

Inauguration of Digital Innovation Centre at NIC West Bengal, Kolkata

Digital Innovation Centre has been inaugurated **Shri P. K. Mishra, IAS, Principal Secretary, Personnel & Administrative Reforms & eGov and Irrigation & Waterways Department, Government of West Bengal** on **28th February 2024** at the **Nizam Palace, Kolkata** in the august presence of **Shri Chayan Kanti Dhar, DDG & SIO, Shri Sushanta Kumar Mondal, DDG, Dr. Shailesh Kumar Srivastava, DDG**. All NIC officers along with other staff members of NIC West Bengal were present on this occasion.

The inaugural ceremony marked the official opening of the **Digital Innovation Centre** with the ribbon-cutting ritual by the Principal Secretary followed by the presentation of flower bouquets, saplings etc. as a token of gratitude to the esteemed Chief Guest and other dignitaries. This was followed by a session when the dignitaries have addressed the gathering with their insightful speeches.



Ribbon Cutting Ceremony by the PS, PAR&eGov, GoWB



Presentation of memento to the Chief Guest

While addressing the audience, the **Sh. Chayan Kanti Dhar, DDG & SIO** conveyed gratitude for the collaborative effort that led to the successful expansion of the NIC Centre. He also outlined the services to be rendered through the centre in contributing efficiency, enhanced service delivery for e-governance projects. SIO also highlighted the various digital services and innovations being adopted and implemented in e-governance projects by NIC WB during the recent years.

Dr. Shailesh Kumar Srivastava, DDG during address emphasized on the enhancement of service delivery using mobile technology and bring new platforms to the forefront of the digital initiatives and leverage its potential to make the services more accessible to the citizen. He also expressed his strong views on the importance of collaborative approach with state government departments in tackling complex issues and ensured to fostering even stronger ties with the State government. He has particularly mentioned that collaboration is not just about sharing resources but about aligning each one's efforts to achieve common goals and by working closely with the State government. NIC need to ensure that the technological solutions are tailored to address the specific challenges and opportunities unique to the citizen of West Bengal and country as whole.

Shri P.K. Mishra, IAS, Principal Secretary GoWB, while expressing high satisfaction on his long association with NIC shared insights into the broader implications of technological advancements. He highlighted the role of NIC in facilitating e-governance initiatives and fostering technological advancements in the State. He has been kind enough to acknowledge the exemplary services rendered by NIC over the years since his early days in district

administration, being at the forefront of driving technological innovations and supporting the digitization efforts of the State government, not only by implementing critical e-governance projects but also by providing technical expertise, NIC has consistently demonstrated its commitment to excellence.

The Principal Secretary has expressed delight at the successful completion of the expansion project, emphasizing the government's commitment to modernizing information technology infrastructure under Digital India programme. He has also assured all round support for providing infrastructure and logistics support through state government. State government has already sanctioned more than Rs. 4.073Cr for establishing new state of art digital infrastructure facility at Kolkata.



Address by the Principal Secretary, GoWB



Presentation of 'Uttario' to the Chief Guest

Sh. Sushanta Kumar Mondal, Deputy Director General in his address expressed satisfaction over various activities being carried out in improving digital service delivery in the state. During the inaugural welcome address Shri Aniruddha Pal, Sr. Director & ASIO (district) provided insight into various facilities created at the Digital Innovation Centre and how this will be milestone in ICT infrastructure in the state. He emphasized that the centre expected to serve as a hub for innovation, collaboration, and excellence in Information Technology, contributing significantly to the State's progress in the digital era. The concluding remarks and vote of thanks was delivered by Shri Shivaji Mukherjee, Sr. Director & ASIO (district). The inaugural function concluded with a sense of accomplishment, unity, and expectancy for a promising future of NIC West Bengal.



Address by the DDG & SIO, NIC WB



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