



Report on CSI - Nihilent eGovernance Awards 2011-2012 during CSI-2012 held at Kolkata

CSI Celebrates a Decade of Success in Encouraging e-Governance in India



"Prof P V S Rao releasing CSI Case study book on "Inclusive Growth Through e-Governance" during CSI Nihilent eGov Awards ceremony held at Kolkata on 2 Dec 2012.

Completing a remarkable decade this year, the prestigious CSI-Nihilent e-Governance Awards instituted by the Computer Society of India's Special Interest Group on e-Governance and sponsored by Nihilent technologies announced the Best e-Governance initiatives for the year 2011-2012. The winners were honoured at a grand ceremony held at the 47th Annual Convention of CSI-2012 at Kolkata. Through out the journey, the mission of the awards has been to acknowledge and appreciate the valuable efforts in bringing good governance through utilization of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT). The awards ceremony session was chaired by Prof PVS Rao in presence of Mr Satish Babu, President, CSI. A book on 'Inclusive Growth through e-Governance: Selected eGovernance Initiatives in India' covering the case studies for the current year published by Universities Press India was released. A special brochure commemorating the 10th year of CSI Nihilent eGovernance Awards was also released.

The state of Bihar has been conferred with the 'Award of Excellence' for the State category. Passport Seva Project by Ministry of External Affairs - Government of India was awarded 'Award of Excellence' in 'Projects Category - Government of India' while 'Ports & Transport Department', Government of Gujarat has received 'Award of Excellence' in Department Category.

Centralized Online Real-time Electronic (CORE) PDS by Government of Chhattisgarh has received joint award with Government of Gujarat for its initiative on 'Using Technology for strengthening Targeted Public Distribution System' for e-Governance projects in 'Government to Citizen' category. Other initiatives like 'eUparjan' by Civil Supplies Department - Government of Madhya Pradesh, 'Manava Sampada' (A Green Governance Tool for Human Resource Management) by Government of Himachal Pradesh and 'Poll Monitoring System' by Government of Goa; have won awards in Government to Business, Government to Employee and Government to Government categories respectively.

CSI-Nihilent e-Governance Awards has consistently acknowledged and encouraged such initiatives over the decade contributing to the growth of effective governance in the country. This year the event signifies the successful journey of CSI and Nihilent towards the endeavor to recognize and appreciate efforts for initiating good governance, using Information and communication technology (ICT). States across the country have actively participated in the awards with rising enthusiasm every year.



Dr Ashok Agarwal, Past Chairman CSI-SiGeGOV presenting his report on "Sustenance of e-Gov Projects" during CSI-2012 e-Gov track on 2 Dec 2012 at Kolkata.

A full day eGovernance track for Knowledge Sharing of successes was held in presence of large number of delegates including Government officials. The sessions were chaired by Mr Surendra Kapoor and Dr Ashok Agarwal with Co-Chairs as Harish P Iyer and GSN Prabhu. The presentations from the team leaders included SWARNIM-RTO (Gujarat), Passport Seva Project (Ministry of External Affairs), eUparjan (Madhya Pradesh), Manav Sampada (Himachal Pradesh), eDistrict (Kerala), CORE PDS (Chattisgarh), Poll Monitoring System (Goa) and Bihar State. Dr Ashok Agarwal, leader of Sustenance Team gave details of the efforts being made by CSI SIGeGOV team to ensure that 'Old eGovernance projects which got recognized by CSI more than five years ago were recognized for their sustenance under a special category'. This year's sustenance awards were given to eProcurement (Gujarat), VAT Information Systems (Gujarat), Samadhan Ek Din Mein (Madhya Pradesh), DC Suite (Kerala), IISFM (New Delhi) and PESO, Nagpur.