

# ANYTIME/ANYWHERE COMPUTING & CONNECTIVITY: IMPLICATIONS FOR BLENDED LEARNING

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#### Pain Points that can be addressed:

- □ Teacher Quality = Education Quality
  - Youtube search: Indian Teacher Funny
  - http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=slv17Dtw Y0



- Education isn't limited to the classroom
- Students don't learn at the same way or pace

# Blended Learning

- What if you can get personal/private computing/internet devices,
  - with anytime/anywhere internet connectivity
  - with content & applications that are engaging and relevant –with every student and teacher



#### Implications of Technology Pervasiveness

#### Students:

- Empowers them to learn independently, to research, explore and challenge
- Allows learning at an independent pace:
  - Comprehension levels are not equal
- Multimedia/video and interactive content and applications help improve comprehension, help motivate and remove limits

#### Implications of Technology Pervasiveness

- □ Teachers:
  - Enables ongoing teacher training
  - Motivates self-improvement and advancement
  - Challenges teachers due to 'empowered' students
  - Allows real-time assessments
- □ Administrators & Parents:
  - Allows visibility into the learning environment
  - Improves feedback & updates
  - Better reporting efficiencies

# Barriers to technology pervasiveness

- Complexity of technology large learning curves
  - Touch-screen user interfaces and rich multimedia content significantly reduces learning curves
- Network Connectivity
  - Broad based mobile network connectivity exists
- Affordability
  - Devices & network services

# Affordability: Does Rs.2,999 empower?

- Hardware priced in the range of a mobile phone
  - 800 million Indians have been able to afford them
- Further justified against cost of book printing & distribution
  - In the US:
    - Average cost of books in grade school = \$10,800 over a period of 12 yrs
  - In India:
    - Average no of books per child per grade = 14.3
    - Average customer price per book = 109.9 INR
    - Average customer price of books per child per grade = 1575 INR
    - Printing/Distribution cost = 35.3% = 556 INR
    - Life of tablet in hands of child = 3 years
    - Total savings on printing & dist over life of tablet= 1668 INR = \$33

### Network Affordability & Accessibility Solution

- The network already exists
  - 800 million mobile phone connections on 2G networks
  - DataWind's breakthrough web delivery platform delivers a rich, desktop-like experience on existing networks
- Lower data costs
  - □ Launch at Rs.98 / \$2/mo.
    - The vision is to deliver basic mobile internet access for FREE

# DataWind's Vision

- Fighting poverty with passion
- Empowering through education:
  - The pre-requisite to drive development, reduce poverty, improve health, gender equality, peace, and stability.
- Breaking the barriers of affordability and accessibility for
  - Devices
  - Networks
  - Content
- Building sustainable ecosystems
  - Thriving businesses vs. Charity