

# CSI Nihilent eGovernance Awards 2014

## A Report

Computer Society of India's the 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention and International Conference (CSI-2014) on Emerging ICT for Bridging Future was held from 12-12-2014 to 14-12-2014 at JNTU Hyderabad. The Convention was held in association with JNTU and DRDO. Government of Telangana State, DRDO and JNTU have partnered the event. The Conference was well attended and it was a festival of feasts from the best Technical Sessions.

**On Day 1** (12-12-2014) CSI-SIGeGOV organized a National eGovernance Knowledge Sharing Summit (KSS-2014) with the theme Digital Telangana in four sessions. Chief Guest for the Inaugural function is Mr. Rajeev Sharma, Chief Secretary of Telangana State Government Presided by Mr. Mahalingam, Past President CSI; Guest of Honor Dr. Piyush Gupta, Chairman CSI SIGeGOV. And, the Welcome address was given by Mr. J A Chowdary. In the second session Digital Telangana – The Road Ahead chaired by Mr. A S Ramesh, Director IT Telangana State. Moderated by Dr. Ashok Agarwal and the Panelists are Prof. MP Gupta, IIT Delhi; Mr. Biju Kadapurath, PWC.

The third session on eGov 2.0 Chaired by Dr. Jaijeet Bhattacharya, KPMG with other Panelists – Prof. Ajit Rangnekar, ISB Hyderabad and Mr. Lalith S. Choudary, Director CISCO. The fourth session on Integrating eGovernance Applications, Chaired by Dr. Sateesh Reddy, Director, RCI. Moderated by Dr Srinath Chakravarthy, Vice President NISG with other Panelists – Mr Mohammed Y Safirulla, Director KSITM, Govt. of Kerala; Mr Thomas Mathew, Vice President SAP and Mr Arpan Bansal, Newgen.

Inaugurating the Summit, Mr Rajeev Sharma urged IT Professionals to partner the state as it seeks to retain the predominance in e-governance enjoyed by erstwhile Andhra Pradesh. The need, he said, is to take IT initiatives closer to the people at nominal costs and to make them user friendly. eGovernance was the only answer if the thrust is on efficient and corruption free service delivery for the citizens. He said the Data Security was a major concern for the state government due to the rise in instances of cybercrimes in the country.

Director Communications in IT, Electronics and Communications Department A S Ramesh said, Telangana Government wants the Central Project of Providing broadband connectivity to all gram panchayats implemented across the State at one go

since that would provide people greater access to e-Governance initiatives as also help avoid delays on account of a phased rollout. The Centre's response to the request is awaited. National Cyber Security Policy 2013 estimates the need for five lakh cyber security professionals and the state wants to impart cyber security training to as many engineering students as possible.

CSI SIGeGOV has conducted eGOV Session with delegates coming from most State Govts and presented CSI Nihilent eGovernance Awards to the best ICT Projects from State Governments on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2014 in a separate ceremony.



(L to R: Dr Piyush Gutpa (NISG), Prof Harish P Iyer (IIITH), Brig Philip Manoharan (Nihilent); Shri H R Mohan (President, CSI), Dr Ashok Agarwal (Founder, CSI-SIGeGov) and Dr Peter Parycek (Austria).

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**CSI-Nihilent e-Governance Awards 2013-14**  
**e-Governance Parallel Track**  
**Agenda for 13<sup>th</sup> December 2014**

(Venue: UCG Academic Staff College Auditorium, JNTU, Hyderabad)

Time	Agenda
8:30 am – 9:30 am	Registration for Delegates
9.30am – 10:30 am	<b>SESSION-1 - Panel Discussion with selected Awardees- Award of Excellence – Project Category</b> <b>Discussion theme “Planning for the long term - Structuring eGov projects”</b> Session Chair: Prof Sanjiv Vaidya and Shri GSN Prabhu
10.30 to 11.30	<b>SESSION-2 Panel Discussion with selected Awardees – State Category</b> <b>Discussion topic “Beyond Sustainable e-Governance – a vision for Digital India”</b> Session Chairs: Dr.Ashok Agarwal and Dr.M.P.Gupta
11:30 – 11:45	<b>TEA BREAK</b>
12:00 – 1:00 pm	<b>SESSION-3 SIGeGov Session</b> Session co-ordination: Ms.Sridevi Ayaluri <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Address by <i>Dr Piyush Gupta, Chairman, CSI-SIGeGov 2013-14</i></li> <li>• Key note address by <i>Dr.Peter Paryckek, Head of the Center for E-Governance at the Danube University, Austria</i></li> <li>• “Home coming of the awards” – Dr R.K.Bagga</li> </ul>
1:00 – 1:45 pm	LUNCH
2.30 pm – 4.00 pm	<b>CSI-Nihilent e-Governance Awards Ceremony</b>
4 pm to 6 pm	<b>CSI Plenary sessions</b> <b>Guests: Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad [Minister for Communication and IT, GOI]</b> <b>Shri Bandaru Dattatreya [Minister of Union labor and employment, GOI]</b> <b>Shri K T Rama Rao [Minister for Panchayat Raj and IT, Govt of Telangana]</b>