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On behalf of the APNIC Foundation Limited, I would like to confirm the following information.

The [Information Society Innovation Fund Asia](#) (ISIF Asia) is a competitive grants and awards program empowering communities in the Asia Pacific region to research, design and implement Internet-based solutions for their own needs, placing particular emphasis on the positive role the Internet has in social and economic development in the region.

As of January 2025, ISIF Asia has selected and supported 166 grants and 43 awards allocating over USD 10.1 million across 32 economies out of the 56 in the Asia Pacific region. ISIF Asia's investment is focused mainly on technical and operational projects supporting a wide range of connectivity issues. Projects that demonstrate innovative solutions to solve complex internet access and affordability issues are recommended for funding. The [APNIC Foundation](#) hosts the administrative functions and technical infrastructure for the grant funding.

On the 7 September 2022, ISIF Asia granted USD 240,000 to National Institute of Technology Karnataka, Surathkal for the project entitled, *Migrating NITK Surathkal Campus Network to IPv6*. Dr. Mohit P. Tahiliani was the Project Leader. The project and the grant are now closed.

IPv6 adoption in universities has lagged, especially on the internal networks. Being IPv6-ready can be immensely beneficial for universities and lead to technological advancements. It can directly impact the Research and Development budget of the university. This project proposal is aimed at migrating the National Institute of Technology Karnataka (NITK), Surathkal's campus network to IPv6. At the time of writing this application, the NITK campus network at Surathkal connects 45000+ terminals to the Internet.

Dr Mohit P Tahiliani approached the IPv6 deployment in an innovative way using a team of professionals and students. This creative approach was recognised and selected for funding and has now resulted in the successful implementation of the project and increased the knowledge, skills and abilities of the team members involved. Dr Mohit P Tahiliani has advised that Mr. Akshay Revankar was one of the integral team members who worked on this project from start to finish and was involved in all aspects of the project deployment activities. Details regarding the sponsored project are available at:

<https://apnic.foundation/projects/migrating-nitk-surathkal-campus-network-to-ipv6/>

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Elisha Heppner".

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