



January 13, 2009 is D.Net's 8th anniversary. From its very inception, with your active and sincere cooperation D.Net was able to establish its unique position in the research and development landscape of Bangladesh. On this auspicious occasion, we would like to express our sincere gratitude to you.

D.Net currently works under six thematic areas: access to information and knowledge, business competitiveness for economic growth, governance and human rights, human capacity building, institutional capacity building and, economic and development policy research.

As a learning institution, D.Net restructured its governance structure and the executive team was divided into four divisions in 2005, one of which is "Knowledge Management". In 2007, research division and programme division were merged, as many of our activities have both research and programme elements. As a part of knowledge management endeavours, D.Net has been doing knowledge intermediation since its inception through its flagship programme Bangladesh Online Research network (www.bdresearch.org.bd). D.Net has aligned the knowledge management efforts with the responsibilities stemmed from the "right to information" law. We strongly believe that the new efforts will help us to capture both institutional and global learning on various development issues, which eventually help improve internal business process and knowledge sharing.

Establishing D.Net as a premier research institution, as stated in our "Mission Statement" is a long journey. As we work for bringing "research into practice" and "research into policy", with special focus on "access to information", probably our programmes could be able to make difference in bringing these issues to the forefront of the development agenda. D.Net's "Pallitathya" programme can probably take some credit in promoting the importance of ICT-based information and knowledge system for the poor and marginalized people. On the other hand, initiatives like Bangladesh Online Research network (www.bdresearch.org.bd) are engaged in knowledge intermediation since its inception. The largest Bangla language livelihood content base Jeeon-IKB (Information and Knowledge Base) (www.jeeon.com.bd) is another milestone endeavour of D.Net. This initiative received recently Manthan South Asia Award 2008. The concept of info-lady "Moni" received recognition in 2005 during World Summit on Information Society in Tunisia with Global Gender and ICT Award 2005.

D.Net, by mandate, has been very active in promotion of "right to information", through its programmes and projects, and also by joining ongoing movement in the country. As the "Right to Information Ordinance 2008" has been promulgated, D.Net was able to react quickly and has deployed a full time "Information Officer", who is responsible to provide information to the stakeholders, as stipulated in the law.

D.Net is trying to become a social enterprise and has recently promoted a venture named "Multimedia Content and Communications Ltd", which will carry forward a number of knowledge products and initiatives on a sustainable basis. This type of initiative is targeted towards reducing dependence on so called "donor funding". We would like to inform you that there are a few more social ventures in the pipeline.

D.Net is working to establish women's right within the organization and society. In that line, D.Net has developed and implemented gender policy and sexual harassment prevention policy. D.Net has started using outcome mapping and gender evaluation methodology (GEM) in all its programmes and projects.

Along with the efforts of streamlining internal governance, D.Net has always been active internally and externally in promotion of socially responsible business, both in business sector and development sector. For that matter, D.Net has become a part of "Corporate Social Responsibility Centre" as a member of Board of Trustees. D.Net is publishing this year its report on "socially responsible practices" within D.Net and in relation to its working partners. We strongly believe that such reporting will encourage our partners to do the same.

D.Net is a young team, and we believe in the power of youth to make change in our society. In the journey towards achieving our vision, we recognize all individuals and institutions who believed in us and extended their intellectual, financial and volunteering support. We would like to join our hands in building a knowledge-based, secular, self-respectful modern Bangladesh. In this endeavour, we would like to get you sometimes as a co-worker, sometimes as a patron, adviser, promoter, and sometimes as a partner. We also welcome critical review of any of our activities.

We look forward to your continuous encouragement.

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