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Shri Timothy Dkhar, Deputy Director General (DDG) and State Coordinator, visited the Odisha State Centre (OSC) of the National Informatics Centre (NIC), Bhubaneswar, on 3rd September 2025. He was accompanied by Shri Devashis Chanda, Senior Technical Director (STD) and Head of Division (HoD), National Knowledge Network (NKN), NIC HQ.

VISIT TO NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE UNIT (NIU), BHUBANESWAR

As part of the visit, the dignitaries toured the NIU, Bhubaneswar, where Shri B.K. Das, DDG & Head, NIU, delivered a detailed presentation highlighting key initiatives such as Cloud Enhancement, Meghraj 2.0 and the operational "AS-IS" setup of the centre. Shri Dkhar interacted with teams from the Building Management System (BMS) and Network Operations Centre (NOC) to understand their ongoing projects and operations.

He also held discussions with various Heads of Division (HoDs) at NIU and appreciated the quality of services being delivered and the state-of-the-art facilities at the centre. Meanwhile, Shri Devashis Chanda reviewed the National Knowledge Network (NKN) activities with the concerned HoD and the associated network team.



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INTERACTION AT NIC ODISHA STATE CENTRE

Following the NIU visit, Shri Dkhar proceeded to the Odisha State Centre, where he engaged with HoDs, NIC officers, District Informatics Officers (DIOs), and Additional DIOs (ADIOs), with many joining the session virtually.



On this occasion, he inaugurated the **Digital Assets Software**, an in-house application developed by NIC Odisha to streamline project information management. The software ensures systematic storage of project documents and provides automated alerts regarding the expiry of security-related data.



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He released the **September 2025** edition of 'The Ascender', NIC Odisha's monthly newsletter that highlights the centre's achievements and activities.



During the interactive session, HoDs presented their respective projects, showcasing the integration of advanced technologies such as microservices, artificial intelligence (AI), Data Analytics and other emerging solutions.

In his address, Shri Dkhar emphasized the importance of keeping pace with evolving technological trends and having a state-wide target to move towards microservices based solutions. He highlighted the role of teamwork in delivering excellence in e-Governance services.

He acknowledged the significant contributions of NIC Odisha and encouraged the teams to further enhance their capabilities to meet the growing demands of digital governance.



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TECH BOOTCAMP: EMPOWERING GOVERNANCE THROUGH AI CAPABILITIES – 4TH SEPT 2025

A workshop on the application of **Artificial Intelligence (AI)** in **e-Governance** was held on **4th September 2025** at the **Odisha State Centre of NIC, Bhubaneswar**. The event brought together over **100 senior officials** from the Government of Odisha and the Government of India, highlighting the growing importance of AI in transforming public service delivery.



The workshop was graced by **Ms. Anu Garg, IAS, Development Commissioner** and Additional Chief Secretary, Planning & Convergence and Water Resources Department, Government of Odisha, who joined as the **Chief Guest**.



The Bootcamp was inaugurated by **Shri Timothy Dkhar, DDG**, who delivered the keynote address. Drawing from his experience, Shri Dkhar emphasized the transformative potential of AI in governance while stressing the importance of **legal compliance, data privacy, transparency, and ethical considerations** in its implementation.



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As part of the event, a **brochure highlighting AI-powered initiatives and proof-of-concepts (PoCs)** developed by NIC was released, offering insights into the innovative applications being piloted across various sectors.



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The dignitaries also inaugurated the **renovated Training Centre at NIC Odisha State Centre**, a significant step toward enhancing the state's digital capacity-building infrastructure.



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VISIT TO ODISHA LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY (OLA)

Shri Dkhar visited the Odisha Legislative Assembly (OLA) and interacted with the Secretary, OLA, to discuss the implementation of the National e-Vidhan Application (NeVA)—a project aimed at making Assembly proceedings fully paperless.

He later interacted with the Hon'ble Speaker of the Odisha Legislative Assembly to explore the application of AI in various domains of legislative operations.



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VISIT TO NIC DISTRICT CENTRE, PURI – 5TH SEPTEMBER 2025

On 5th September 2025, Shri Timothy Dkhar visited the NIC District Centre, Puri. He held discussions on network infrastructure and the range of IT support services provided by the DIO and ADIO to the district administration and other institutions.

The DIO briefed him on the “Habisyali Accommodation Management System”, an application developed on the ServicePlus platform to manage accommodation for elderly women (Habisyalis) visiting Shri Jagannath Dham, Puri during the holy month of Kartik for the Rai-Damodar Brata observance. Additionally, the DIO shared updates on several websites developed and maintained by the NIC District Centre for various educational institutions and district-level offices.



SITE VISIT TO WATCO, PURI

Shri Dkhar visited the WATCO Division Office, Puri, to review e-Governance solutions implemented for water quality monitoring and supply. Accompanied by Shri Bikram Rout, General Manager, WATCO Puri Division, and a team of engineers, he visited the Water Treatment Plant (WTP) in Puri city.

The team demonstrated the “Jala-Mana” Water Quality Data Acquisition & Monitoring System, developed by NIC Odisha, which enables real-time tracking of water quality. He also interacted with women Jalasathis, who are responsible for collecting and testing water samples at the doorstep and uploading data via the JALA-MANA mobile app. Shri Dkhar appreciated the comprehensive efforts made by NIC Odisha and WATCO in ensuring 24x7 water supply, water tariff billing, and water quality monitoring for Puri city.



The visit of Shri Timothy Dkhar, DDG & State Coordinator, served as a significant encouragement to the NIC Odisha team. His engagements reflected a clear emphasis on adopting innovative solutions, strengthening IT infrastructure, and fostering collaborative efforts to further digital governance initiatives in the state.



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