

Digital India Awards 2016 Ceremony Held In A Grand Way

National Informatics Centre takes great pride in successfully organizing such an important event of the Government to acknowledge the exemplary eGovernance initiatives, products & services

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India has witnessed a rapid transformation in the last few decades which is fuelled by the ICT revolution. Technology has gone above and beyond its call of duty and has become indispensable in modern governance and living and is expected to play a continually bigger role in the years to come. The “Digital India Awards”, incepted to honour exemplary initiatives, commitment and hardwork creating remarkable impact in the lives of citizens using ICT had its 2016 season at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi on 19th December 2016. Featured here are some important moments captured through lens.



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I believe the people in the Government do some great work and their achievements, their worth, their contributions, their hard work needs to be recognized. Therefore, I have always said to scale up these awards so that the country may know as to how government officers, urban bodies, state governments, district governance units are contributing towards the success of Digital India.

Ravi Shankar Prasad ”

Union Minister
Electronics & IT, Law & Justice



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“ Among the many transformative initiatives launched by the Hon’ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, Digital India, the flagship initiative being steered by MeitY stands out in many ways in terms of stakeholders in the industry and the Government at levels...and consequential impact both in terms of social and economic aspects in the citizens of this country.

P.P. Chaudhary
Minister of State
Electronics & IT, Law & Justice





“eConnectivity is essential today for all purposes...especially in the field of Higher Education and research, it has become absolutely essential. If India has to leap frog, and India has to leap frog to a knowledge economy, all the efforts that are being put in the under the Digital India programme are very essential.”

Dr. R. Chidambaram
Principal Scientific Adviser, Govt of India



“This year marks the first of the Digital India Awards and therefore this is a milestone for all of us here who are working on the Digital India programme. I want to pay my compliments to all those of you who in your own sphere are doing pioneering work in Digital India. I must place on record that it was a very difficult job for the jury to actually narrow down the list of prize-winners.”

Aruna Sundararajan, IAS
Secretary, MeitY



Ms. Alka Mishra, Sr. Technical Director (NIC) delivering the Vote of Thanks



Digital India Awards 2016 Jury members receiving mementos



“I must say that we are, today, witnessing a transformation, a digital transformation of the country we have not seen in the history of the nation. To that extent, all of us who are associated with this exercise are really fortunate to be a part of it and to be contributing to this huge transformational effort.”

Dr. Ajay Kumar, IAS
Additional Secretary, MeitY



“I congratulate all the awardees for their wonderful contributions to Digital Governance. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all of you present here and connected through the webcast for applying for the Digital India Awards. It is only your overwhelming response with so many nominations that make these awards so special.”

Neeta Verma
Director General, NIC

Digital India Awards 2016 bestowed 28 awards across 8 categories including Jury's Choice of Awards. The Union Minister of Electronics & IT and Law & Justice, Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad was the Chief Guest of the event and the Guest of Honour was Shri P. P. Chaudhary, the Minister of State for Electronics & IT and Law & Justice. Dr. R. Chidambaram, Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government, Ms. Aruna Sundararajan, IAS,



Some of the winners with Digital India Awards 2016

Secretary (MeitY), Dr. Ajay Kumar, IAS, Additional Secretary (MeitY), Ms. Neeta Verma, DG (NIC) and Ms. Alka Mishra, Senior Technical Director (NIC) also graced the occasion with their esteemed presence.

In his speech, Shri Prasad appreciated the efforts and initiatives of NIC and encouraged the organization to become the torch bearers of the digital revolution the country is witnessing.

An eminent Jury constituted of senior officials from the Government as well as representatives from the industry and the academia reviewed over 3000 applications received from all over the country to select the best projects and initiatives.

The event was concluded on a high note and will go down as a red letter day in the history of the organization.

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Jubilant Project team after the successful event

AWARD WINNERS

Exemplary Online Service

- > VYAS- VarnjYakar Automation System for Department of Commercial Taxes, UP
- > E-permit, Commercial Tax Dept., Gujarat
- > One Stop Clearance System, Punjab Bureau of Investment Promotion

Open Data Champion

- > Office of The Registrar General, India
- > Health and Family Welfare
- > Directorate of Marketing & Inspection
- > Rajya Sabha
- > National Crime Records Bureau

Most Innovative Citizen Engagement

- > MyGov
- > Online Management, Monitoring and Accounting System (OMMAS) for Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY)
- > Coimbatore City Municipal Corporation
- > IT Initiatives of Simhasth Kumbh, Ujjain (Jury choice)

Outstanding Digital Initiative by Local Body

- > Surat Municipal Corporation
- > Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation.
- > Web and Mobile based Integrated Complaint Logging and Resolution Tracking System- Madurai Corporation
- > e-NagarSewaUP- Electronic Workflow based Reform for ULBs in Uttar Pradesh (Jury choice)

Best Mobile App

- > Citizen Cop App, Chattisgarh
- > Mid-Day-Meal App, Himachal Pradesh
- > GARVApp, Ministry of Power

Web Ratna- Ministry/ Department

- > Ministry of Human Resource Development
- > Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
- > Ministry of External Affairs

Web Ratna- State/ UT

- > Rajasthan
- > Tamil Nadu
- > Haryana

Web Ratna- District

- > Website of Collectorate, North Goa
- > Website & Initiatives of Kupwara, J&K
- > District Administration Udham Singh Nagar website, Uttarakhand