

Personal Profile – Rakesh Dubbudu

Rakesh Dubbudu is the founder of 'FACTLY' (www.factly.in), an initiative aimed at making government data/information meaningful for the common citizen. Within a short period of time, the Factly has come to be as known as one of the best in the public information/data space. Under Rakesh's leadership, Factly also won the first ever **Innovation for Good**¹ award in 2015 instituted by Centre for Work, Technology and Social Change in collaboration with SASNET at Lund University, one of Europe's oldest University. Factly is also featured as a use case in the **Open Data Impact Map**² of the World Bank Group.

Rakesh Dubbudu is also a well-known transparency campaigner in India and has been working on Right to Information (RTI) related issues for the last decade. He is currently one of the co-convenors of the National Campaign for People's Right to Information (NCPRI). He played an instrumental in some of the well-known research studies on RTI. He also has experience in leading various research & impact studies on the RTI law in India and has been a Right to Information Fellow of the Government of India in 2014.

Rakesh brings immense experience in dealing with Government Data, Policy and various government related information. He is an engineering graduate from one of the foremost engineering institutions in India.

Rakesh played a significant role in the launch of the 'Open Data Policy' by the Government of Telangana, the newest state in India and has been helping the Government of Telangana with opening up data and with other e-governance/good governance initiatives.

He has also been a visiting faculty at various administrative training institutes of the state & central governments.

He is a regular columnist in the leading Telugu and English dailies on issues related to transparency, accountability & data based governance

Awards & Achievements

- Selected for the South Central Asia Region Legislative Fellows Program (an exchange program for Young leaders from 5 South Central Asian countries sponsored by the U.S. Department of State). He is one of the five selected from India in 2014.
- Was one of the few speakers from India at the 'International Open Data Conference 2016 (IODC 2016)' in Spain on 'From supply based to demand based strategies in Open Data'
- Selected as a 'RTI Fellow' for the year 2014 by Government of India.
- Speaker at various events like TEDx GITAM University, TEDx Alexander Road, Ignite and Pecha Kucha Nights Hyderabad etc.
- Received the Distinguished Alumnus Award from NIT Warangal, his alma mater, the youngest person to win such an award.

¹ <http://www.southasiamediaproject.com/innovationforgood-2015/>

² <http://opendataimpactmap.org/usecases.html>