

NATIONAL INFORMATICS CENTRE – KERALA

Inauguration of DIO/DIA Workshop

11th March 2025

Thiruvananthapuram (Kerala): The Director General of NIC, Shri. Inder Pal Singh Sethi, formally inaugurated the DIO/DIA Workshop on 11th March 2025 at NIC Kerala State Centre, Thiruvananthapuram in the presence of Dr. Ratan U Kelkar IAS, Secretary(E&IT) & CEO Kerala, Shri. Timothy Dkhar, DDG & State Coordinator(Kerala), Dr. Subhag Chand, DDG & HoG(Personnel) and Dr. Suchitra Pyarelal, DDG & SIO (Kerala & Lakshadweep).



Photo: Shri. Inder Pal Singh Sethi, DG(NIC) with Dr. Ratan U Kelkar IAS, Secretary(E & IT) & CEO Kerala, Shri. Timothy Dkhar, DDG & State Coordinator(Kerala), Dr. Subhag Chand, DDG & HoG(Personnel) and Dr. Suchitra Pyarelal, DDG & SIO (Kerala & Lakshadweep) during the inauguration of DIO/DIA Workshop.

The event started with a warm welcome address by ASIO(State), Shri. Chandran S. Following the welcome address, the dignitaries lit the traditional lamp, symbolizing the dispelling of darkness and the ushering in of knowledge and prosperity.

Shri. IPS Sethi, DG(NIC) delivered the inaugural address. He encouraged the newly appointed officers to embrace innovation and collaborate effectively with the district administration to overcome the challenges at the district level. The DG also shared exciting developments including the upcoming inauguration of a 400 crore data center, which will be a key milestone in enhancing technological infrastructure. Looking toward to the future, he outlined a roadmap focused on advancing artificial intelligence, data analytics, and quantum computing as part of NIC's commitment to leading innovation in governance. The DG(NIC)

also highlighted the growing significance of the Sandes application, praising its role in facilitating efficient communication during the G20 summit. DG advised NIC Kerala to actively post and share the extensive and impactful work done in Kerala on social media. Following the inaugural address, the Director General interacted with the NIC Kerala staff, addressing their concerns and engaging in discussions about the future of digital governance.



**Shri. IPS Sethi, DG(NIC)
delivering the inaugural address**



**Shri. IPS Sethi, DG(NIC)
Lighting the Lamp**

Dr. Rathan U. Kelkar, IAS, Secretary E&IT and CEO Kerala delivered keynote address emphasizing the critical role of District Informatics Officers (DIOs) in the implementation of e-Governance activities of the Government across the state. He acknowledged the deep understanding that NIC has with respect to state government's requirements and the expectations of the public. He called upon the new DIOs to shoulder the responsibility of upholding NIC's legacy of reliability and excellence in service delivery.

Shri. Timothy Dkhar, Deputy Director General and State Coordinator of NIC Kerala and Lakshadweep felicitated the DIO(s)/DIA(s). He emphasized that DIOs/DIAs are the torchbearers of NIC and that the DIO/DIA workshop would provide a valuable platform for learning, sharing experiences, and addressing challenges collectively. He praised Kerala for being a leader in e-governance implementation across multiple sectors, including healthcare and pension services. He also stressed the importance of exploring the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) to enhance public service delivery.



Dr. Rathan U. Kelkar, IAS, Secretary E&IT and CEO Kerala delivering the keynote address



Dr. Rathan U. Kelkar, IAS, Secretary E&IT and CEO Kerala Lighting the Lamp

Felicitation by Dr. Shubhag Chand, Deputy Director General and HoG(Personnel) underscored the collective efforts of DIOs and District Administration for successful governance. He highlighted the formation of a new committee for the productization of services through NICSI. He also stressed the importance of adopting the Sandes application, in line with the "Make in India" initiative, as the government has mandated an increase in the use of Sandes. He concluded by appreciating the contributions of officers who are due to retire soon and thanked them for their service.



**Address by Shri. Timothy Dkhar
DDG & State Coordinator (Kerala)**



**Shri. Timothy Dkhar, DDG & State Coordinator
(Kerala) Lighting the Lamp**



**Address by Dr. Shubhag Chand
DDG & HoG(Personnel)**



**Dr. Shubhag Chand, DDG & HoG(Personnel)
Lighting the Lamp**

Dr. (Smt) Suchitra Pyarelal, DDG & SIO Kerala and Lakshadweep, delivered an inspiring introductory speech, underscoring the pivotal role of NIC officials in Kerala's digital transformation. Reflecting on NIC's long-standing partnership with the state of Kerala since 1988, she highlighted the organization's crucial role in providing robust e-governance solutions to the state government. The importance of NIC District Centres in facilitating last-mile delivery of government services was emphasized, along with key projects originating from these centres that were later adopted at the state level, such as ReLIS. Notable achievements, including the development of election software, RR Online, and the Land Acquisition System, were also mentioned as examples of the impactful work carried out at the district level.



**Address by Dr. (Smt) Suchitra Pyarelal
DDG & SIO Kerala and Lakshadweep**



**Dr. (Smt) Suchitra Pyarelal, DDG & SIO (Kerala
and Lakshadweep)Lighting the Lamp**



**Welcome by Shri. S Chandran
ASIO State(Kerala)**



**Shri. S Chandran
ASIO State(Kerala) Lighting the Lamp**

A heartfelt vote of thanks was delivered by Smt. Srivalli Devi P, ASIO District, acknowledging the efforts of all those involved in organizing the workshop and expressing gratitude to the distinguished guests, facilitators, and participants.



Photo: Vote of Thanks by Smt. Srivalli Devi P, ASIO District(Kerala).

A short film showcasing the invaluable contributions of the National Informatics Centre (NIC) Kerala was presented. The film highlighted the pivotal role of NIC Kerala in driving technological innovation and digital governance across the state. The program concluded with a photo session, capturing the moment of unity and collaboration among all participants.

Glimpses:



Photo: Dignitaries during the inauguration programme.



Photo: Shri. IPS Sethi, DG(NIC) delivering the inaugural address.



Photo: Dr. Rathan U. Kelkar IAS, Secretary E&IT and CEO Kerala delivering the Keynote address.



Photo: SIO Kerala receiving DG(NIC).



Photo: SIO Kerala receiving Secretary E&IT and CEO Kerala.



ASIO State (Kerala) receiving HoG(Personnel)



HoD(CEM Kochi)receiving SC(Kerala)



Photo: DG(NIC), Secretary(IT), State Coordinator, DDG(Personnel), SIO Kerala during the programme.



Photo: State Coordinator, DDG(Personnel) received by SIO Kerala along with officers.



Photo: DG(NIC), SC(Kerala) & HoG(Personnel) with Lady officers & Staff of State & District Centres.



Photo: DG(NIC), SC(Kerala) & HoG(Personnel) with all officers & Staff from Kerala State & District Centres.

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