

## Hon'ble IT Minister inaugurates NIC Assam District Conclave

Assam Minister for IT, Shri Keshab Mahanta on Nov 17<sup>th</sup> 2023 inaugurated the **NIC Assam District Conclave for Digital Governance** at the Assam Administrative Staff College in the presence of the Chief Secretary Shri Paban Kumar Borthakur IAS, Shri Avinash Joshi IAS, Addl. Chief Secretary, and Smt Kabita Roy Das, DDG & SIO, NIC Assam. All NIC District and State Officials participated in the Conclave.



In his inaugural speech, the Minister commended NIC for its considerable contribution in bringing a paradigm change in the ICT scenario in Assam and urged it to carry on with its crucial role in tandem with the other ICT organizations of the State.

In his address as the Guest of Honour, the Chief Secretary lauded the exemplary role of NIC Assam in making the objective of a Digital Assam come true, in keeping with the vision of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Assam and the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India. He pointed out that NIC provides eGovernance-enabling support to the highest offices in the Government of Assam by providing critical data and information for decision making, and through monitoring and status tracking systems of almost all government projects, schemes and other activities. As far as the working of the Government machinery itself is concerned, file management and processing has been automated by NIC systems like eOffice which has been adopted at all levels of the Government. Similarly, online applications for Land Records, Public Procurement, Government Receipt Accounting etc have been implemented with the help of NIC which brings in transparency, accuracy and efficiency, he said. NIC offers more than 500 citizen-centric services through the Sewa Setu Portal itself. Everyone in Government works with connectivity provided by the NIC Network NICNET, uses official NIC email and conducts important discussions over NIC Video Conferencing. During Covid, Video Conferencing played a very important role, he said.



Addl. CS, Shri Joshi appreciated the role of NIC in making the Assam State Government able to successfully implement an all-encompassing office automation system such as eOffice in such a short period of time. He expressed his confidence in the capabilities of NIC and urged it to continue working for the development of the State. Both the Chief Secretary and Addl. Chief Secretary have expressed that NIC works in such close collaboration with the Govt of Assam that they consider NIC and Assam Govt as a team in bringing about technological progress in Assam.



In her address, DDG & SIO Assam, Smt. Kabita Roy Das, took the august gathering through the different stages of ICT development that the State has passed through since the advent of NIC in 1988. She then proceeded to cite a few of the frontline technological developments taking place in ICT such as quantum computation and Artificial Intelligence. She also expressed that NIC will continue to remain a close technology partner of the Govt of Assam and will always strive to bring about a Digital Assam.





The inaugural session was followed by a Technical Session. Sh B R Samal, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary dealt on uses and misuses of Artificial Intelligence followed by a interesting talk on Security and privacy of Government IT by Sh Hrishikesh Dewan, Founder Ziroh Labs. Sh Pavan Kumar, IAS, Director DITEC spoke about the privacy and security with respect to State Data Centre and related areas. Smt Kavita Barkakoty, Senior Director IT and Sh Rubaiyat Ali Senior Director IT,gave in-depth presentations on the present Govt. service Delivery and eGovernance system building digital Assam respectively. The technical session ended with result declaration and award distribution for Mobile App contest using ePrayukti Sewa, for district NIC Officers.



The afternoon session opened with a Panel Discussion on 'Reaching the unreachable with Accountability and Transparency beyond Expectation' where eminent panelists like Sh B Kalyan Chakravarty, IAS, Principal Secretary, Sh Santanu Gotmare, IAS and Commissioner & Secretary, Sh Pavan Kumar, IAS, Director DITEC and former DDG NIC Assam Sh Deepak Goswami discussed in detail about it.

The conclave ended with an interactive session with the NIC officials present.



Some photographs from the Conclave





District NIC Officers receiving awards in Mobile App contest using ePrayukti Sewa