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## PMI PUNE-DECCAN CHAPTER'S "ONTARGET-2012" CREATES VIRTUAL HISTORY!

### Organized by PMI's Pune-Deccan India Chapter

Project Management Institute Pune-Deccan Chapter organized its annual National Conference "**OnTarget 2012**" on Project Management on 5th February 2012 at Hotel WestIn, Pune. OnTarget is an annual mega-conference of business leaders, practicing project managers, senior leaders in government and professional organizations, academicians and students of schools and colleges. This year's theme was "**Effective project management – A Critical social need**". The event was attended in person by over 150 practicing project managers, senior management personnel, professionals, entrepreneurs and academicians from across the disciplines and region. A major highlight of the event was the tremendous interest and global participation through online webcasting option which was attended by people from various geographies. More than 2400 participants logged in via web to view the proceedings and participate in discussions and shared their valuable thoughts, feedback and queries through 500+ tweets and 150+ FB comments. Incidentally, this was a record in PMI history worldwide, highlighting the increasing and successful usage of Web & Virtual Collaboration technologies for reaching out to audience across the world.

The conference started with Saraswati Vandana and welcome speech by PMI Pune President Mr. Girish Kelkar. In his inaugural speech, Girish Kelkar, emphasized on how effective project management is a critical social need, especially in the existing economic climate across the world and especially for India. It is critical, he emphasized, to foster progress through *smarter* project management practices. Mr. Mrityunjay Singh, DC Head, Infosys (Pune) delivered thought-provoking speech on multiple facets of Effective Project Management-especially in socially oriented projects.

The sessions by Mr. V. Subramaniam, Mr. Ravi Sahi, Mr. Noriyasu Sugimura, Mr. Ameya Gumaste and Mr. Nirmalendu Jajodia were highly appreciated by the audience. All speakers focused on impact of project management on social development of the Country and its business/academia. Mr. Mrityunjay Singh, AVP and Infosys Pune DC Head spoke on the importance of project management best practices in the IT sector towards delivering successful and profitable social projects. Nirmalendu Jajodia - CIO, NCDEX emphasized the critical role of project management discipline and Change Management in Exchanges. V. Subramaniam - Director IT & CIO, OTIS India, and Gulf Area outlined the discipline of execution as one of the key aspects towards effective project management in contemporary economic climate. Ameya Gumaste & Jignesh Donga, Suzlon, through their case study on the Suzlon One Earth Campus conveyed the key message of how project management practices are crucial and can be employed towards delivering social and environmentally friendly products, services and infrastructure. Focusing on the human element in project management, Ravi Sahi - ESI International, spoke at length about The Six Unspoken Habits of Highly Effective Program Managers, which play a key role in success of a project. Relevance and criticality of project based approach towards disaster management and post disaster rehabilitation and reconstruction efforts were discussed by – Mr. Noriyasu Sugimura and Mr. Yoichiro Tanaka, members of the PMI Japan Chapter Delegation through their presentation on Tsunami Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Efforts.

Professional track was also accompanied by a quiz competition with participation across the board from organizations in Pune region. The event concluded with prize & price distribution by chapter president Mr. Girish Kelkar & Vice President Girish Kadam. Lifetime

One of the highlight of the conference was Life Time Achievement Awards given for the outstanding contributions by three eminent personalities in their respective fields. The awards were given by Dr. P C Shejawalkar, a pioneer in the field of Management education. The awards were presented to Ms Anu Aga – (Director Thermax Group & Social Reformer), Dr. Vasant Tamhankar (Anna) (EX-Director Jnana Prabodhini, Educationist, Social reformer) and Er. Suresh Shirke-(Secretary General WALMI & Ex Secretary Govt. Maharashtra). Additional information & material can be obtained from event website – <http://2012.PmiOnTarget.org>

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