

A Brief Report

The Special Interest Group on e-Governance of Computer Society of India (CSI SIGeGOV) had organized the 13th CSI Nihilent eGovernance Awards (CNEA 2015) on 3rd Dec 15 at the Bharti Vidyapeeth Auditorium, New Delhi. The event took place coinciding with the 50th Golden Jubilee annual convention of the Computer Society of India where 45 of the 222 successful nominees received their awards from the Guest of honor **Prof. Bipin V Mehta**, President CSI and other dignitaries on the dais.

Shri Surendra Kapoor, Chairman SIG eGOV welcomed the invitees, guests, award winners and delegates and conveyed deep appreciation of the efforts of the selection committee members for their diligent short listing, nominees for their enthusiastic participation and the sponsors Nihilent Technologies for their passionate support and patronage.

Speaking at the awards ceremony on behalf of the Convener team Shri Prabhu Gollamudi, said, “This year the response from Government officials from across both Central and State Governments departments/ Institutions is very encouraging and reflects on the importance of the CSI Nihilent e-Governance award by the practioners/ implementers of e-Governance projects cutting across functional/ technology domains. He attributed this patronage to the key differentiator - projects assessment process i.e., a multi stage and multi-dimensional assessment including field visits. He further opined that the sustained efforts of CSI SIG over the last many years in promoting e-Governance awareness and knowledge through the awards and knowledge sharing sessions compliment the overall efforts of policy makers towards India transforming to become a “Digital India”.

It has been our honour and privilege to be associated with the awards and we will continue to do so stated Shubhabrata Banerjee, Chief Financial Officer at Nihilent speaking on behalf of the sponsors.

Dr Piyush Gupta, Associate Vice President, NISG speaking on the occasion reiterated the importance of planning and conveyed that projects have to be designed for success including sustaining the initiative by adequate capacity building.

Dr Ashok Agarwal, Founding Member, CSI-SIGeGov spoke about the long and successful journey of recognizing best initiatives of e-Governance projects and hoped continued efforts of SIG team will improve the assessment process further.



Photo: Assisted by MsAyaluri Sridevi, Editorial Team Member the Compendium ‘Digital India in Action – Selected eGovernance Initiatives in India’ and the “Awards 2015 Booklet’ were released by the Guest of honor – Prof Bipin V Mehta, President - CSI.

Prof Bipin V Mehta, President-CSI, Guest of honor conveyed his happiness of good work by SIG e-Governance team and the sponsors and hoped that the entire process will stand as a reference benchmark for evaluating e-Governance projects in the country and also hoped projects from many more sectors also participate.

This year the State of Haryana has won the Award of Excellence under State category and the Union Territory of Chandigarh won the Award of Sustained Excellence under the State category. Four of the 2010 CSI Nihilent e-Gov award winning projects were also recognized for sustained project excellence. In all there are 11 projects which received Award of Excellence including 2 from GOI departments, 22 projects Award of Appreciation and 6 projects received Award of recognition. The list also included one project from North East region and one project from J&K.

The awards ceremony was well attended with Sr. officials from award winning nominees actively participating and expressing their joy representing the winning teams. Kudos for the excellent support of CSI-2015 organizers and Nihilent Technologies for continued commitment.