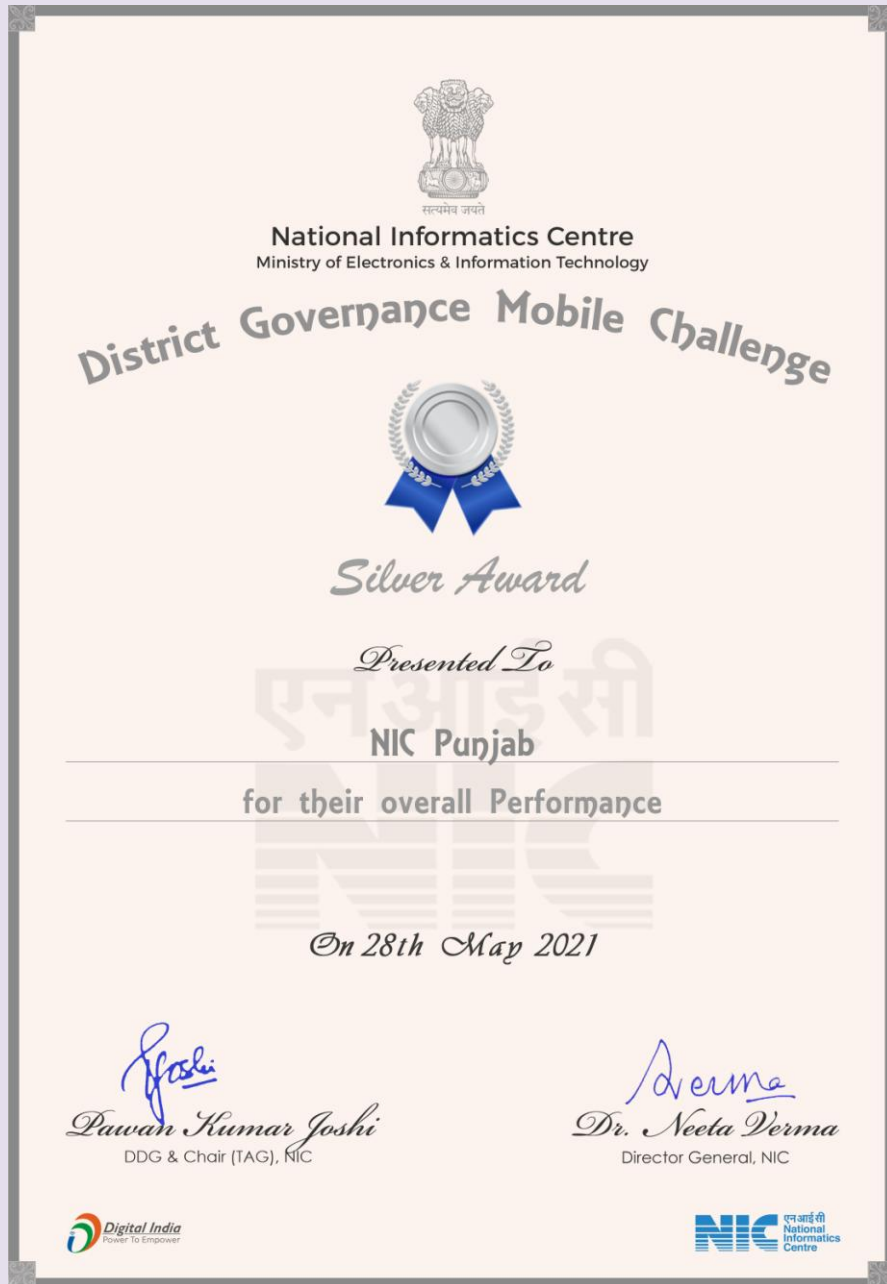


NIC Punjab State Centre Chandigarh received Silver Award from DG NIC for overall performance in District Governance Mobile Challenge (DGMC) Virtual Award Ceremony



"Talent wins games, but teamwork and smart planning win championships".

Sh Ajay Rampal, State Informatics Officer NIC Punjab State Centre Chandigarh received Silver Award for overall performance, and Vimal Kumar Setia Deputy Commissioner with Anil Katiyar District Informatics Officer (DIO) NIC Faridkot received Bronze Award for Design and Development of m-Nivaran Mobile App from Dr. Neeta Verma, Director General, National Informatics Centre, New Delhi during the District Governance Mobile Challenge (DGMC) Award Ceremony held virtually on 28.05.2021.

With an aim of embracing 'Mobile First' for District Administration, the 'District Governance Through Mobile Challenge' (DGMC) for NIC District Centres was launched by Dr. Neeta Verma, Director General, NIC on 11th January 2021 where the DIOs of all the states were given a challenge to develop Mobile Apps in consultation with District Collectors of their respective districts within a specified timeframe.

The Division headed by Sh Bharat Bhushan, Scientist-F took initiative to collect the information and immediately organized Video Conference chaired by State Informatics Officer for all NIC District Centres of Punjab in the first week of January 2021 to finalize Mobile Apps to be developed by NIC District Centres.

Subsequently, as per directions from NIC Hq., a state level committee was constituted under the chairmanship of State Informatics Officer, NIC Punjab with Ms Usha Rai Scientist-F as Convener, and Sanjay Sawhney Scientist-E & HO, Narinder Singh Scientist-E, Prithipal Singh, Scientist-E, Vikramjit Singh Thind Scientist-E, Manoj Kumar Verma Scientist-D and Virender Dhanda Scientist-C as member for mentoring and encouraging DIOs for participation to achieve the objective of this challenge.

A Doubt Clearance Session was also arranged for through Video Conference with HP Mobile Competency Centre for DIOs of NIC Punjab regarding Mobile App Development.

All 22 NIC District Centers of Punjab State enthusiastically took the challenge and developed viable mobile apps for the District Administration. NIC Punjab was one of the few states where there was full participation of District Centres in the Mobile App Challenge.

After evaluation of Mobile Apps by state level committee of NIC Punjab, the top five Mobile Apps were:-

S.No.	Name of Mobile App	DIO / ADIO
1.	m-Nivaran	Anil Katiyar, DIO NIC Faridkot
2.	Conquer The Sky	V.K. Soni DIO / ADIO NIC Taran Taran
3.	Schemes Information	Jugal Kishore, DIO Pathankot
4.	Gov. Contacts	Sanjeev Sharma DIO / Shine Kamal ADIO Patiala
5.	Career Counselling	Sanjeev Gaba, DIO Kapurthala

After passing through 3 levels of evaluation, NIC Punjab has been conferred with awards in two categories:

Category	Award
Top states for overall performance	Silver Award was received by Ajay Rampal, SIO NIC Punjab State Centre Chandigarh
Top three mobile apps	Bronze Award was received by Vimal Kumar Setia Deputy Commissioner with Anil Katiyar District Informatics Officer (DIO) NIC Faridkot

Persistent hard work, up to date technical skills and high enthusiasm of participating DIOs / ADIOs led to this achievement under the state leadership.

Sh. Ajay Rampal, SIO NIC Punjab appreciated the efforts and team work of State level Committee and DIOs/ADIOs of NIC District Centres of Punjab.

