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Demystifying internet for Indians

Bengaluru: The first Indian popular science book on the internet, authored by Prof Mohan Sundara Rajan, was launched by former chairman of ISRO Dr K. Kasturirangan here on Thursday. This book not only demystifies technologies that underpin the internet, but also focuses on emerging technological challenges for people of the country, the second largest number of internet users in the world. It describes how the internet evolved as a medium of news, views, individual expressions, business and entertainment, and profiles young Indian geniuses who struggled against odds to make significant contributions to evolution of hotmail, email, Google, and Microsoft. It also addresses issues of privacy, control, hacking, and the challenge of big data where accumulation of data on an unprecedented scale has opened up avenues for research in several fields including medicine. A recipient of several awards, Prof. Mohan Sundara Rajan has published several popular science books including *Space Today*, *Telescopes in India*, *Nano: The Next Revolution*, and *Wireless: The Latest Telecom Story*.