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#### APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGY IN HEALTH - AN EXPLORATORY WORKSHOP

Facilitated by SOCHARA / SELCO / LOGISTIMO

Date: 9/2/2017 (Thursday)

Venue: LOGISTIMO

(Address and Directions to reach)

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Potential Participants: Health Adviser, SocHARA

- 1. SOCHARA (Suresh, Prahlad, Adithya, Alfred, Rajeev and Swamy),
- 2. SELCO (Huda, Ramnath, Vivek)
- 3. LOGISTIMO (Anup and colleagues)
- 4. Additional invitees
  - Sabyasachi Das Dure Technologies (http://www.duretechnologies.com/) and primarily focusing on Technologies for Primary health in the area of Community engagement, Real-time patient monitoring, and patient data analytics
  - Dwijendranath Guru Agri processing technology and its interfaces with individual and community
  - Guru M Association for India's Development, Bengaluru (AID)
  - Senthil Association for India's Development, Bengaluru (AID) from community computing center perspective
  - Magesh Kumar G, Software Engineer and Extended SOCHARA Team Member, Bengaluru
  - Diljith Institute of Public Health
  - Amithaba Sarkar (PhD Researcher) Centre for Social Medicine and Community Health (CSM&CH), Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU)
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