

CSI Nihilent eGovernance Awards 2017

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A Brief Report

The Special Interest Group on eGovernance of Computer Society of India (CSI-SIGeGov), successfully conducted the 15th edition of CSI Nihilent eGovernance Awards (CNeGA) ceremony on 20th January 18, during the 52nd CSI Annual Convention in Kolkata. The awards ceremony is a culmination of an elaborate awards process spread over 9 months starting with nominations and ending with awards presentation to the successful entries. Sponsored by Nihilent Technologies Ltd., since the year 2002, the awards ceremony has become integral part of the CSI Annual Convention. This year's event took place at Science City, Kolkata.

To make the event rewarding, an eGovernance track sessions were organized as a parallel session of the CSI 2017 program. This session coordinated by Shri Apoorva Agha, Chairman Division I, CSI was inaugurated by Sri Gautam Mohapatra, Vice President, CSI. The first panel discussion was on 'Digital Empowerment in Agriculture, Education & Health Sectors - Implementing challenges' chaired by Dr G P Sahu (MNNIT, Allahabad). The second session was on 'Digital Empowerment - Learnings and Way forward (Policy Perspectives)' chaired by Dr Ashok Agarwal, Founder CSI SIGeGov and co chaired by Shri D K Dwivedi, a Senior member of the CSI SIG eGov. The third and final session was on 'Research, Innovation & Use of Technology in eGovernance [Partner's perspective]' moderated by Shri Satish Babu, Former President CSI and co chaired by Dr Prateep K Guha, MD Nihilent Data Analytics. Panelists included senior officials of the award winning teams. All the sessions were well attended by the award winners and accompanying teams.

The much awaited, Awards ceremony took place in the Mini Auditorium. Attended with over 280 participants consisting of 45 awardees with their teams and other invitees, the entire program has been well received and appreciated for the ambience and the professional way it got conducted.

Shri GSN Prabhu, Convener, CSI-SIGeGov welcomed the Chief Guest, Guests of Honor, all the awardees and the invitees. He also thanked all the nominees for continued patronage and participation in the CSI Nihilent eGovernance Awards process and complemented the award winners.

The highlight of this year's ceremony is the presence and participation of Shri **Rao Rajendra Singh**, Deputy Speaker of Rajasthan Legislature Assembly, as the Chief Guest, who also distributed the awards to deserving award winners under different award categories from across the States and Central Departments. The distinguished presence of **Guests of Honor Dr Amit Mitra**, Finance Minister of Government of West Bengal and Prof Mike Hinchey, President, IFIP on the dais, added glitter to the flagship event of the CSI SIG eGov and the annual CSI convention.

For his distinguished contribution and continued patronage of CSI Nihilent eGovernance Awards for 15 long years, Shri L C Singh, Vice Chairman and CEO of Nihilent Technologies was presented with an Award of Recognition by Shri Sanjay Mohapatra, President, CSI. Shri Prateep K Guha, MD of Nihilent Analytics representing Shri L C Singh accepted the same and thanked the Organizers for the recognition on behalf of Shri L C Singh.

Dr K S Vijaya Sekhar, Awards convener presented the Convener's report and stated that the Selection Committee had received over 170 nominations and that identifying the best from the list has been very tough task but for the able support and participation of the Reviewers in three stages of evaluation process.

Shri Sanjay Mohapatra, President-CSI, who presided over the event opined that the foot print of participation from across all the States and Central Government departments is very encouraging and assured CSI will continue to play a pivotal role in such recognition journey that compliments national efforts in bringing 'Digital Empowerment' in the country.

Dr Ashok Agarwal, Founding Member CSI SIG eGov and Dr Prateek Kumar Guha, MD Nihilent Analytics spoke on the occasion.

A compendium in the form of a book titled **Digital Empowerment – A Cornerstone for eGovernance** was released along with a **Souvenir** by the Chief Guest on the occasion. The book edited by Dr K S Vijaya Sekhar, Dr G P Sahu and Shri Prabhu Gollamudi consists of over 75 articles that talk of successful eGovernance initiatives from across the country.



The awards program concluded with a Group Photo of awardees along with the Chief Guest and Guest of Honor on the dais. Dr K S Vijaya Sekhar, profusely thanked the award winners for their participation and also thanked the CSI-2017 Local Organizing Committee and Program Committee lead by **Dr Phalguni Mukherjee, Prof J K Mandal, Prof D P Sinha** and others for their immense support to make the event memorable. He also thanked Nihilent Technologies for the continued support and thanked Mr Shohel Noor, Mr Anoop Bharadwaj for excellent coordination and support during and prior to the event.

This year's event also included presentation of CSI's eRatna award to two distinguished personalities heading two large and important States of Rajasthan and West Bengal for their significant contribution and initiatives towards driving the eGovernance journey in their respective States. Smt Vasundhara Raje, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Rajasthan and Smt Mamatha Banerjee, Hon'ble Chief Minister of West Bengal were honored with the eRatna Awards by President CSI and the awards were received by Shri Rao Rajendra Singhji, Dy Speaker, Rajasthan Legislature Assembly and Dr Amit Mitra, Minister Finance, Govt of West Bengal on behalf of the respected dignitaries.



CSI Nihilent eGovernance Awards 2017 Winners List

| (i) State Category (4) | (iii) Project Category (39) |
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| Award of Excellence: Rajasthan (Overall Growth) | (a) Award of Excellence 3 |
| Award of Appreciation: Gujarat (Overall Growth) | State Level Projects 3 |
| Award of Recognition: Odisha (Food and Security) | (b) Award of Appreciation 17 |
| Award of Recognition: Telangana (Health and Wellbeing) | Central Govt. Projects (3) |
| (ii) Theme Category (2) | State Level Projects (12) |
| Award of Excellence: SHE Teams, Hyderabad | District Level Projects, ULBs (2) |
| Award of Recognition: Raj Mahila Suraksha, Rajasthan | (c) Award of Recognition 16 |
| | Central Govt. Projects (2) |
| | State Level Projects (14) |

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| | (d) Award of Sustenance 3 [Awardees of Excellence Projects for the year 2012] Total: 45 Awardees |
| More Details are available at www.csinihilent-egovernanceawards.org | |

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