Interaction of SIO Punjab with Chief Secretary, Punjab and with Officers and staff of NIC Punjab on assuming the charge

The new State Informatics Officer Punjab, Sh. Vivek Verma soon after assuming charge met Mr Anirudh Tiwari, IAS Chief Secretary Punjab. The Chief Secretary of Punjab appreciated the work being done by NIC Punjab and recollected the projects undertaken in the past in his long career at different places of posting. Mentioning that he always wanted NIC to be in the forefront of any ICT related requirements of the state he suggested to make use of the emerging technologies so as to make a lasting impact which would benefit all stakeholders. He also expressed his desire to explore the possibility of implementing successfully running projects of other states in Punjab. He also mentioned that he would soon have another meeting to have further detailed discussions. Sh. Verma assured the Chief Secretary of continued support from NIC in achieving the desired objectives.

Sh. Vivek Verma also interacted with all the HoDs, ASIOs, IFDO, HO in the morning and another interaction in the afternoon with all the NIC State Centre Officers/Officials,DIOs, ADIOs and DIAs, who were connected through VC.

Following officers attended the meeting:

1. ASIOs/ HODs of all Divisions and their subordinate officers
2. IVFRT Division
3. DGM NICSI
4. All state Officers/Officials
5. DIOs/ADIOs of all Districts through VC

The key points discussed during the meetings are:

1. Sh. Vikram Jeet Grover, STD and ASIO (State) welcomed new State Informatics Officer Sh. Vivek Verma in the morning. Further, SIO Punjab had one to one interaction with all the HoDs, IFDO, HO, State and District Officers, who briefed him on the various activities going on in their division.

2. HoDs apprised the status of various projects being handled by their respective divisions and they assured to complete assigned tasks by their team members on time. SIO Punjab enquired about status of various on-going projects like eOffice, eAbgari, eHospital, DISE, IFMS, Invest, Services development in ServicePlus, PWRDA, CCBS, PDS, and DARPAN etc...

3. SIO Punjab appreciated the efforts put in by all in various projects and looked forward to continued coordination and commitment from all the staff of Punjab in future also. While discussing on various projects, he advised all HoDs to follow the practice of data sharing and reusability of modules in applications.

4. It was also emphasised by SIO that there should be regular interaction with DIOs at the level of ASIOs. He also directed to strictly follow the directions issued by NIC Hqrs. from time to time. He instructed everyone should complete the assigned Vidyakosh courses timely and must participate in webinars and also make presentation in it on the topic of their choice. He encouraged everyone to participate whole heartedly in different contests notified by NIC Hqrs from time to time.

5. SIO suggested adoption of Service plus for faster delivery of various citizen centric services, Digilocker, Aadhaar Vault, DBT, mandatory use of eOffice, GIMS etc...He also laid emphasis on SSO, payment gateway, chatbot, use of open source technologies and implementation of various other products of NIC in state. He further asked everyone to come with innovative solutions by using emerging technologies so as to transform applications to products for implementation in other states. And also emphasized for development of mobile apps for various state projects being developed.

6. SIO Punjab also asked about issues being faced by NIC staff and assured for an early resolution. He assured his complete support and round the clock availability to all the team members for his guidance and assistance. And assured to take various issues with State Government for further assistance and support.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.