

Director General, NIC visit to Puducherry

Shri InderPal Singh Sethi, Director General, National Informatics Centre(NIC), undertook a significant visit to the Union Territory of Puducherry from April 6 to 7, 2025, accompanied by Shri Prashant Mittal, Deputy Director General & State Coordinator, Ms. Alka Mishra, Deputy Director General, and other senior NIC officials. The visit underscored NIC's steadfast commitment to accelerating digital transformation and fostering innovative e-Governance solutions across the UT.

The delegation received a warm welcome from Shri V. Gopi Swaminathan, State Informatics Officer (SIO), NIC, Puducherry. The SIO presented an insightful overview of the state's major ICT initiatives, mission-critical projects, technology adoptions, and the strategic roadmap aligned with Digital India objectives. The presentation also covered key accomplishments, domain-specific challenges, and collaborative efforts with line departments.

Addressing the NIC team, the Director General emphasized the strategic importance of adopting a **product-centric development model**, leveraging **modular and scalable digital architectures**, and ensuring continuous **capacity building and knowledge transfer** to nurture the next generation of officers. He interacted with District Informatics Officers (DIOs) and Assistant DIOs, encouraging them to align with the Centre's vision of delivering citizen-centric, interoperable, and secure digital services.

During the session, Shri Prashant Mittal, DDG & State Coordinator, highlighted the requirements to minimize redundancy in development efforts and advocated for a **consolidated, team-driven approach**, especially in managing the state's **cybersecurity framework** for major e-services.

As part of his official engagements, Shri I.P.S. Sethi met with the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor of Puducherry and reaffirmed NIC's commitment to delivering robust digital solutions tailored to the administrative and governance needs of the UT. Honourable Lt. Governor had requested NIC to provide necessary support for aUT AI mission. He requested all support to implement Prayas Dashboard for Puducherry. He also had productive discussions with the Hon'ble Chief Minister and Honourable CM had thanked NIC's contribution to the webhosting requirement of the UT and requested to post additional officers for Puducherry. He also met the Hon'ble Minister for Information Technology, wherein he reiterated NIC's pivotal role as a technology partner in governance.

Further, the DG held a detailed interaction with Dr. Sharat Chauhan, IAS, Chief Secretary, Government of Puducherry. Key topics included ICT infrastructure augmentation, data center modernization, eTaal integration, cloud adoption, and emerging technology integration. The Chief Secretary acknowledged NIC's unwavering support and commended the Puducherry team for their **agility, domain expertise, and citizen-first approach** in delivering digital public goods.

The DG also met Dr. A. Muthamma, IAS, Secretary (IT), Government of Puducherry, and expressed appreciation for the department's continued collaboration and proactive engagement in NIC-led digital initiatives. The Secretary, IT thanked NIC for the overall support and requested to continue the good work in the future initiatives.

The visit culminated in a strong reaffirmation of NIC's vision to deepen interdepartmental collaboration, enhance the digital service delivery ecosystem, and drive **data-driven governance** through scalable, secure, and sustainable ICT interventions across Puducherry UT.

Glimpses of DG NIC visit



DG, NIC Welcomed by SIO, NIC, Puducherry



Presentation on State activities by SIO, NIC Puducherry



DG NIC addressed to NICUT and District officials



Meeting between the Director General of NIC and the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor of Puducherry.



DG presented memento to the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Puducherry



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Puducherry



ShriPrashantMittal,DDG&StateCoordinator,
Ms. Alka Mishra, DDGWelcomedbyASIOto
Puducherry District NIC Centre



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'பிரியாஸ்' மென்பொருளை வழங்க வேண்டு

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L-G moots MoU with MeitY to popularise a translation app

The Hindu Bureau
PUDUCHERRY

Lt. Governor K. Kailashnathan has mooted an agreement between the government and the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) to facilitate widespread adoption of the Bhashini translation app in the Union Territory.

Mr. Kailashnathan, who was briefed on the app by a visiting team from the Ministry at the Raj Nivas, called for popularising the usage of the app so people could benefit.

The Lt. Governor called for initiating steps to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the MeitY to implement the app on a pilot basis in Puducherry

soon, a press note from the Raj Nivas said.

As envisaged, the Central government will provide the project app to the government free of cost, in addition to facilitating technical assistance and experts.

A. Muthamma, Secretary, IT, and V. Gopi Swaminathan, State NIC Officer, also participated.