

Union Minister Inaugurates Digital Government Research Centre (DGRC) in Patna

DGRC is a centre of excellence which strives to nurture, visualize and implement ideas in the field of eGovernance research and innovation

Centre (DGRC), Patna, intends to bring together a strong team of researchers and developers from the academia with interests and experience in database, human-computer interaction, knowledge representation, data mining, and other areas of computer science and information systems.

The technological potential exists for individuals, groups, and communities to

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Hon'ble Union Minister of Electronics & IT and Law & Justice, Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad, inaugurated the Digital Government Research Centre at Patna on 2nd March 2017. Among the other dignitaries present were Shri Sanjeev Kumar Chaurasiya, Member (Bihar Legislative Assembly), Ms. Aruna Sundararajan, Secretary, MeitY, Government of India, Ms. Neeta Verma, Director General, National Informatics Centre (NIC), Dr. Omkar Rai, Director General, Software Technology Parks of India (STPI), Dr. Pushpak Bhattacharyya, Director, IIT Patna, Shri Sanjay Singh Gahlout, Deputy Director General DDG (NIC), Dr. N. Saravana Kumar, I.A.S., MeitY, Government of India, Shri Rajesh Kumar Singh, State Informatics Officer (SIO), Bihar and Shri Manoj Kumar Mishra, MD, NICS.

On this inaugural function, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between National Informatics Centre and Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Patna regarding the founding of the DGRC.

DGRC aims to facilitate Inclusive and Data-driven Governance and Digital platforms. Digital Government Research



Hon'ble Union Minister, Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad formally inaugurating DGRC, Patna



Speech by Secretary, MeitY



Handing over of MoU signed between National Informatics Centre and IIT - Patna



Speech by Director General, NIC



A view of delegates and audience



participate and shape a Digital Government in a myriad of new ways to help the Government as a centre for excellence where ideas can be nurtured, visualized and executed. Other areas of interest are visualizing India and leveraging the data for developing applications in the area of GIS, certification courses on emerging fields like data scientists and data journalism, acting as a facilitator for “Openness” in content, technology and processes through policy intervention, capacity building and awareness programmes and collaboration for effective and efficient sustainable solutions with the academia to bring out solutions in the governance eco-system which will help in service delivery etc.

DGRC is a unique initiative that aims to create ripples in the Digital and eGovernance space by undertaking pioneering research in the various areas of interest that are connected to the field. The partnership between the Ministry of Electronics & IT and the prestigious IIT, Patna is a major step forward towards establishing India as the world leader not only in undertaking and executing massive eGovernance projects but also envisioning the next big thing in the field. ■