Emerging nations currently face a “Digital Divide.” Limited access to the Internet and even basic phone services prevents many countries from creating conditions conducive to modern development. India is one country where modest, low-cost changes in communications have fueled impressive economic changes. These changes, when combined with clean water, plentiful food, and adequate shelter are essential to modernization.

A passionate advocate for democratizing communications, speaker Sam Pitroda showcases India’s many accomplishments in the last two decades. A key player in those accomplishments, Pitroda will address the broader benefits of telecommunications accessibility: better-paying jobs for young people, improved working conditions, and foreign exchange flexibility.

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