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Excellent and expanding opportunities like the one mentioned by Dr Green are opening, have opened up to make facilities and services available to hitherto inaccessible and marginalised communities.

Simultaneously what is required is to set up ICT access points and service provider interfaces in rural and semi urban areas. I would therefore appreciate if along with several delivery possibilities; AISECT MODEL that has already set up functional access points at more than 4000 locations in India is also taken note of. It is an excellent example how much can be achieved through public-private partnership.

It is time we helped Commonwealth Programme on Technology Management evolve an integrated programme on ICT with the following three broad components:

1. Services that can be delivered, health, education, e -governance,
2. Communication technologies to be deployed
3. From where does the beneficiary access, who owns, sets up and maintains the access points(Village kiosks, knowledge kiosks, etc.