

## Speaker Profile

### K. ANVAR SADATH

Mr Anvar Sadath is the Executive Director of IT@School Project<sup>1</sup> under Govt of Kerala. He also heads the satellite based education (EDUSAT) initiatives in the State and runs an exclusive educational channel called 'ViCTERS' (Virtual Classroom Technology on Edusat for Rural Schools)<sup>2</sup>. He leads the implementation of ICT enabled education, Broadband internet, ICT infrastructure deployment, e-Governance activities, e-Content development, Capacity building programmes, Smart School initiatives, Laptops to Teachers scheme etc in the education department catering 6m students and .2m teachers. Under IT@School programme, Kerala, the southernmost State is considered to be the leader in ICT education in the country. He is also a member in the Syndicate of Cochin University of Science & Technology (CUSAT)<sup>3</sup>.

Before shouldering the present assignments, Anvar was working as the Director of Akshaya<sup>4</sup>, the largest tele-center project in India, where in he was instrumental in establishing Rural Internet Connectivity Infrastructure deployment in addition to imparting computer literacy to 6.4 million families through 3000 tele-centers. He was also heading the UNDP supported e-Krishi project, a Market-led Agricultural Initiative through IT-enabled Agri Business Centres<sup>5</sup>. He has also worked with Information Kerala Mission<sup>6</sup>, the agency for the computerisation of Local Self Government Institutions in Kerala, where in he headed e-governance projects like establishment of Single Window Service counters in all Urban Local bodies. He has come out with Masters degree in Computer Applications in 1997 and started his career with CDAC<sup>7</sup>, a Govt of India Institution.

Under his leadership IT@School has attained many national and international recognitions like 'Honorary Mention' in Stockholm Challenge Award -2010, Open Document Format Alliance International Award in 2009<sup>8</sup> etc. He has been invited for paper presentations in several international forums. He has won Science Literature Award 2005 instituted by Kerala State Council for Science, Technology and Environment.

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