

## From SIO's Desk...

**Dear Readers,**

As we welcome the New Year, let me extend our collective warm greetings and best wishes to you and your families.

The year 2025 has been a journey of commitment, collaboration and innovation for NIC Odisha. During the year, we organised several state-level collaborative workshops focusing on Cyber Security, e-Governance Standards, Artificial Intelligence, User Experience and Design Systems, strengthening our technical capabilities and shared understanding.

Our sustained efforts in strengthening e-Governance and delivering citizen-centric digital services have further reinforced role of NIC as a trusted technology partner of the Government of Odisha. Significant milestones include the successful implementation of eOffice in Rayagada and Gajapati districts and at the Institute of Physics; extension of ePanchayat Sabha up to the Panchayat Samiti level; rollout of more than 48 faceless services in the Transport domain; and expansion up to 72 eServices powered by ServicePlus.

Embracing emerging technologies, NIC Odisha implemented several innovative solutions such as RAG-powered chatbots, a Zero-UI device-agnostic Smart Incident Reporting App enabled by Computer Vision, an AI-enhanced PUC system for secure vehicle compliance, OCR-powered water meter reading for tamper-proof data capture, AI-ready data intelligence platforms, and auto-proctoring solutions.

In a historic step towards a paperless future, the Odisha Legislative Assembly launched the Digital House under the leadership of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Odisha, and the Odisha Districts Geo-Portal was launched by the Hon'ble Minister, Electronics & IT.

The professionalism and team spirit of NIC Odisha were evident in the successful monitoring of the large-scale plantation drive and the smooth conduct of the bye-election at Nuapada. The efforts were recognised through prestigious awards, including the 19th National Digital Transformation Gold Award-2025, the Excellence in Digital Governance Award, Technology Sabha Award-2025, and recognition for effective implementation of the Official Language Hindi.

The New Year offers fresh opportunities to deepen digital transformation. Let us move forward with renewed energy and innovation, keeping citizens at the core of our efforts.

**Wishing you a Happy, Healthy, and Prosperous New Year.**



## STATE LEVEL NIC AI-INSIGHT CONCLAVE AT BHUBANESWAR, ODISHA

A state-level conference on Artificial Intelligence was organized by NIC, Odisha on 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2025. All State and District level Officers and Staff of NIC, Odisha participated in the event. Inaugurating the event Dr. Mukesh Mahaling, Hon'ble Minister of Health and Family Welfare, Parliamentary Affairs and Electronics and IT, Govt. of Odisha discussed the wide-ranging implementation of Artificial Intelligence in the State and the monitoring mechanism of different schemes using the technology. He also appreciated contribution of NIC to Digital Transformation in the entire country. The event was graced by Dr. Pradeep Kumar Rout, Special Secretary, Electronics & IT Dept. and CEO, OCAC. Academicians from IIT, Bhubaneswar and NISER, Principal Applied Scientist from Microsoft presented on building Secure, Modular & Extensible AI Systems.

Dr. Ashok Kumar Hota, DDG & SIO highlighted various projects that have been implemented using Artificial Intelligence in NIC, Odisha and discussed the future roadmap. In this occasion the Odisha Desktop Profile prepared on various projects with integration of Artificial Intelligence was released.



## STATE LEVEL WORKSHOP ON E-GOVERNANCE IN JUDICIARY HELD AT ODISHA JUDICIAL ACADEMY

A State-level workshop on "e-Governance in Judiciary" for DIOs of Odisha was held on 16th December 2025 at the Odisha Judicial Academy, Cuttack. Inaugurating the workshop, Shri Bidyut Kumar Mishra, Director, Odisha Judicial Academy, highlighted initiatives such as video conferencing in courts, digitization of records, and S3WaaS-based District Court websites.

Shri Soumya Sourav, Central Project Coordinator (CPC), Orissa High Court, commended support of NIC to the e-Courts Project and underscored the importance of the National Judicial Data Grid for real-time case monitoring. Delivering the keynote address, Shri Surendra Nath Behera, Senior Director (IT) & ASIO(State) outlined achievements under Phase-III of e-Courts, while Dr. Ashok Kumar Hota, DDG & SIO shared AI-driven initiatives. Smt. Itishree Nanda, Director (IT) & e-Courts Project Coordinator, NIC, along with CPC and Shri Ashok Mallick and Shri Subha Ranjan Mantri, System Officers of Orissa High Court delivered different technical sessions covering CIS, e-Filing, e-Payment and other key applications. Shri Khirod Kumar Sahoo, Jt. Director (IT) coordinated the programme.



HAPPY  
New Year 2026

**HON'BLE MINISTER FOR ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
LAUNCHED ODISHA DISTRICTS GEO-PORTAL DEVELOPED BY NIC**

The Odisha Districts Geo-Portal was launched by Dr. Mukesh Mahaling, Hon'ble Minister for Electronics & Information Technology, Health & Family Welfare and Parliamentary Affairs.

The Geo-Portal is a comprehensive, multi-layered GIS platform covering all 30 districts of the State. It integrates a wide range of spatial and non-spatial datasets, including administrative boundaries and locations, natural resources, communication networks, agricultural assets, sector-specific datasets, along with base map services. The platform is designed to serve as a single point of access for district-level geospatial information, enabling administrators and planners to make informed and timely decisions.



**हिंदी कार्यशाला**

दिनांक 18 दिसंबर 2025 को राष्ट्रीय सूचना विज्ञान केंद्र, भुवनेश्वर में डी.डी.जी तथा राज्य सूचना विज्ञान अधिकारी डॉ अशोक कुमार होता की अध्यक्षता में हिंदी कार्यशाला का आयोजन किया गया। कार्यशाला में केनरा बैंक, क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय से राजभाषा प्रबंधक सुश्री पूजा कुमारी बतौर मुख्य अतिथि उपस्थित थीं। इस कार्यशाला में प्रतिभागियों को राजभाषा हिंदी से संबंधित नियमों, अधिनियमों तथा इसके व्यावहारिक प्रयोग की जानकारी से अवगत कराया गया तथा राजभाषा के संवैधानिक प्रावधानों, कार्यालयीन कार्यों में हिंदी के प्रयोग तथा अनुपालन से जुड़ी महत्वपूर्ण जानकारियां साझा की गईं।

कार्यशाला में राजभाषा के प्रयोग में ई टुल्स के महत्व पर वरिष्ठ तकनीकी निदेशक श्री किरण चांद समांतराय ने अपनी प्रस्तुति दी। इस अवसर पर एन आई सी , ओड़िशा की न्यूज लेटर 'द एसेंडर' दिसंबर 2025, हिंदी संस्करण का विमोचन किया गया।



**INNOVATE, DESIGN AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP (IDE) BOOTCAMP**

Dr. A. K. Hota, DDG & SIO Odisha, joined as the chief guest at the Innovate, Design and Entrepreneurship (IDE) Bootcamp for Principals and Teachers of PM SHRI School, held at Krupajal Engineering College, Bhubaneswar. The bootcamp aimed to empower educators with innovation, design thinking, and entrepreneurship skills, aligning with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. The event emphasized experiential learning, collaborative problem-solving, and entrepreneurial thinking to transform classroom practices.



**NIC JOINED IN 19<sup>TH</sup> EDITION OF  
DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION CONCLAVE**

The Digital Transformation Conclave, India's most influential and credible platform for shaping the future of governance, citizen service delivery, and emerging technologies was hosted in Bhubaneswar, Odisha, during 4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2025. The theme of the conclave was Innovation, Intelligence and Impact. Officers of NIC, Odisha actively participated in the conclave.

Joining the Panel on "Governance 4.0 – Redefining Citizen Services through Intelligent & Inclusive AI", Dr. Ashok Kumar Hota, DDG & SIO discussed on how AI, data-driven governance, and emerging technologies are reshaping citizen services. He defined a clear baseline of AI features that every new e-Governance application of NIC Odisha has been planned to include like smart photo validation, automatic classification, intelligent data entry validation, secured document verification, automated report & summary generation.



**REGIONAL AI CONFERENCE:  
BUILDING NATIONAL AI STRATEGY FROM STATE PRIORITIES**

The Regional AI Impact Conference, Odisha, jointly organised by the IndiaAI Mission, MeitY, and the Government of Odisha, was held from 19<sup>th</sup> –20<sup>th</sup> December, 2025 at the Odisha State Convention Centre, Bhubaneswar. Anchored in the guiding sutras of People, Planet, and Progress that define the India AI Impact Summit 2026, the conference highlighted how India is advancing this vision through focused, state-level interventions and domain-specific discussions. Officers from NIC, Odisha participated actively in the event.

During the "Sushasan.AI – AI for Governance" session, moderated by Shri Vijeeth Srinivas, Program Lead, AI Powered Odisha, Shri Niladri Bihari Mohanty, Joint Director (IT), NIC, Odisha had stressed that AI initiatives should not be planned in isolation, but must be designed in cohesion with governance structures, domain workflows, and other technological component, ensuring that AI truly impacts governance outcomes rather than remaining a standalone technology showcase. He underlined the importance of AI governance frameworks that enforce accountability, transparency, and policy alignment while enabling "AI for impacting governance".



## STATE-LEVEL CONFERENCE ON INTEROPERABLE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM (ICJS) FOR DIOS, ODISHA

A State-level Workshop on ICJS was organised on 18<sup>th</sup> December, 2025 at the State Crime Research Bureau (SCRB), Bhubaneswar. The programme aimed to sensitise DIOs on the components and modules of ICJS. ICJS is a flagship initiative of the Ministry of Home Affairs, implemented by NIC, integrating various applications including core CCTNS, e-Courts, e-Prisons, e-Forensics and e-Prosecution to enable seamless data exchange and improved coordination in criminal justice delivery.

Inaugurating the conference Shri Awinash Kumar, IPS, Inspector General of Police & Director, SCRB, highlighted the vital role of DIOs in ensuring efficient, transparent and timely legal services through effective use of ICT. Dr. Ashok Kumar Hota, DDG & SIO, welcomed the participants and shared insights on initiatives of NIC Odisha to integrate Artificial Intelligence in legal and judicial applications.

Shri Deepak Kumar, Senior Director & HoD, and Shri Ranjan Kumar, Joint Director, from the MHA Informatics Division, New Delhi, briefed the participants on key applications such as eSakshya, eSummons, NyayShruti and the NCL Dashboard. Ms. Parul Gupta, IPS, DIG (Computer), SCRB, delivered the vote of thanks, appreciating the collaborative efforts and expressing confidence in effective ICJS rollout. The guidance and support of Shri Shashi Kant Sharma, DDG & HoG (MHA Informatics Division), NIC, New Delhi, were gratefully acknowledged. The program was conducted by Shri Siba Prasad Dash, Sr. Director (IT)



## PANEL DISCUSSION: BUILDING 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY MODERN LIBRARIES – FROM INFORMATION HUBS TO INNOVATION CENTRES

The Odisha Society of the Americas (OSA) with support from OSA Odisha Library Network Volunteers organised “2025 Odisha Public Library Conference” at Bhubaneswar on 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2025. Smt. Surama Padhy Hon'ble Speaker of Odisha Legislative Assembly, and many other dignitaries graced the event.

In the technical Panel discussion on Building Digital Library System, Dr. Pabitananda Patnaik, Dy. Director General, NIC, Bhubaneswar joined and emphasized on Digital Infrastructure and Digital Literacy in Gram Panchayat (GP) areas of Odisha. He deliberated on networking technologies of BharatNet project and e-Granthalaya 4.0, a Cloud Based Library System. He shared its success story in 300+ locations in Odisha and how it could be helpful to the Libraries at GP level.



## NEARS FAMILY GET-TOGETHER-2025: AN EVENING OF CELEBRATION AND TOGETHERNESS

The NIC Employees Association for Recreation and Sports (NEARS) organised the Annual Family Get-Together-2025 on the evening of 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2025 at the Guru Kelu Charan Mohapatra Odissi Research Centre, Bhubaneswar. More than 200 members, including officers and staff of the NIC State and District Centres, their family members and retired NIC employees, participated in the event. The evening was enriched with a lively cultural programme comprising dance, music and other performances by children and participating officers.



## NEARS SPORTS MEET 2025: FUN, FITNESS AND FELLOWSHIP

As part of the NEARS Annual Sports Meet 2025, a variety of sports events—including badminton, carrom, table tennis, chess, musical chair and lemon race—were held at the NIC premises from 15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> December 2025. The cricket match between the State NIC and District NIC teams was organised earlier, on 13<sup>th</sup>–14<sup>th</sup> December, 2025 at the playground of the Regional Institute of Education, Bhubaneswar. Prizes for all events were distributed during the NEARS evening programme by the President, NEARS, along with Ex-NICians.



# Photo Story



Shri Ajoy Kumar Mohapatra, DIO, Mayurbhanj presented on "Online Security and Cyber Bullying" at the District Level Workshop organised under Beti Bachao Beti Padhao on 24.12.25 at Stadium Conference Hall, Baripada, participated by all CDPOs, Program Officers and students of different schools



Successful completion of IGOT Rashtriya Karmayogi Training - Batch 04 (33 participants), mostly all DIOs of Odisha on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2025.



All India State Training Coordinators two days' Workshop, was organised during 11<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2025 at Shillong. Dr. Ajoy Ketan Sarangi, Sr. Director (IT) joined as HoD (Training), NIC, Odisha.

## महीने के हिन्दी शब्द

- Academician : शिक्षाविद्
- Administrative head : प्रशासनिक मुख्य
- Acquittance roll : भुगतान पंजी
- Adjournment motion : स्थगन प्रस्ताव
- High priority : उच्च प्राथमिकता
- Clear and concise : स्पष्ट और संक्षिप्त
- Further action : आगे की कार्यवाही
- Salient features : प्रमुख बातें

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"...Hey Doobe!...You are nominated to attain the business meeting to get the deal done with the Client... Please be alert and use your own intelligence...all the best buddy..."



# AWARDS



NIC, Odisha has been awarded the 19<sup>th</sup> National Digital Transformation Gold Award-2025 for the project 'Odisha Disaster Resource Network - Every Life is Precious' in the 'Crisis Response Digital Innovation Award' category. Smt. Mamata Khamari, Deputy Director General, Shri Jayant Kumar Mishra, Senior Director (Technical), Shri Ravindra Kumar Maharana, Director (Technical) received the award.



Mohammed Mojibullah Khan, Director (IT), NIC Odisha received the 'Excellence in Digital Governance' Award for the project DEPMOS (Directorate of Export Promotion and Marketing- Online Services) from Major General Manjeet Singh, Joint Secretary (Cyber) National Security Council Secretariat, Government of India at 19<sup>th</sup> Digital Transformation Conclave



03 दिसम्बर 2025 को भुवनेश्वर के गीत गोविंद भवन में राजभाषा हिन्दी के उत्कृष्ट कार्यान्वयन के लिए नगर राजभाषा कार्यान्वयन समिति मंच पर राष्ट्रीय सूचना-विज्ञान केंद्र, भुवनेश्वर को प्रथम पुरस्कार से सम्मानित किया गया।

# Publications



Hon'ble Minister for Electronics & IT launched " Odisha Districts Geo-Portal" <https://gisodisha.nic.in/districts/>



Table Top Calendar, 2026 of National Informatics Centre, Odisha State Centre, Bhubaneswar