

A REPORT ON THE VISIT OF

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Dr. Rajesh Kumar Pathak, DDG & State Coordinator (Odisha), visited NIC Odisha from 15th to 18th July 2026. The visit included interaction with newly joined officers, participation in an environmental sustainability initiative, a comprehensive review of NIC Odisha's projects and activities, also a visit to the Odisha Legislative Assembly for reviewing the implementation of the National e-Vidhan Application (NeVA).



15TH JULY 2026 - WELCOME AND 'PREMA THARU' PLANTATION DRIVE



Dr. Rajesh Kumar Pathak, DDG & State Coordinator was warmly welcomed at NIC Odisha. During the programme, he welcomed and interacted with the newly joined officers who had joined NIC, Odisha after being transferred from different States, along with two officers who had recently joined NIC.

The 'Prema Tharu' Plantation Drive Programme was subsequently organised with great enthusiasm and active participation. As part of the initiative, 250 saplings were distributed among the employees of NIC Odisha, promoting environmental sustainability and encouraging collective participation in creating a greener future.



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17TH JULY 2026 - VISIT TO NIC PURI DISTRICT CENTRE

Dr. Rajesh Kumar Pathak, DDG & State Coordinator, NIC Odisha, visited the NIC, Puri District Centre and interacted with NIC Officials. He reviewed the implementation of key e-Governance initiatives, including AEBAS and iRAD, and appreciated the unique initiative of extending the presence of NIC to the Panchayat level through the implementation of the Aadhaar Enabled Biometric Attendance System (AEBAS). He also inspected the IT infrastructure and encouraged the team to continue its efforts towards innovation and strengthening citizen-centric e-Governance initiatives in the district.



VISIT TO NATIONAL DATA CENTRE, BHUBANESWAR

In the second half of 17th July 2026, Dr. Rajesh Kumar Pathak, DDG, Personnel & Administration and State Coordinator, Odisha, visited the National Data Centre (NDC), Bhubaneswar. He was received by Shri Choudhury B.K. Das, DDG & Head, NIU, who accompanied him on a tour of the Data Centre and briefed him on its basic infrastructure, server farm, Network Operations Centre (NOC), NKN setup, Chiller Plant and other key facilities.

Dr. Pathak subsequently reviewed the activities of NDC Bhubaneswar and interacted with the Heads of Departments (HoDs). He appreciated the efforts of the NIU Bhubaneswar team in providing cloud services to users.



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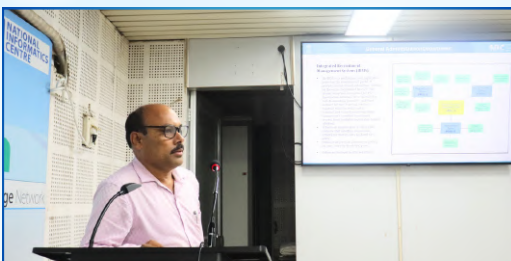
PROJECT REVIEW MEETING

A Project Review Meeting was held at NIC Odisha later in the second half of 17th July 2026. During which the Project Profile of NIC Odisha was released by Dr. Rajesh Kumar Pathak along with other dignitaries. Dr. Ashok Kumar Hota, DDG & SIO, NIC Odisha, presented an overview of the projects and activities being undertaken by NIC Odisha across the State which includes the 30 District Centres.

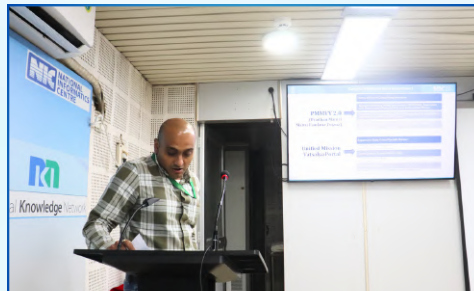


This was followed by presentations by the Group Heads showcasing the diverse portfolio of NIC Odisha, its major achievements, citizen-centric e-Governance services, technological innovations and ongoing initiatives across various sectors. The presentations particularly highlighted the use of emerging technologies such as Artificial Intelligence, Agentic AI, Microservices and Cloud-native technologies in developing innovative and scalable digital solutions.

Dr. Rajesh Kumar Pathak actively participated in the review meeting and provided valuable inputs and observations on the projects and initiatives presented. He showed keen interest in the achievements, innovations and challenges associated with the various projects. He has provided valuable suggestions and inputs to the group heads and appreciated the progress being made in the various projects.



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Shri Sambit Kumar Panda, Sr. Director (IT) had mentioned the usage of Streaming Server in the education portal of Utkal University for Under Graduate Students. Dr Rajesh Kumar Pathak suggested that the same may be replicated in the Vidyakosh Portal.

An innovative solution called “Kube Pilot” has been developed by NIC Odisha. Shri Niladri Bihari Mohanty, Jt. Director (IT) working in the Agriculture division gave an overview of the solution. Dr Rajesh Kumar Pathak suggested that this solution may be utilized in National Data Centres of NIC.



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18TH JULY 2026 - VISIT TO ODISHA LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Dr. Rajesh Kumar Pathak visited the Odisha Legislative Assembly (OLA) and interacted with the Secretary, OLA, regarding the implementation of the National e-Vidhan Application (NeVA), an initiative aimed at enabling paperless legislative proceedings. He subsequently visited the NeVA Cell and interacted with the officials and staff regarding the implementation of the project, its operational aspects and the challenges being faced in its effective execution.





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