

NEW YEAR MEET 2026



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A New Year Meet was organized at the National Informatics Centre (NIC), Bhubaneswar, which was graced by the presence of Dr. R. N. Behera, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Jajpur Constituency as Chief Guest. The event served as a valuable platform for NIC officers to share their experiences, insights, and vision aimed at strengthening NIC and contributing towards the national goal of a Developed India by 2047.

The programme commenced with a welcome address by Shri Jayant Kumar Mishra, Scientist-F. In his address, he highlighted the six verticals of NIC and emphasized the importance of continuous training of scientific and technical officials. He also referred to the address of the Director General, NIC on 1st January 2026, stressing how each official can contribute effectively towards NIC's mission and the vision of a developed India.



This was followed by a speech from Ms. Mamata Khamari, DDG & ASIO, who provided valuable guidance for newly joined officers. She shared practical tips on maintaining positive and effective communication with officials, highlighted the importance of self-training, and emphasized that continuous upgradation of skills is essential for professional growth and adaptability.



Subsequently, Ms. Singdha Acharya, DDG, addressed the gathering and stressed the critical importance of training and cybersecurity. She emphasized that cybersecurity should be an integral part of the application development lifecycle and must be incorporated at every stage rather than being addressed at the final phase of development.

Thereafter, Shri S. K. Bhol, DDG, spoke on emerging Artificial Intelligence technologies and highlighted the growing need for GPU infrastructure, particularly the requirement of GPU racks at the National Data Centre (NDC), Bhubaneswar, to support AI-driven applications and advanced computing. Shri Jageswar Sahoo, Scientist-F, then shared his professional experiences and vision, encouraging officers to remain committed to innovation, continuous learning, and excellence in service delivery.

Following this Dr. R. N. Behera, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Jajpur Constituency arrived at the venue. He was welcomed by Dr. Ashok Kumar Hota, DDG & SIO, Shri B. K. Das, Head, NIU, and other Officers of NIC & NIU with the presentation of a bouquet.



In his address, Dr. R. N. Behera spoke on quantum computing and the rapid evolution of technology, citing examples of the transition from floppy disks to USB devices and today's modern digital technologies. He also shared his experiences during his tenure at NIC, and emphasized the importance of continuous training, skill upgradation, and adaptability to cope with emerging technologies and future challenges.



After his speech, the monthly newsletter of NIC Odisha, “The Ascender,” was released by the Hon’ble MP. On this occasion, he was also presented with the Table Calendar of NIC Odisha, marking the New Year and showcasing NIC Odisha’s initiatives and achievements of NIC Odisha.



During the interaction session, NIC officials highlighted key challenges faced by the organization, including the lack of advanced technical resources and manpower, implementation of AI solutions, and insufficient GPU infrastructure. These concerns were shared with the Hon’ble MP so that these could be raised at appropriate higher levels for necessary support and intervention.

The programme concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Ashok Kumar Hota, DDG & SIO, who expressed heartfelt gratitude to Dr. R. N. Behera, Hon’ble MP for his valuable presence, guidance, and encouragement. He also thanked all the officers and participants for their active participation and contributions, making the New Year Meet a meaningful and successful event.



The event concluded on a positive and inspiring note, motivating NIC officials to embrace innovation, continuous learning, and collaborative efforts in the year ahead, followed by a lunch arranged by AINOA.





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