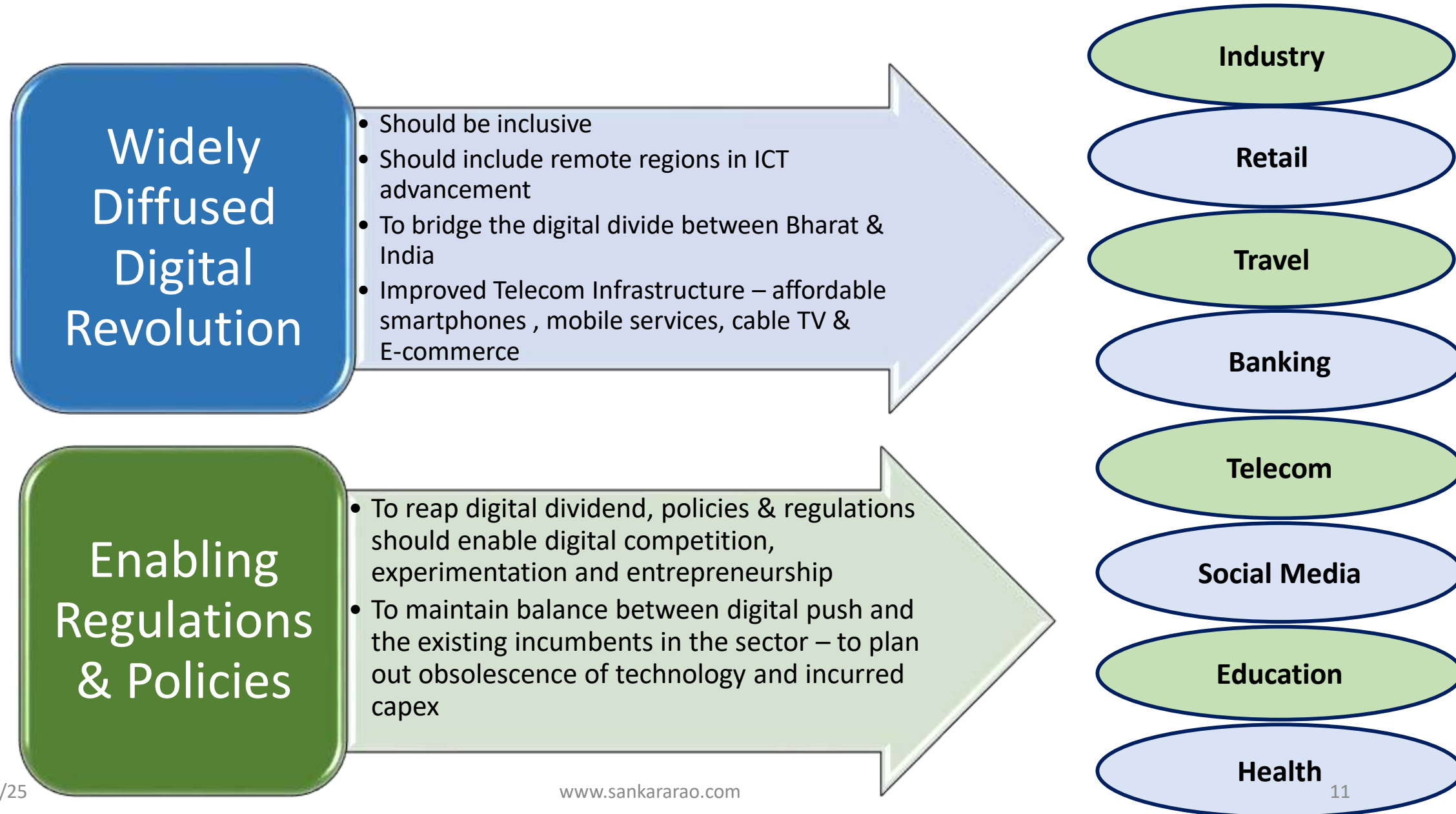


*The world recognises that India is at the cusp of digital revolution – the various demographic factors along with the macro-economic factors are favourable for growth in this direction.*

# TECH STACKS & DIGITAL BUSINESS MODELS



# DIGITAL REVOLUTION IN INDIA – WHAT'S NECESSARY?



# The architecture of the digital economy



Source: ©UNCTAD.

# DIGITAL INDIA - GOVERNMENT INITIATIVES

- 1.2 bn. digital identity, largest in the world
- Enabler for big digital transformation and social empowerment

AADHAAR



- Online docs verification tool
- 31.46 mn. users with 3.5 bn docs
- Enabling paperless verification

DigiLocker



- Build on Unified payment interface
- 119 member banks
- Big enable for digital payment across service providers

BHIM-UPI



- Unified payment interface platform
- Seamless & secure digital payment
- Multiple Bank account through one App

UPI



- Biometric enabled digital life certificate for pensioners
- 26.3 mn. users submitted life certificate

Jeevan Praman



- Unified national market for agriculture products
- 585 Markets, 16 States, 2UTs and 1.64 crore farmers

E-NAM



- Promotion of start-ups
- Tax exemption and other benefits
- 24,227 no. of DPIIT recognised Start-up

Start-up India



- Largest IT network in the world for tax compliance
- Integrated IT interface with 100% paperless compliance

GST Network



# UPI, GST and ONDC Indian Public Digital Networks Infrastructure



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Largest public digital network of payments, taxation and e-commerce in the world

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Integrated IT interface for 100% paperless compliance

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Enormous potential with application of Big Data Analytics and Artificial Intelligence

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To change the Fintech based lending space to MSME and businesses

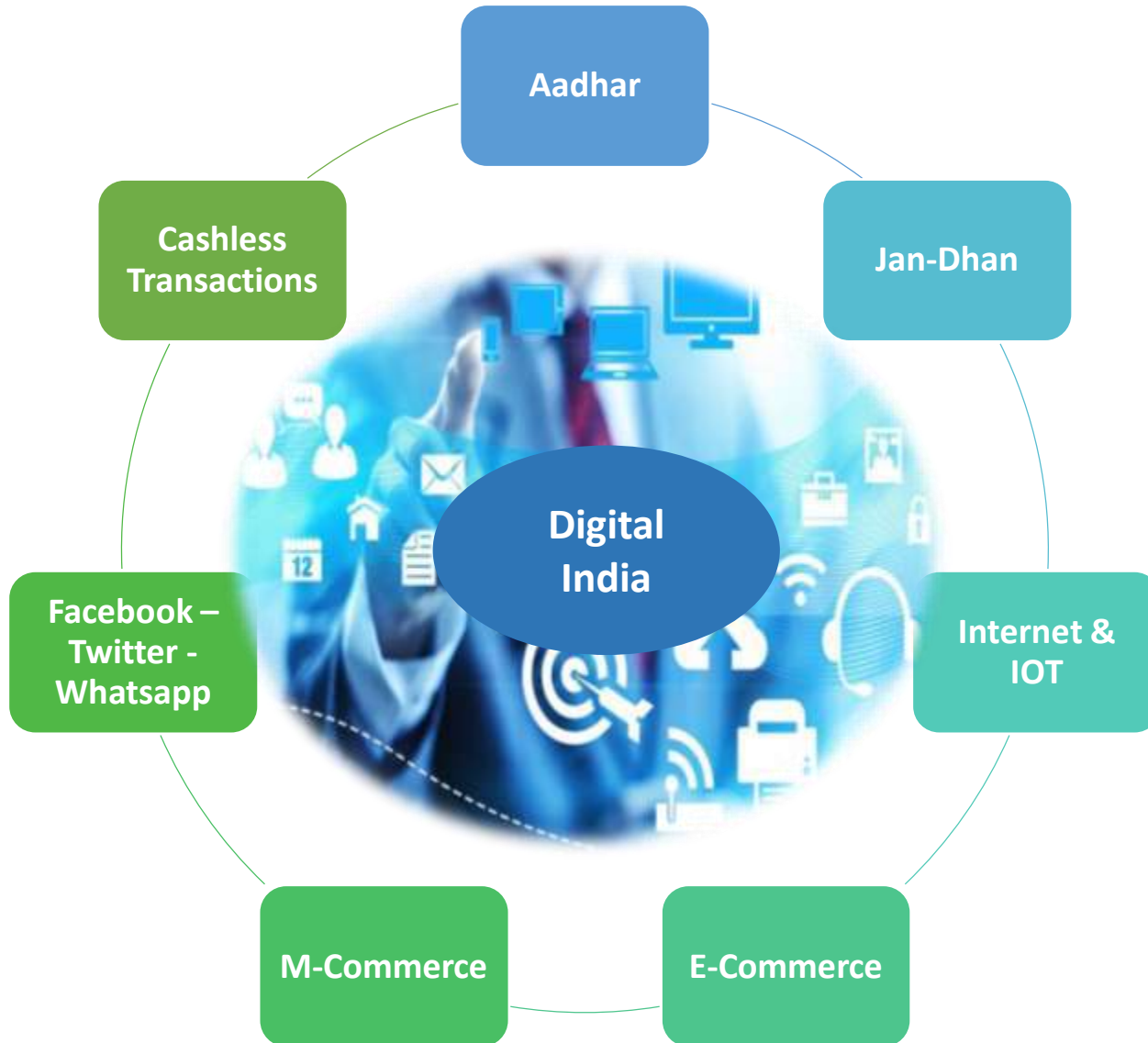
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Digital initiative happening to automate the compliance will boost digital economy

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# THE OMNI PRESENT DIGITAL INDIA



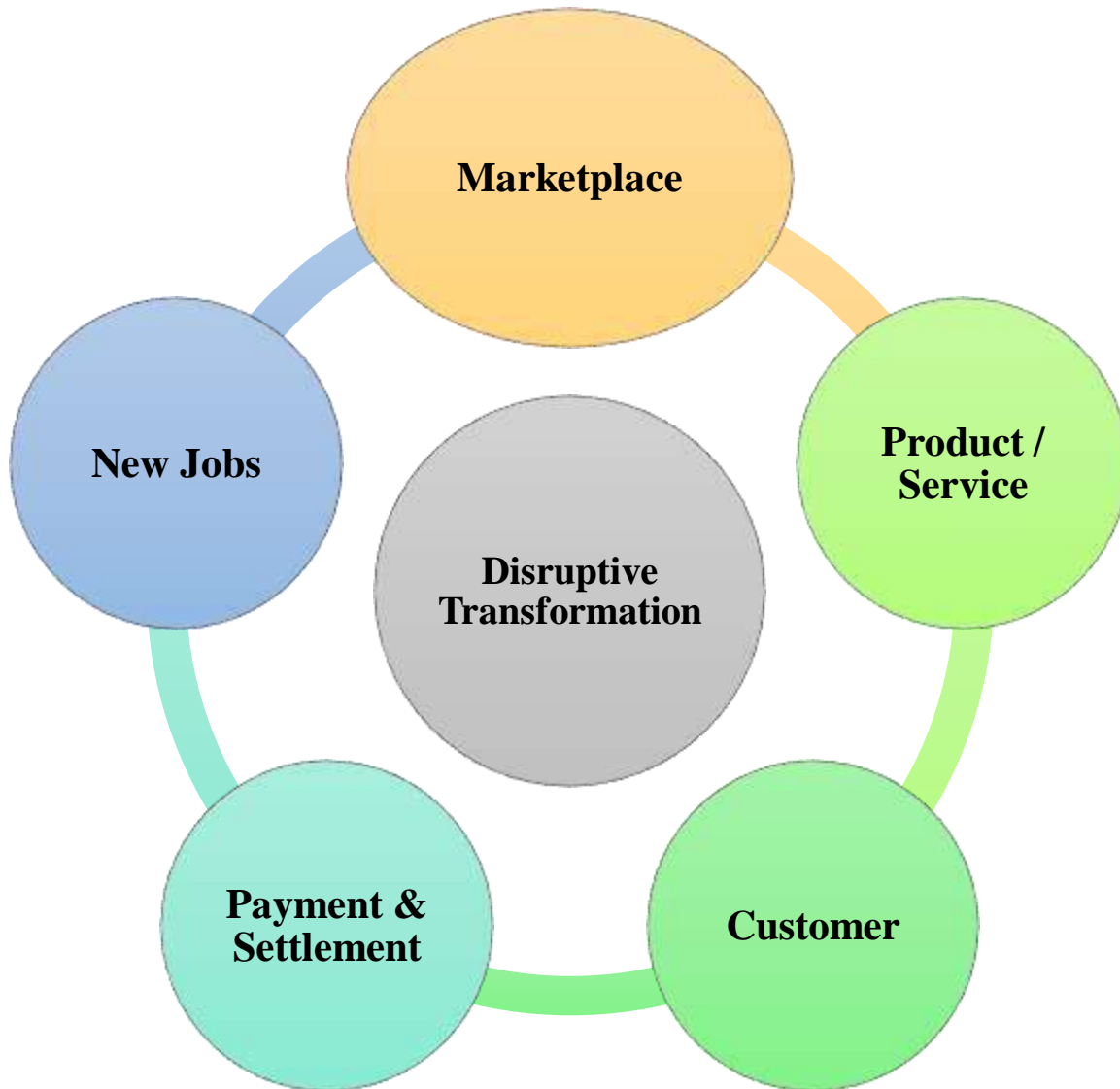
The beginning of the Digital Revolution in India was in 2010 with the launch of Aadhar – the biometric identification program of the Government of India.

At present there are about 1100 million mobile subscribers and 430 million users have internet access – this is expected to double by 2026.

Government is also encouraging cashless payments and incentivizing digital payments. Soon, Cash won't be king!

Digital Evolution brings with it Automation, Data Analytics, Artificial Intelligence, Internet of Things – impacting millions of jobs world over

# TRANSFORMATION OF MARKET STRUCTURE - Physical to Digital

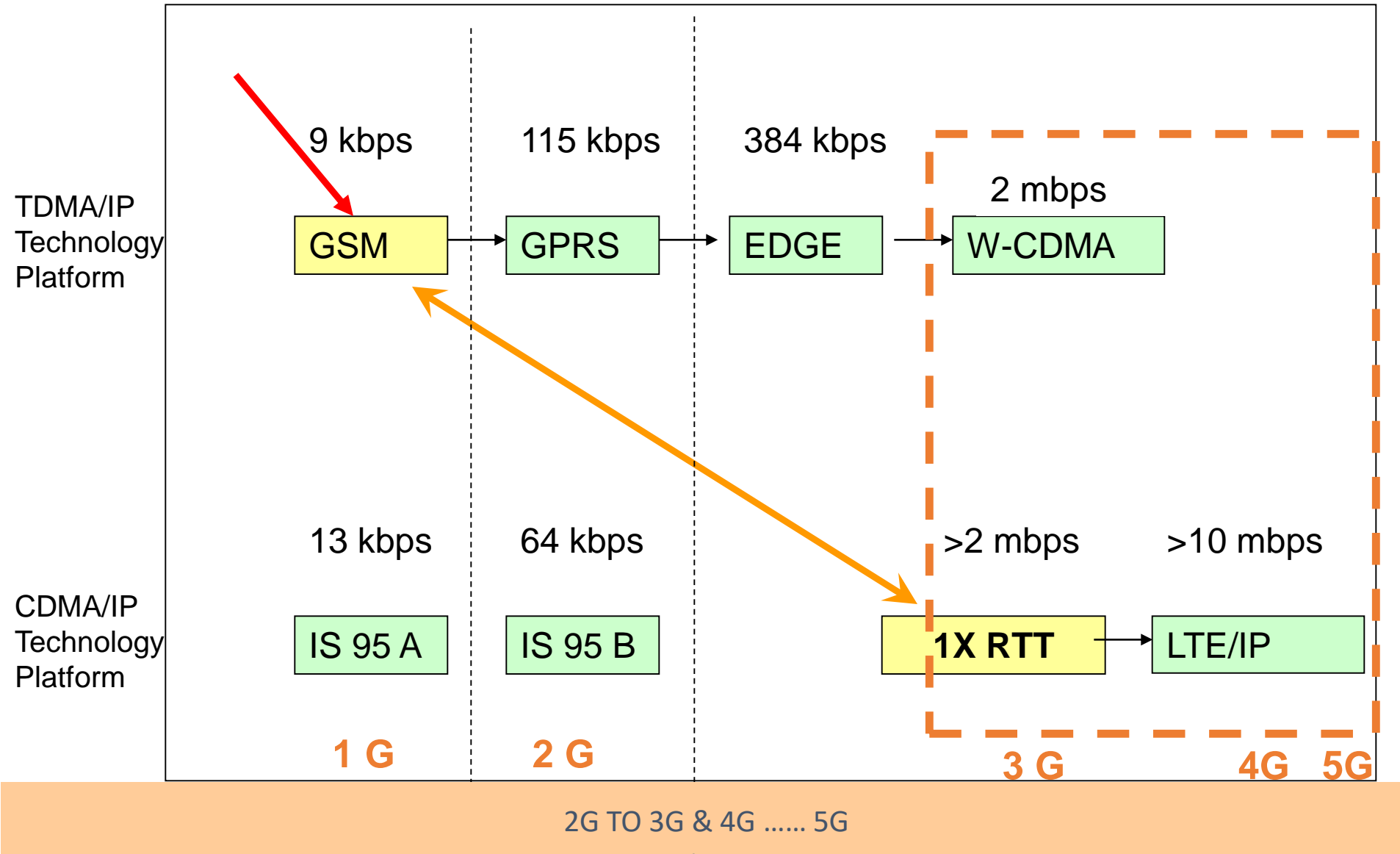


- ❑ **Marketplace** – Concept of physical marketplace moving towards a virtual marketplace. Truly global, competitive and information symmetric market (i.e. moving towards market perfection & Price Discovery).

Complementing traditional ‘Brick & Mortar’ businesses.

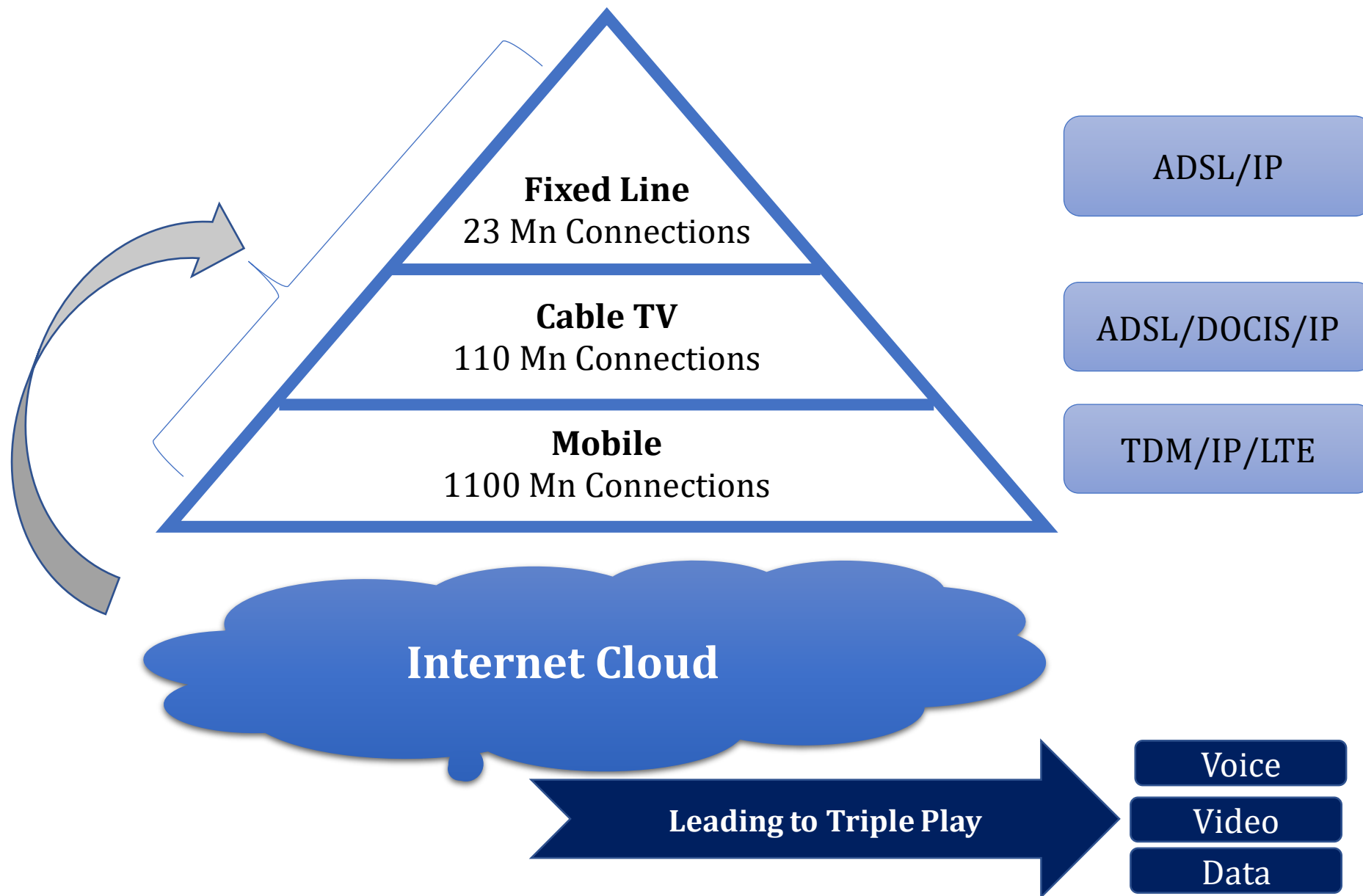
- ❑ **Product** – More competitive, widely accepted with top notch performance. New product evolving with wide market and cost competitiveness.
- ❑ **Customer** – More informed than ever about product, pricing and substitutes.
- ❑ **Payment & Settlement** – Digital payment & settlement is a big enabler for digitalisation.
- ❑ **New Jobs** – Skilling of employees to operate in a digital economy, more interaction between man and system / system and system.

# TECHNOLOGY - MIGRATION PATHS TO 3G & 4G To 5G

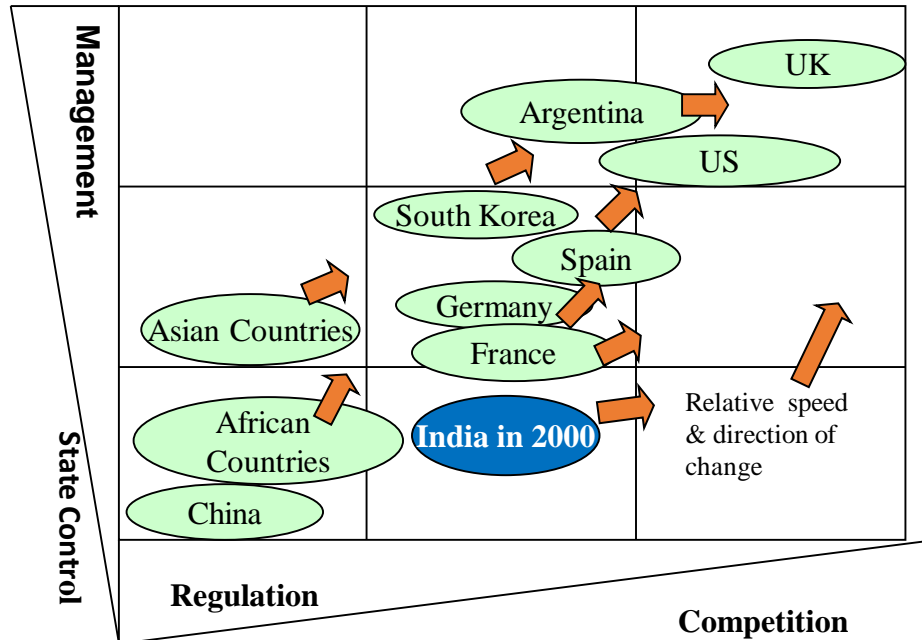


# DIGITAL CONNECTIVITY

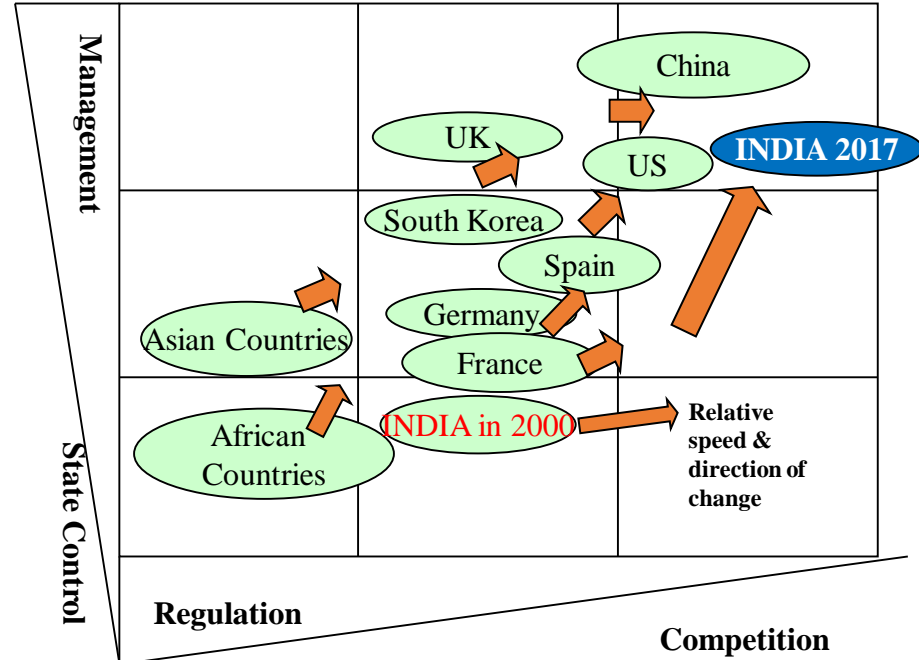
# TECHNOLOGY



# 1994 - 2017 REFORMS UNLOCKING THE TELECOM VALUE

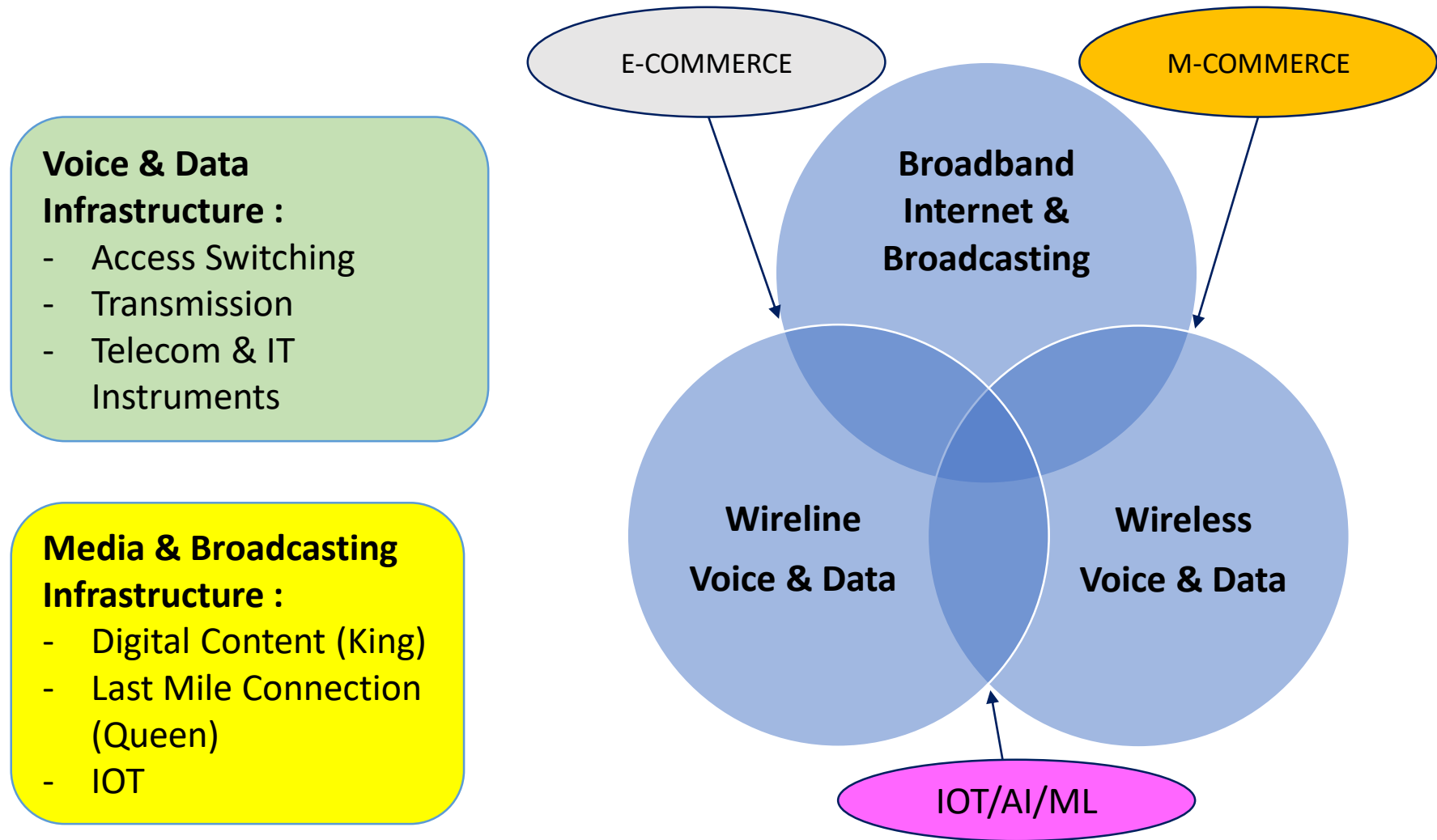


**1994 – 2000 REFORMS**



**2000-2017 REFORMS**  
India Leading the Way in the Telecom  
Sector Reforms in the Globe

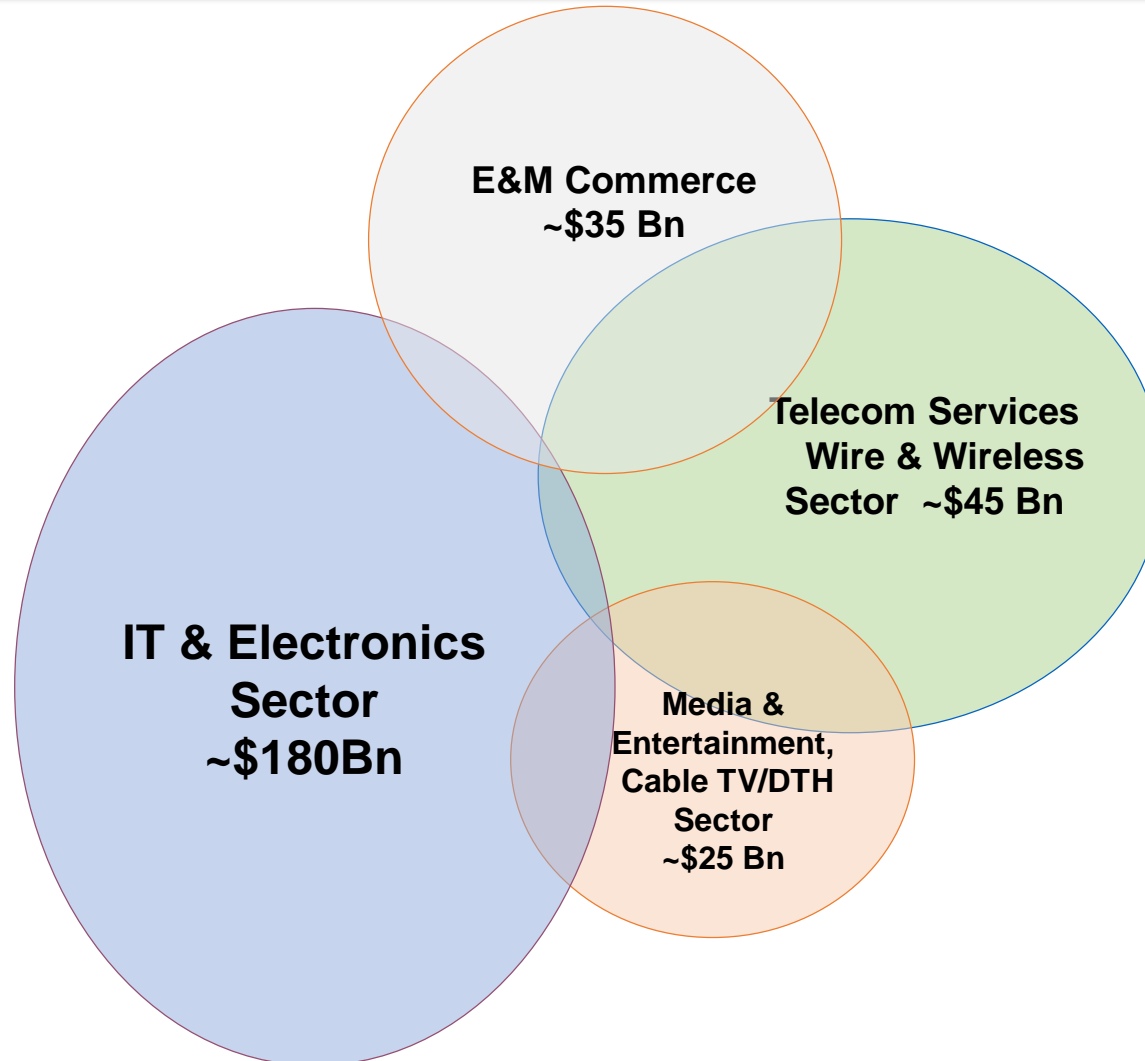
# TELECOM SERVICES CONVERGENCE & NEW DIGITAL BUSINESSES



The Telecom will compliment businesses opportunities in e&m-Commerce, Media, Logistics, Banking and AI in a big way in the next 5 years in India

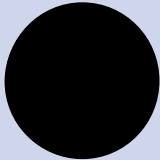
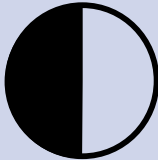
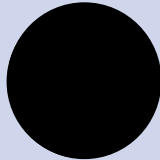
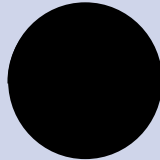
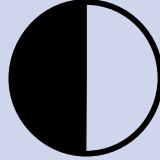
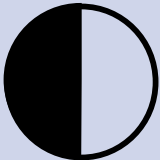
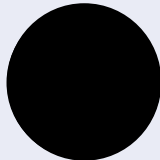
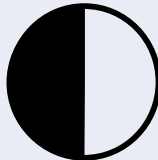
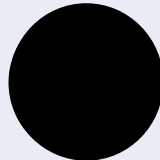
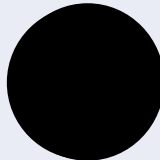
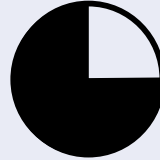
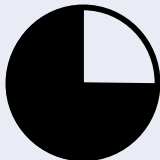
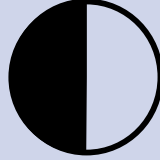
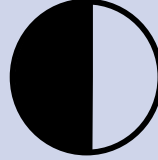
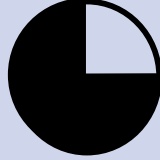
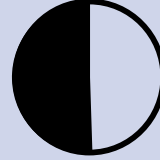
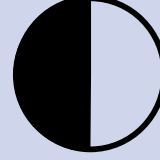
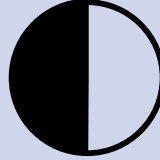
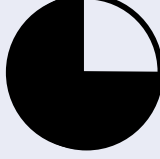

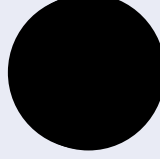
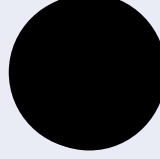
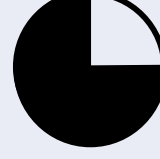
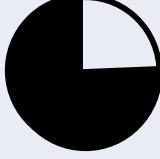


# RELATED INDUSTRY CONVERGENCE



***Convergence Leading the World to a Global Village***

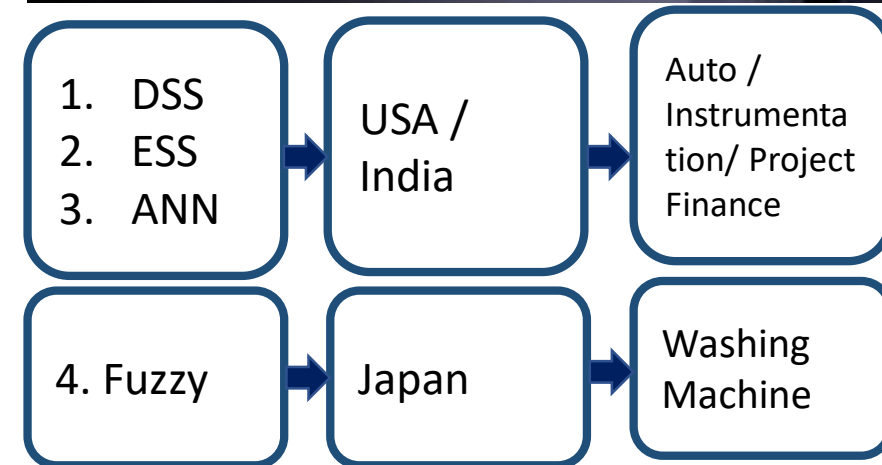
# DIGITAL IMPACT ON BUSINESS MODELS

Parameters	Retail	Power	Telecom	Airlines	Logistics	Agriculture
Competition						
Private participation						
Policy & Regulation						
Market outreach						

**Good Policy + Good Regulation = Good Governance & Progress**

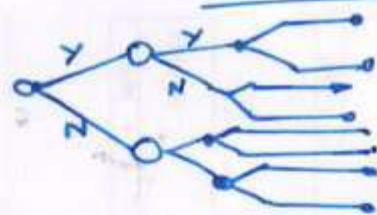
# ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

- Science & Medicine: Prediction, Diagnosis
- Manufacturing: Process modeling, FME & C analysis
- Marketing & Sales: Market analysis, customer classification
- Finance: Portfolio & Investments analysis
- Banking & Insurance: Credit, Risk and Treasury
- Elections: Predictions & Game Theory Simulations
- Power Sector Grid: LDC Computing Algorithm



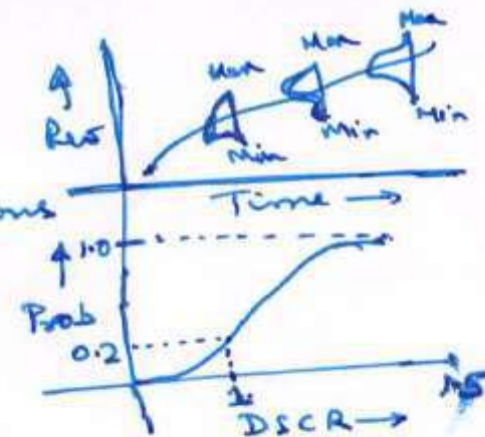
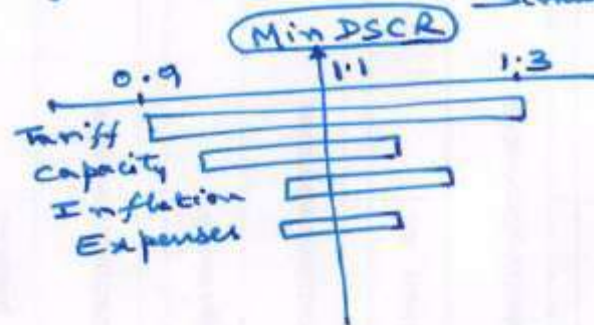
# AI - Eco System

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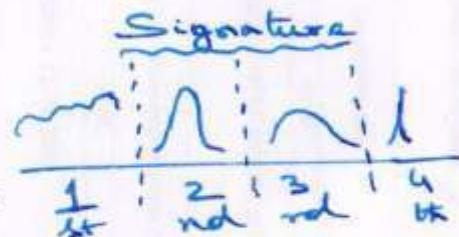
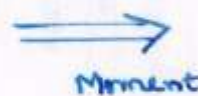


Project Finance :

$2^n$  Simulations



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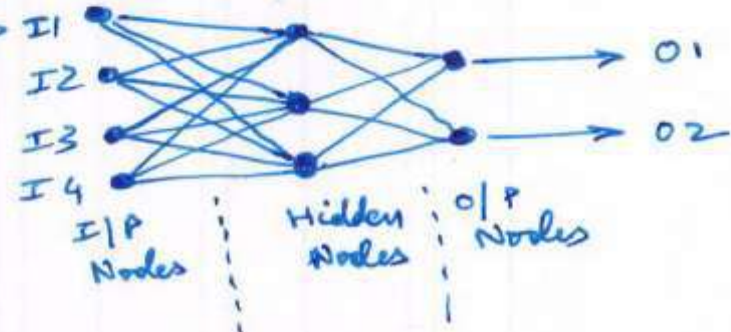
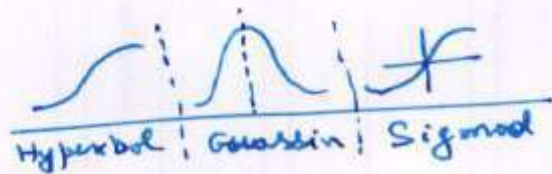


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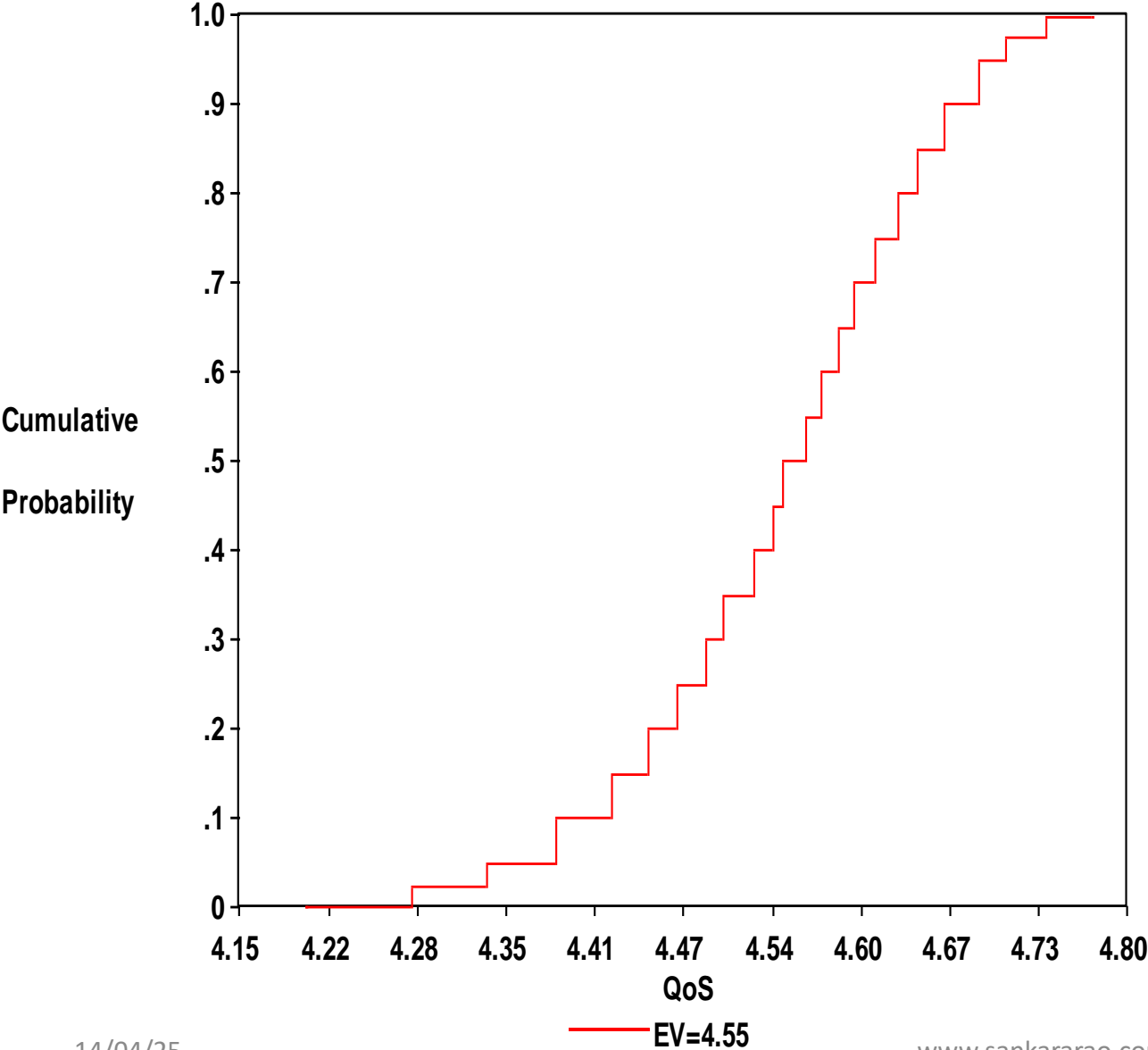


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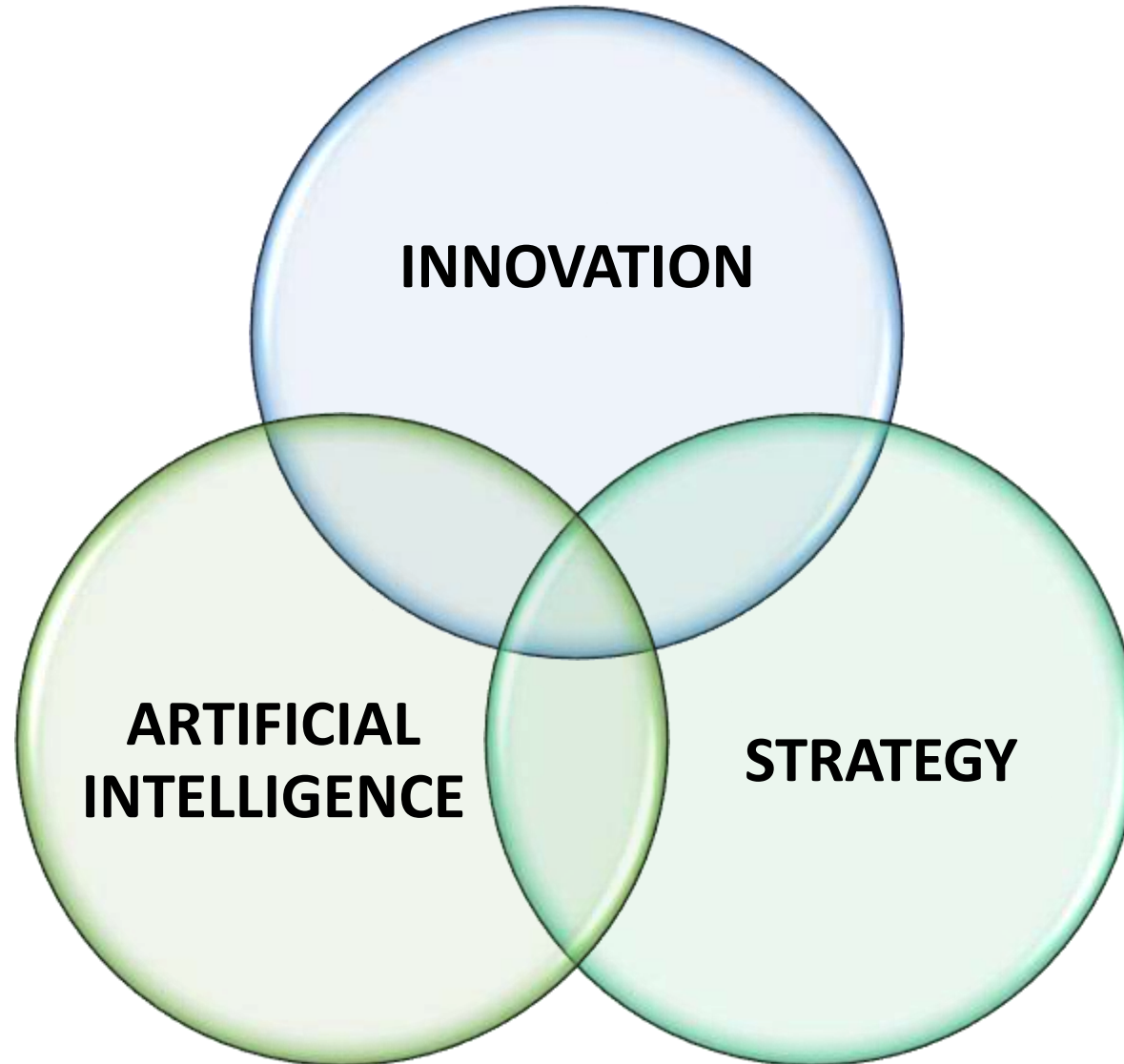


# Stochastic Verses Deterministic for Accuracy of Decisions Making



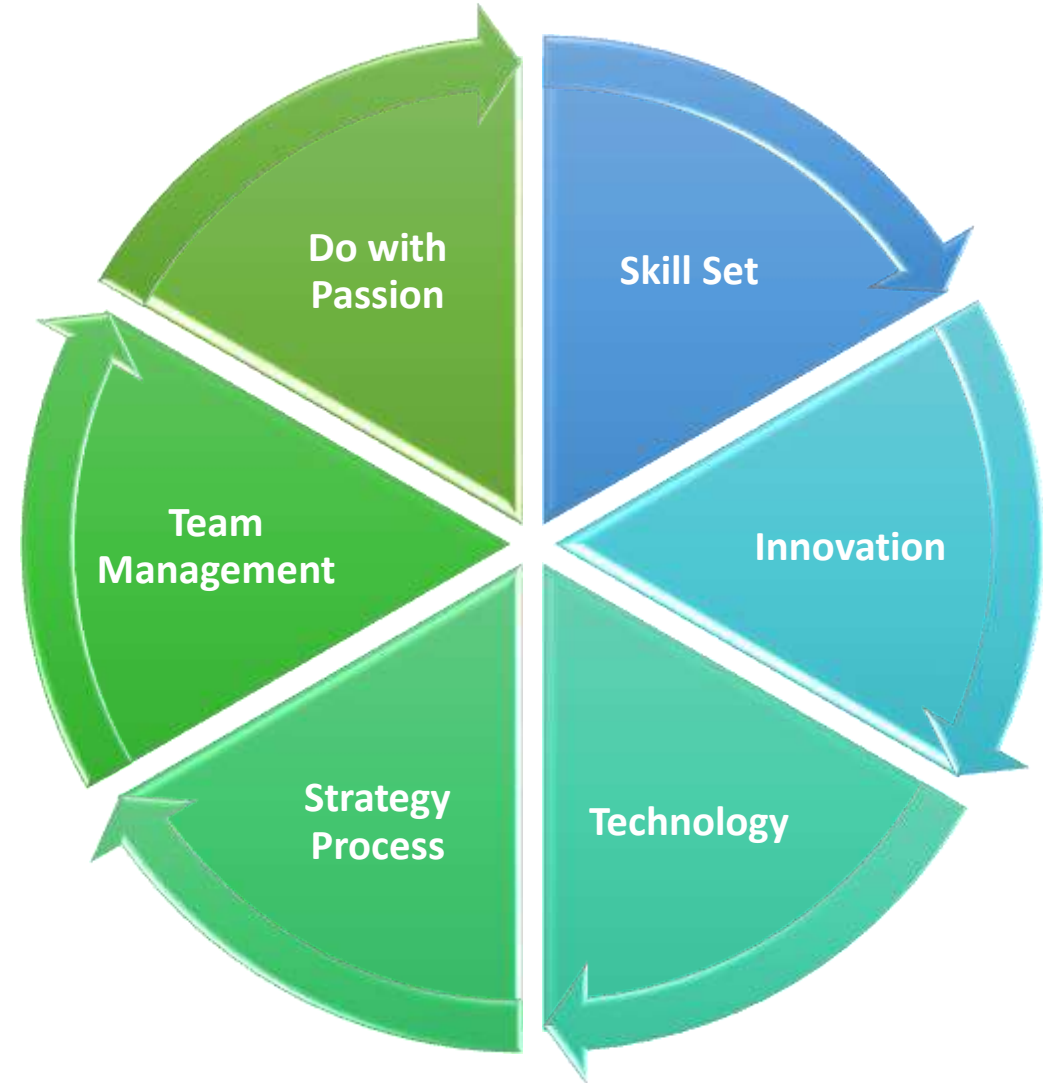
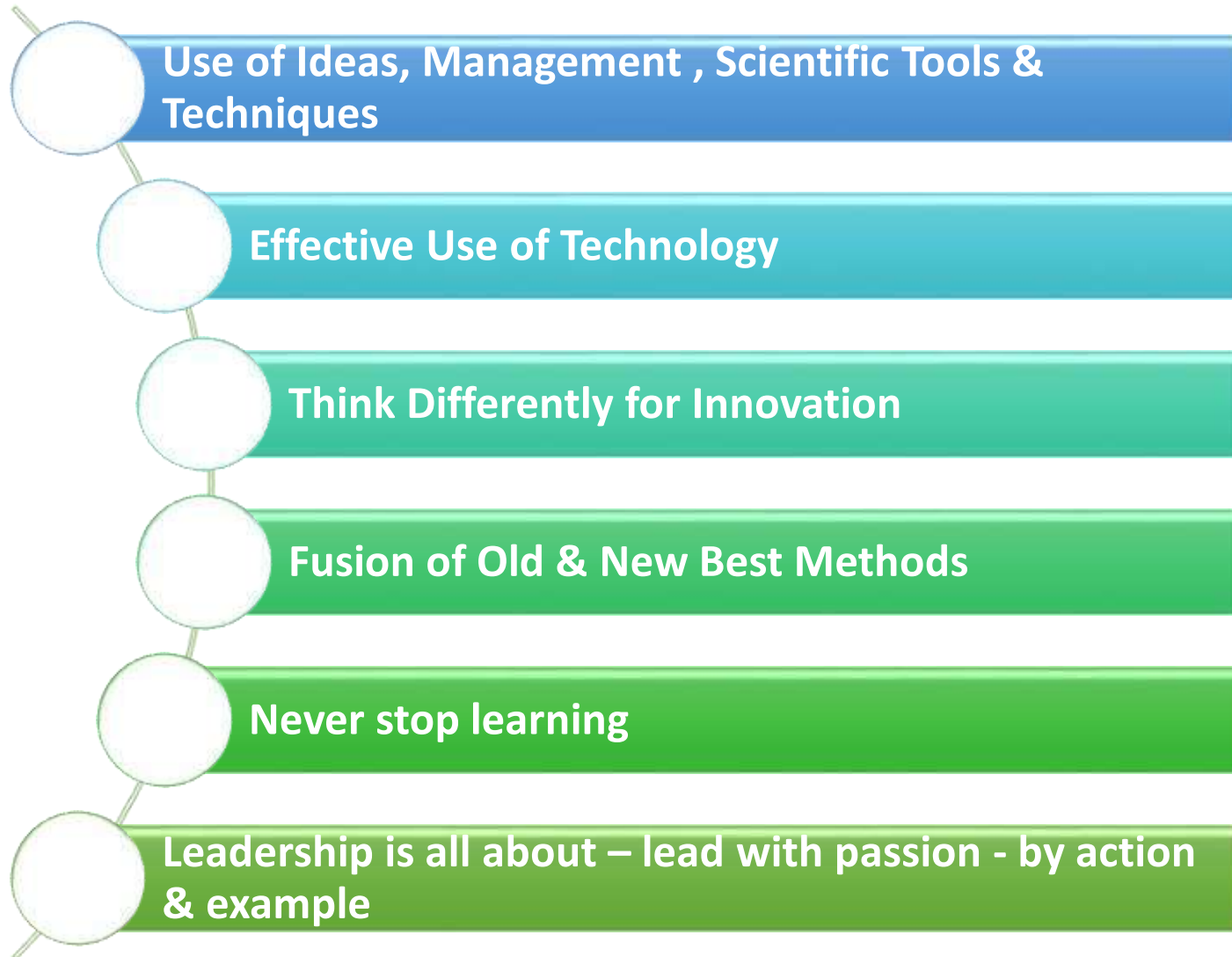
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1	Traffic	Mn Minutes	835	840
2	Revenue	Rs. Crores	1461	1400
3	EBITDA	Rs. Crores	184	181
4	LCC	Rs. Crores	260	215
5	Capex	Rs. Crores	128	127
6	Opex	Rs.Crores	1276	1503
7	QoS	No.	4.55	4.55
8	NEI	No.	3.87	3.8
9	Availability	No.	.99950	.99945
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# BUSINESS ECOSYSTEM & STRATEGY





# STRATEGY & INNOVATION – CRUCIAL COMPONENT OF LEADERSHIP MANAGEMENT



# Great Start Up's Humble Origin

**Where it all started**



**APPLE**



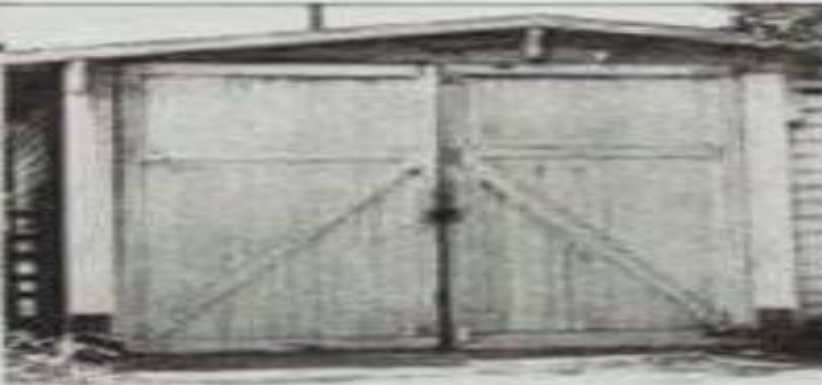
**GOOGLE**



**AMAZON**



**HARLEY**



**DISNEY**



**MATTEL**

# CASE 2 - STRATEGY – TELECOM SERVICE BUSINESS

## STRATEGY

Blended PCM/TDM Network with IP Network

Higher Compression – Lower B/W per channel (32 IP to 16 TDM)

Used Satellite C+ transponder (with no echo) instead of OFC STM/SDH

Innovated with a Gateway solution SS7 developed by Vocaltech Israel

ASR – 90% on IP and 35% on TDM ; Revenue Advantage – 2 to 5 times for IP

Resulted in lower capex & opex cost Rs.7/min against competition Rs.27/min

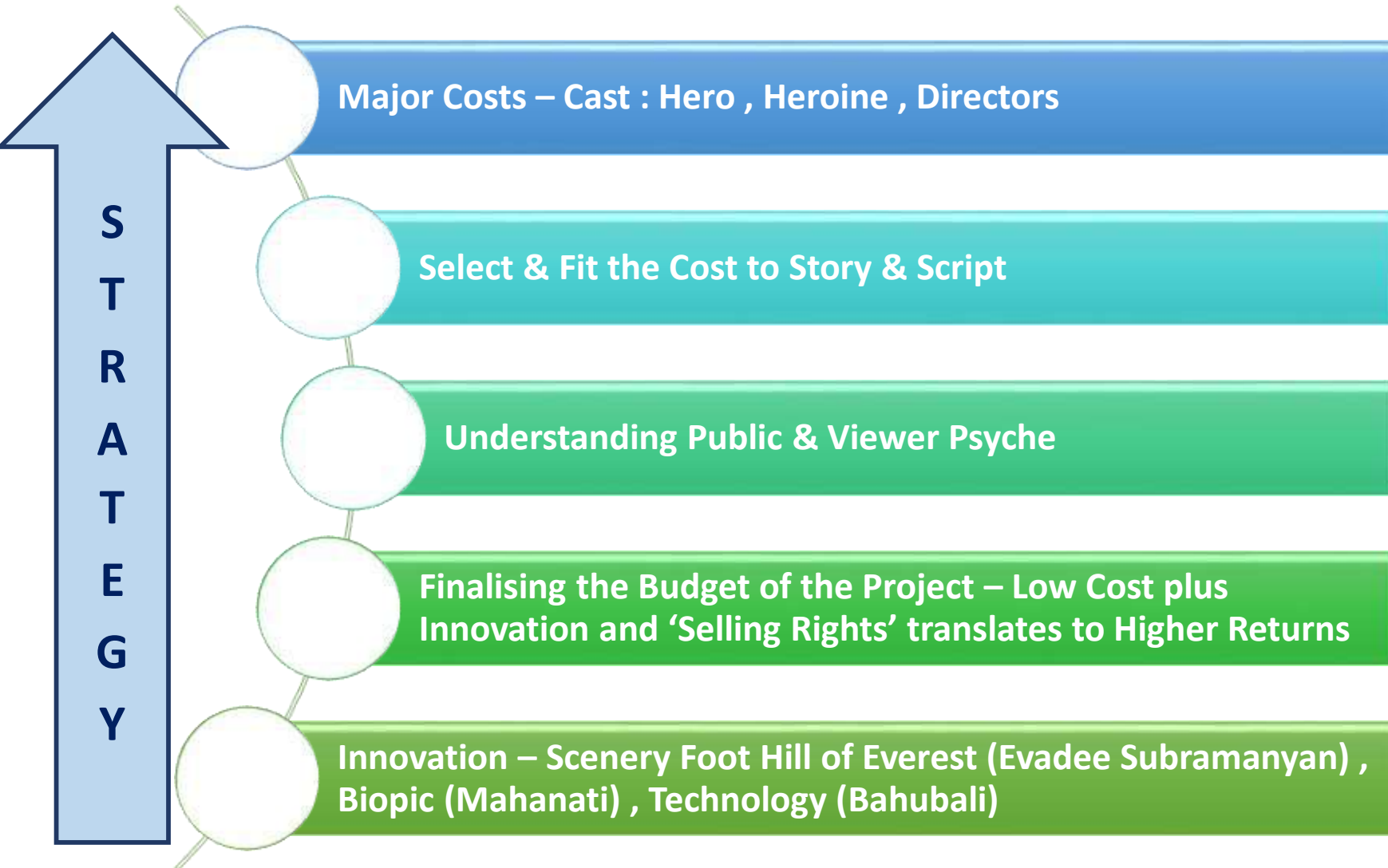
Garnered 38% market share and reached 4 digit (in crore) revenue in 2 years



### BACKGROUND

- 3 Strong Competitors
- Using PCM / TDM / SDH / STM technologies

# STRATEGY – CINEMA

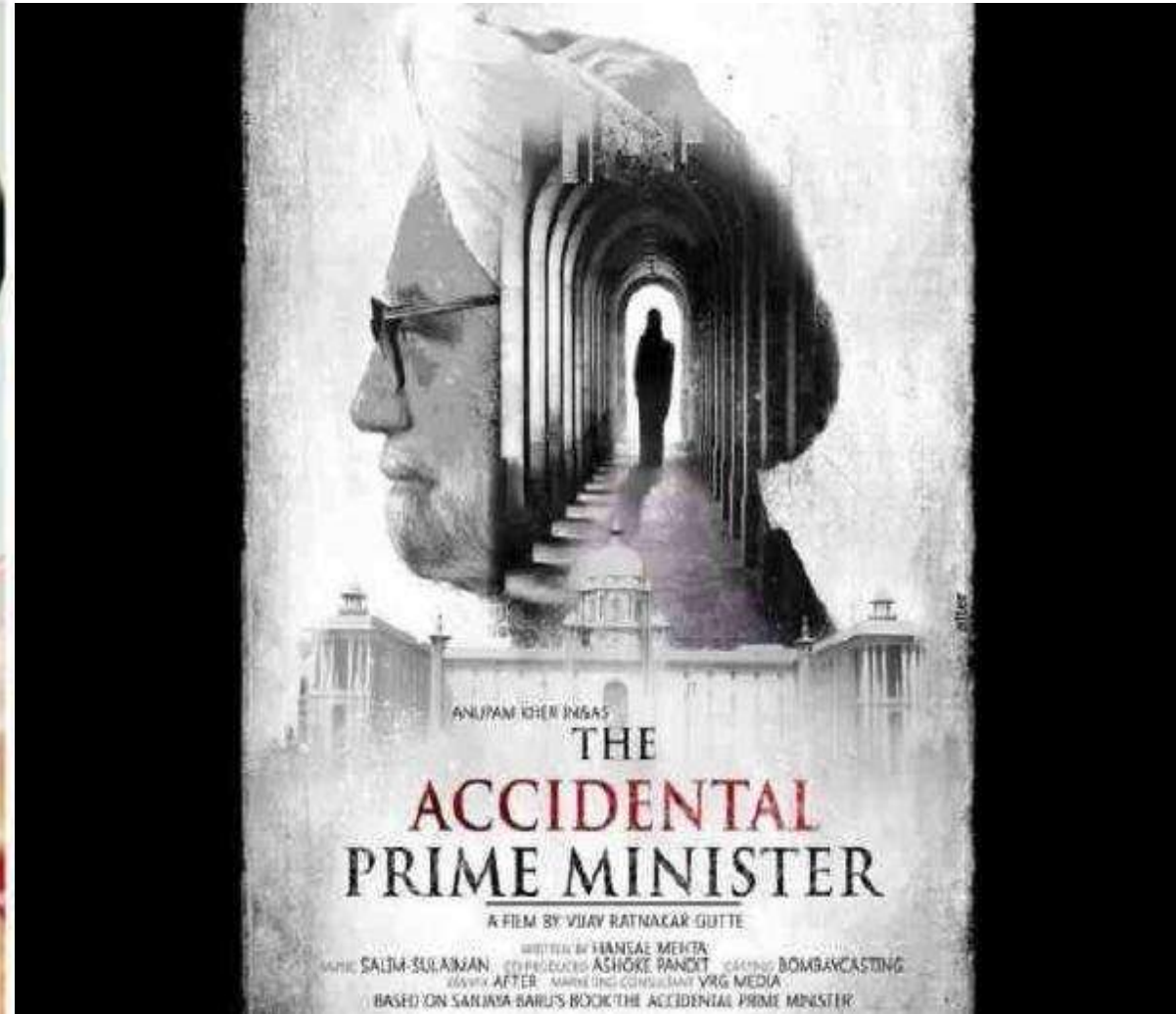


## BACKGROUND

- Strong Telugu Media Market
- High Competition



# CINEMA- Innovation & Strategy



**Cinema Innovation – Independent Biopic Movies are Success and Non-Independent movies are a Failure**

# 7 YEAR OLD START-UP : AGRI & SOLAR ECOSYSTEM

**CLARO<sup>®</sup>**

<http://claroenergy.in/>

- Started in 2011
- Rural ecosystem inclusive business
- 1 state
- 30 pumps

- Grown from 6 people to 140
- Income from Rs.2 cr to over Rs.60 cr
- Value: Rs.0.4 cr

- Geographical footprint widened to over 17 States
- Valuation has risen to 2x Revenue
- 9000 pumps

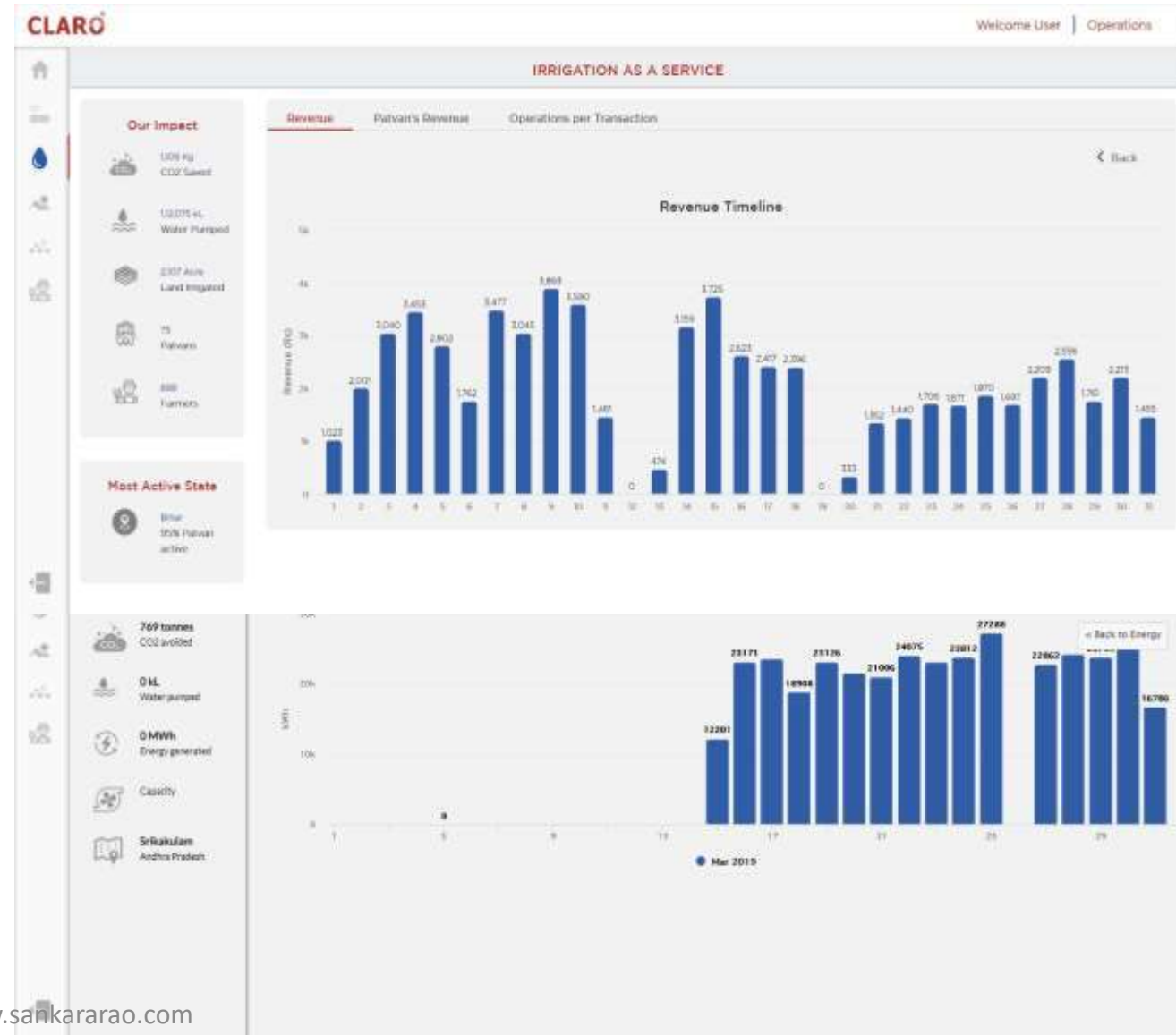
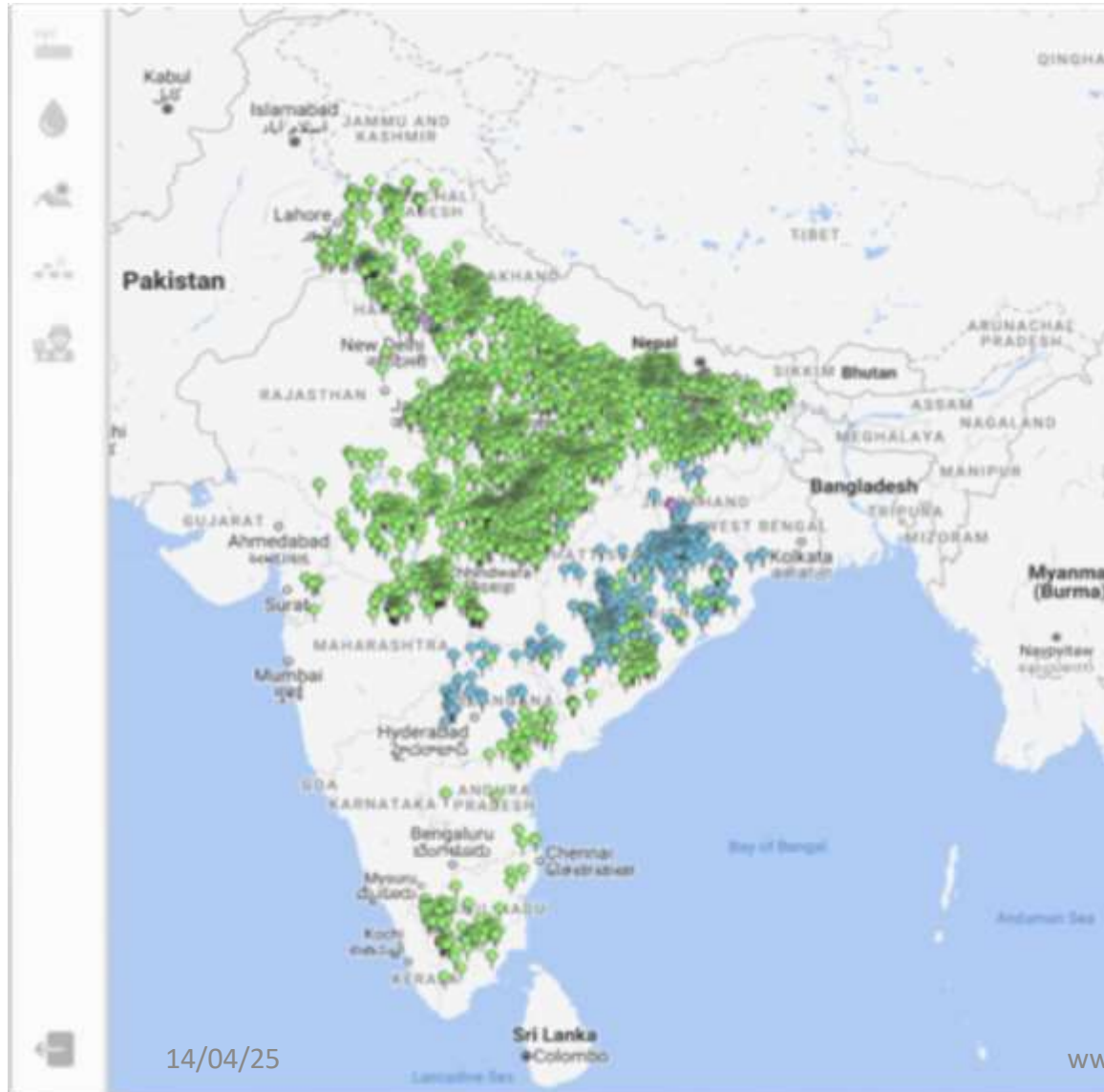
- Made a mark in the irrigation infrastructure of the country
- Energy efficient, easy access to the farmer & enhanced productivity of land

*Leading to a New Company integrating Data Analytics & Artificial Intelligence on Soil, Water & Pumps*

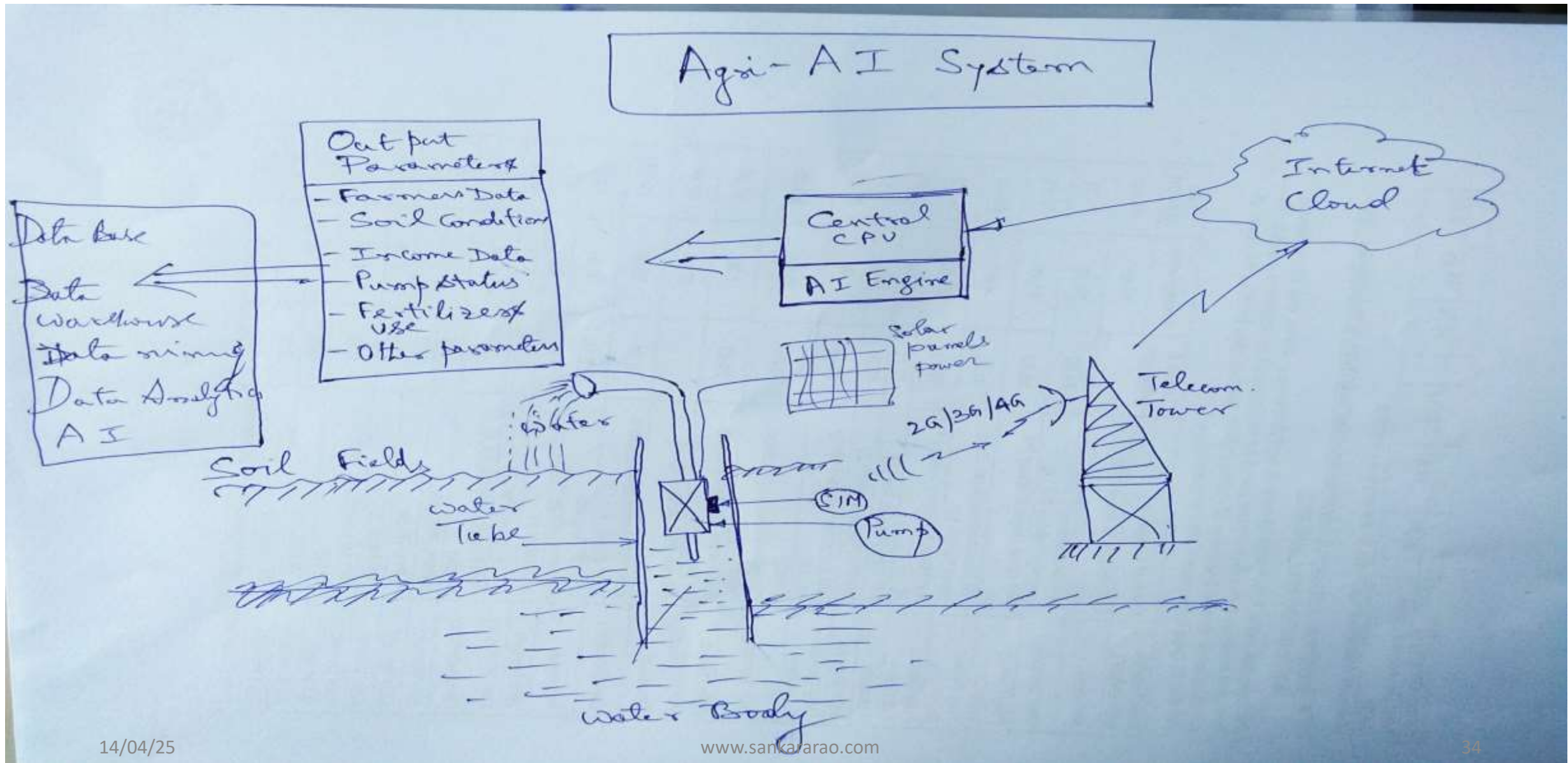


# CASE: AGRICULTURE & LOGISTICS

## Mapping Solar Irrigation Assets Remotely



## CASE: ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN AGRICULTURE



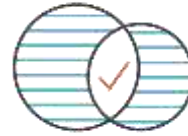
# CASE: AGRICULTURE & LOGISTICS

Leveraging Technology to make F&V Chain Efficient and Low-Cost

FARMER



Forecasting & Planning

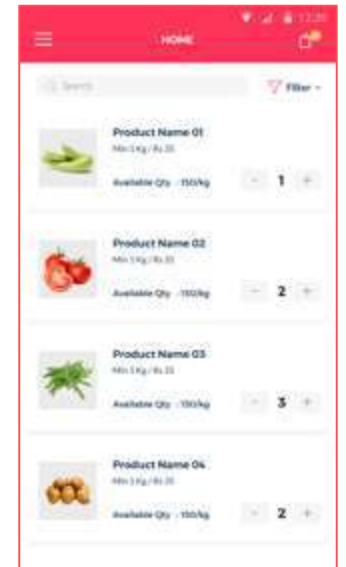


Dynamic Pricing Engine  
(Simultaneous Sales and Purchase Pricing)

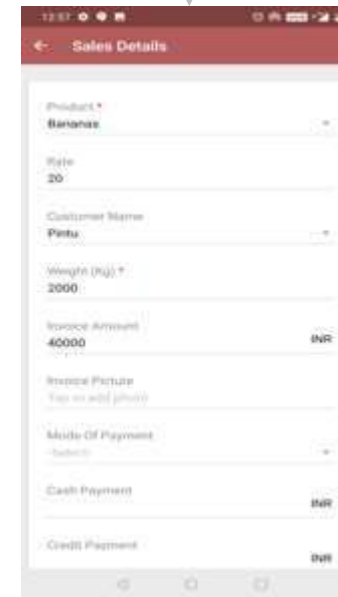
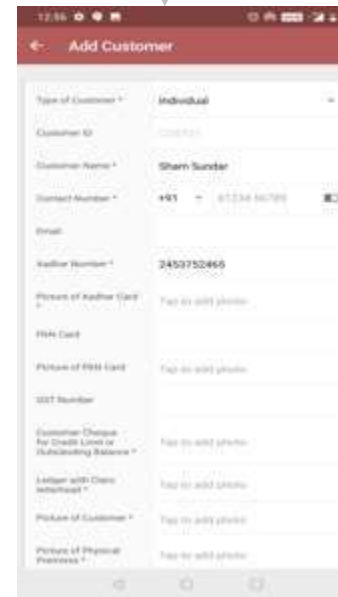
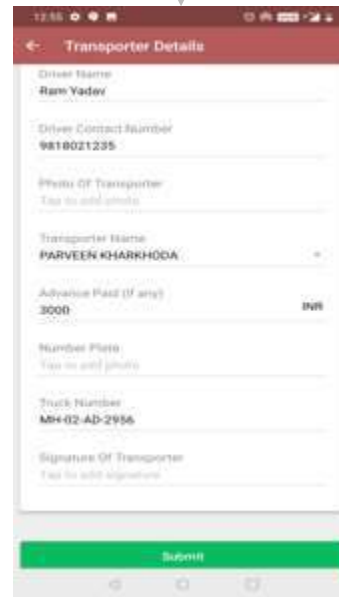
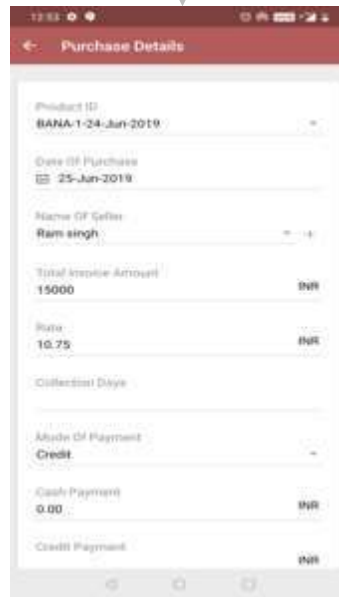


Route Optimization

RETAILER



Building internal Ag stack for efficient fast moving supply chain operation









# 3 YEAR OLD START-UP : EDUCATION



<https://www.stones2milestones.com/>

- Started in 2015
- In business to create a Nation of Readers

- Employee strength risen from 3 to 33
- Income jumped from 0.75 crore to 22.5 crore,
- Valuation has jumped several times

- Sharp jump in user base from 15000 to 250000
- Number of schools reached increased from 8 to 110

- Encouraging & Inculcating Reading habits
- Touching children, parents & teachers

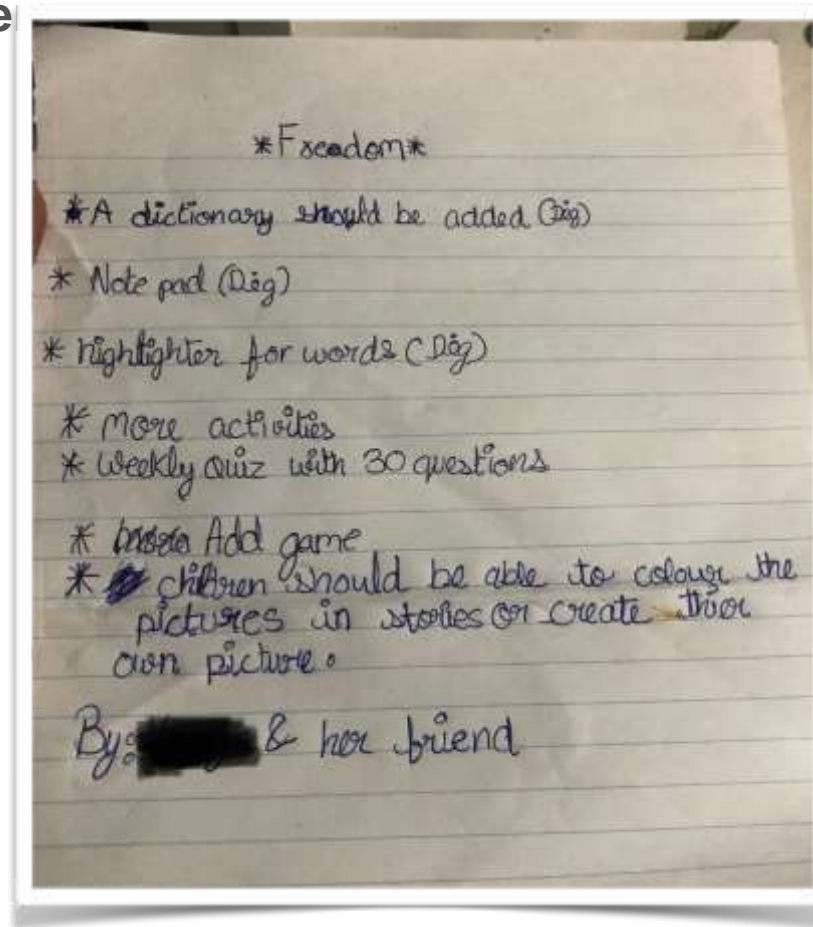
# CASE: EDUCATION – STONES TO MILESTONES

## Established Market Fit

Successful acceptance & engagement of a paid product in the target group via fanatical focus on the end use

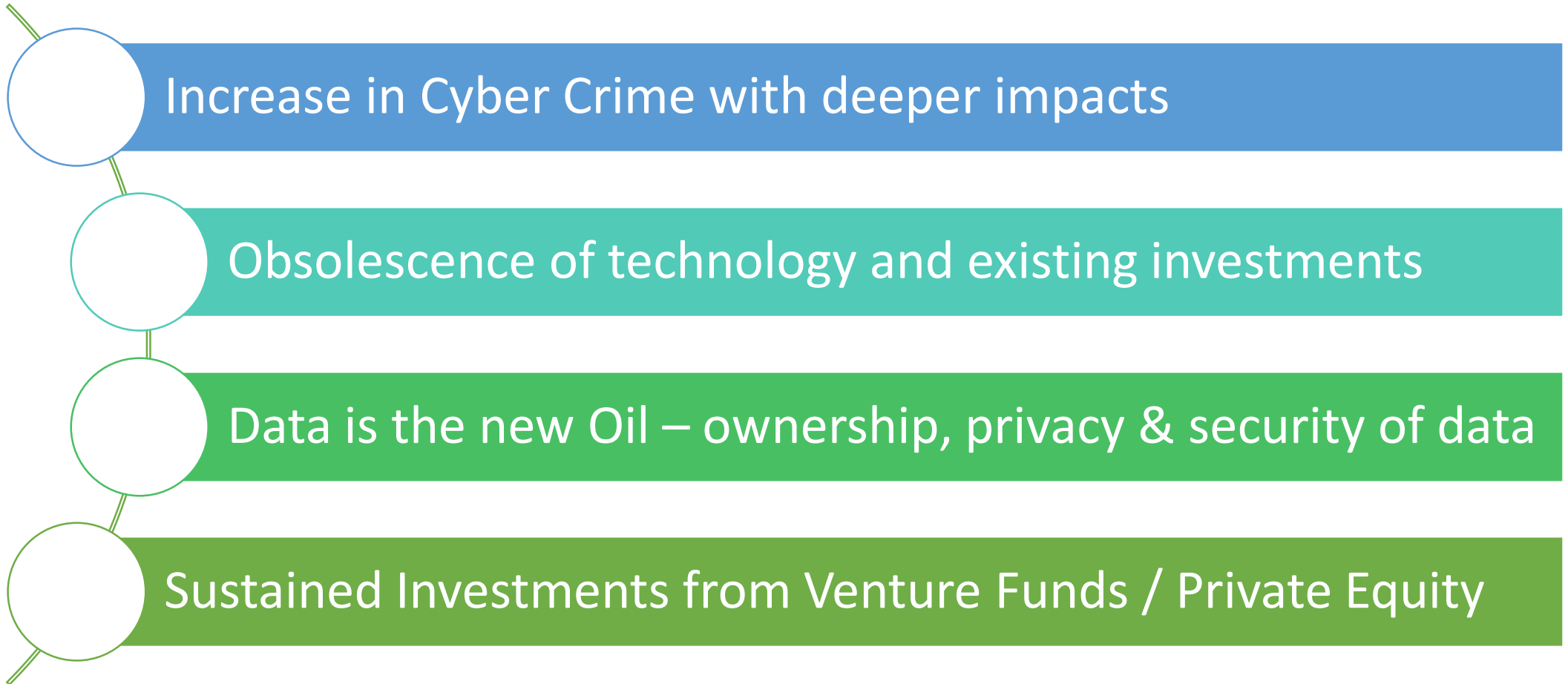
	Product Adoption	Product Engagement
Tier 1	50%	42%
Tier 2	42%	43%
Tier 3	28%	64%

*\*Data from 3 month paid product beta between Jul-Sep'19 of 45,505 children in 130+ schools across all tiers in India*



One of the many Product roadmaps as requested by a 7yr old super user

# CHALLENGES & WAY FORWARD IN DIGITIZATION



**Though Challenges in Digitization are large, Opportunities are even larger!**



# 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY SKILLED HUMAN RESOURCES & TECHNOLOGY FOR VISION & MISSION OF MAKE IN INDIA

## TECHNOLOGY

- Use Effectively the Digital Technologies to provide the Citizens with all Infra Services and Industry Products at affordable prices and accessibility of health care and other urban & rural infra services.
- Make use of **2/3/4 G** digital communication with **IOT** devices eco-system to connect services & products to enhance productivity and quality of services
- Effective IT platforms & applications using **AI & Deep Machine Learning** for making the good policies & regulations
- Digital Technology & AI to be used to enhance the Services & Products productivity but **not to REPLACE** Human Resources

## SKILLS & TALENT

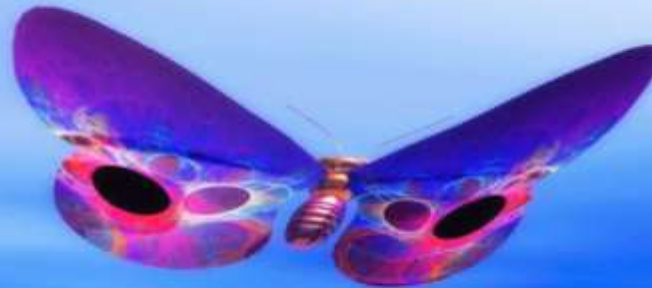
- Re-imaging & Re-engineering of **Skill Development programmes for men and women** to meet the new mixed public & private participated economy. More woman to be encouraged & trained in the rural and primary level of economy.
- Skill Development & Talent programmes re-designed to meet the Post Covid-19 Make In India new order of life
- Have more Skill Development Centres in Rural and Sub-Urban areas to have more inclusive participation by all

## STANDARDS

- Move fast to implement **Industry 4.0** standards to effectively use Digital Technologies for Smart Infra and Industry
- The New Industry 4.0 Standards with 4&5G, IoT's with AI and Machine Learning enhances the exports & domestic requirements with given effective policies and regulations

**What the caterpillar calls  
the end, the rest of the  
world calls a butterfly.**

Lao Tsu



QuotesNSayings.net

*Its time to move ahead in the digital space... its time to push the digital revolution...its time to metamorphosis into a digitally adept and able economy in all sectors...this wont be the end of current style functioning but a beginning of a new brighter stronger digital world which would reinforce India's position on the world map*

THANK YOU

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