## DG interacts with Senior NIC Officers on New Year Day

The year begins on a significant note with launch of standardised NIC Logo



Dr. Neeta Verma, DG, NIC, launching the standardised NIC Logo, along with Shri D.C. Misra, DDG, NIC

ew Year is the time to reassure commitment to attaining future goals while cherishing the past accomplishments. As 2019 rolled in, Dr. Neeta Verma, Direc-General, National Informatics Centre (NIC), convened a meeting of Deputy Director Generals, Heads of Groups and Senior Informatics Officers for deliberations on the highlights of NIC's digital initiatives in 2018 and the aspirations set for the current year. Held at NIC Headquarters, on the joyous occasion of the New Year, the meeting's live webcast was attended by NICians from various locations such as Patna, Hyderabad, Imphal, Ranchi, Haryana and Gandhinagar.

Extending New Year wishes to all, Dr. Neeta Verma, in her inspirational address, spoke about the latest achievements concerning the previous year. DG expressed, "When we began our journey, our focus was mobile first, and then we moved to cloud first. In 2018, we were primarily trying to focus on digital



platforms. I am glad to see that a lot of those platforms have come to the age and some of them have actually achieved nationwide, pan India presence. If you look at eOffice, eProcurement, eHospital, eCourts, Sarathi and Vahan, a lot of products that took off last year have the potential of taking the pan India status."

Appreciating the committed efforts made by NIC Officers, DG encouraged all to stay dedicated to the organisation with the same enthusiasm. She also threw light on the setting up of a media group to spread awareness about the projects undertaken by NIC.

The launch of standardised NIC Logo was also one of the significant happenings during the meeting. Highlighting the need to enhance NIC's visual identity, a presentation on Logo Standardisation was given by Shri Mohan Das Viswam, Sr. Technical Director, UxDT Division. He spoke about the need of standardisation and the application of logo variants on different platforms like websites, social media, publications, event backdrops etc.

Thereafter, Dr. Savita Dawar, DDG, gave a presentation on R&D Activities in NIC, in which she spoke about the ongoing research and development in various groups such as Data Analytics Centre, Artificial Intelligence, Cyber Security. OTG, Computer Aided Design (CAD), Geographic Information System (GIS) and National Knowledge Network (NKN).

NIC has been spearheading the government's digital initiatives with full vigour and the same was apparent from the inauguration of multiple projects during the last year. Such momentous events like Launch of Digital NIC, Collaboration with Sri Lanka for NKN Peering, Launch of Digital Payments Dashboard, Launch of eWay Bill, Felicitation Ceremony for OpenGovDataHack National Challenge and so on, were covered in a presentation showcasing the glimpses of NIC in 2018.

Shri V.K. Tyagi, Technical Director, thanked all the Officers for their participation.

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