**SYSTEM DYNAMICS SOCIETY – INDIA CHAPTER**

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**SUBJECT**: REPORT ON INDIA CHAPTER

Greetings Friends, Colleagues,

Happy New Year!

The System Dynamics Society – India Chapter is off to a good start for 2011; the first annual conference will be held at Symbiosis Institute of Computer Studies and Research (SICSR), Pune, 2011; the programme for the event is still in its nascent stage of development, but we hope to have a few descent speakers and presentations lined up by the end of March.

As for the website, (www.systemdynamics.co.in), we are in the process of creating a simple WordPress site with links to India Chapter wiki which will contain pages about the science and history of SD as well page for job listings related to the field and a page for events that members in the community might want to organize.

We are also in the process of setting up a registered, non-profit trust, based in New Delhi, in the name of the society; council members will invest a certain amount of seed capital for administrative expenses.

Over the past few months we have received queries from over 50 people across the country, many of whom are affiliated with academic institutions and are using system dynamics for their research.  There are also quite a few professionals and consultants who are using SD, both in its qualitative and quantitative forms to great success; we hope that the India Chapter annual conference will bring both groups together.

Unfortunately, it seems that there is no homogenous concentration of SD practitioners in the country and most members and potential users are diverse not only in geography but also their access to the Internet.

We hope that the first step of bringing the community together will result in an action plan for activities and publications, as well as a much needed opportunity to think about the sharing of responsibilities for the task of bringing in new members and, more importantly, building and maintaining an institution.

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