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Visit of Shri Karunakar Gupta, DDG & HOG and Shri Anil Choudhary DDG to NKN PoP, Chennai

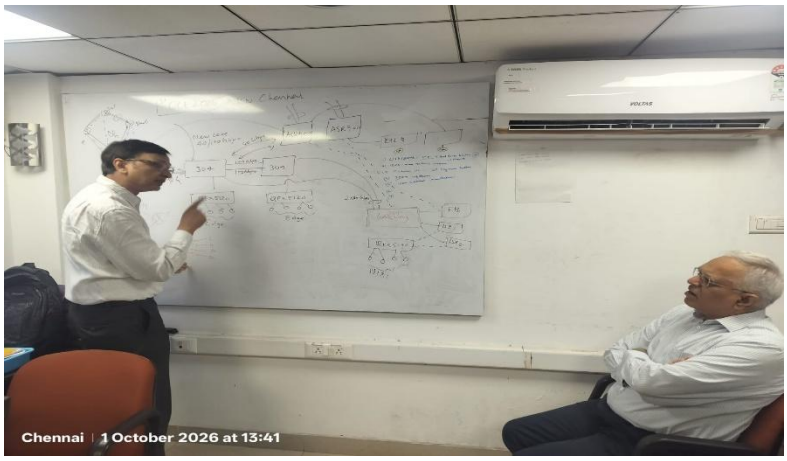
Shri Karunakar Gupta, DDG & HoG (Networks & NKN/DII PMU), and Shri Anil Choudhary, DDG & HoD (NKN/DII PMU), visited the NKN PoP, Chennai, on **1st October 2026** to review the ongoing migration activities involving new network devices, including routers, WAN Switches, Routing Reflectors and firewall devices. They were received by **Shri M. Kamalakkannan, DDG & SIO, NIC Tamil Nadu**, along with senior officers of NIC Tamil Nadu State Centre (TNSC).



During the visit, the proposed migration plan and preparedness for deployment of the new network devices were reviewed in detail. Key technical and infrastructure issues, including the tunnel link between Super PoPs, linking of gateway routers, utilization of new WAN switches and creation of rack space for two new core routers, were discussed.

Officials from the **CPWD Civil and Electrical Wings** also visited the NKN PoP to assess the infrastructure requirements. Discussions were held regarding additional electrical power, AC cooling arrangements and other civil works required for installation and commissioning of the new network devices.

A review meeting was also held with the **SIO, ASIOs and senior officers of NIC TNSC** to assess the progress of migration activities and associated infrastructure requirements. The visiting officers also inspected the NIC TNSC offices at Rajaji Bhavan, Besant Nagar, to review network connectivity and coverage. Discussions were held with **Shri R. Ramesh, HOD, e-Procurement SDD, NIC Chennai**, regarding requirements related to the e-Procurement project.



Shri S. Gopinath, Senior Director, NIC Bengaluru, was deputed to Chennai to coordinate and support the migration of core and edge links of NKN/NICNET to the new network infrastructure. The migration

activities are being coordinated and executed by the **NKN/Network Team of NIC Chennai**, under the coordination of **Shri R. Rajasekaran, Scientist-E, and Smt. Hemamalini, Scientist-D** along with NKN Support team.



The visit provided valuable guidance on **device configuration and preparedness, validation and testing, phased migration, downtime management and implementation strategies**, thereby facilitating a smooth and systematic migration to the new network infrastructure.

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