

Puri, Odisha

Setting a benchmark in delivering ICT Solutions to foster excellence

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NIC Puri District Centre came into existence in the year 1988 and since then, it has been instrumental in fostering an ICT culture throughout the district. It has implemented a variety of eGovernance projects and helped the District Administration to provide better service to citizens.

ICT Initiatives in the District

Bhu-Arjan

(<https://larrmsodisha.nic.in/>)

Bhu-Arjan is a land records rehabilitation and resettlement management system that aims to bring transparency to state infrastructure projects. It helps to quickly settle payments to land-owners for acquired land. Twelve land acquisition proposals have been successfully approved using this platform to date.



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NIC Puri District Centre has established itself as a state-of-the-art ICT service provider to various departments and stakeholders under the District Administration for enabling transparent, efficient, and reliable Government to Citizen services. It is specially engaged in the development of a variety of web products and services for easing the lives of common citizens using emerging technologies.

DAMPS

Odisha has been confronted by a number of natural disasters, such as floods and unbearable heat waves in recent times. Due to which, DAMPS (Disaster Assistance Monitoring & Payment System) was created to provide relief to ordinary citizens of the state. The system provides payment of ex gratia to next of kin of persons losing their lives due to disasters in the shortest possible time.

SWIMS

(<https://swims.nic.in/>)

Under Drink from Tap Mission, the District

Centre developed and implemented SWIMS (Smart Water Integrated Management System) across the District, which with help of IoT devices captures real-time data for decision-making and public reporting. It aims to reduce water wastage, maintain quality and ensure all-day supply.

MSME Entrepreneurship Memorandum Application

(<http://www.msmeodisha.gov.in>)

The District Centre has implemented an online application filing module for Puri District Industry Centre (DIC) to automate the workflow process of Entrepreneur Memorandum (EM) application. It provides opportunity to new small / medium scale business owners / entrepreneurs to apply and take advantage of various G2C services provided by Puri DIC.

Odisha School Teacher Transfer System

(<http://www.odishateachers.gov.in/>)

The District Centre has implemented the Odisha Teacher Transfer System in eleven Block Education Offices, District Education Office and Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan's District Project Coordination Office of this district to maintain transparency in teacher transfer system. It aims to provide teachers with an easy way to apply for a transfer and track the status of their transfer request. It also helps to maintain the teacher strength in rural and urban schools according to the State's pupil-teacher ratio policy.

Other Key Initiatives

District Record Digitization

Puri was one of the regional Head Quarters. Its Record Rooms are brimming with centuries old



▲ Fig. 4.1: Shri Ram Nath Kovind, Hon'ble President of India (2017-2022), during his state visit in Puri. In frame, Hon'ble Governor of Odisha, Shri Ganeshi Lal, along with other higher state officials.

revenue records and other documents, some of which are associated with Shri Jagannath Temple.

In order to provide access to these records, the District Administration has undertaken the scanning and digitization of these documents, for which the District Centre has provided all possible IT support.

Bhulekh

(<http://bhulekh.ori.nic.in/>)

Bhulekh is a state-level mission model project under Digital India Land Record Modernization Programme, which aims to maintain and update the digitized Record of Rights (Pattas) across the state.

This helps citizens to view and download their Pattas in Odia and English. This has been implemented all relevant tehsils of the district.

ePauti

ePauti is an online land revenue collection system, which allows citizens to pay their land revenue digitally without visiting revenue offices. The system has been again successfully implemented in all eleven tehsils.

eOffice

The District Centre has successfully implemented eOffice across various government departments and offices in the district, including Shri Jagannath Temple Administration office.

National Child Tracking System

(<http://www.trackthemissingchild.gov.in/>)

National Child Tracking System for Missing and Vulnerable Children is a web-enabled Child Protection Management Information System.

It aims to create a systematic and centralised mechanism for tracking children who either run away or are missing for various reasons. The system has been successfully implemented in District Police Headquarters with objective to facilitate fast recovery and rehabilitation of missing children in District.

Infrastructure, Network, and Web Services

ICT Support to the Camp Office of the Hon'ble President of India

During the year 2021-22, the Hon'ble President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind, and the Hon'ble President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu, paid the official visits to Puri. During their respective stays, the Centre provided all-possible ICT support to the Camp Office of His / Her Excellency.

Video Conferencing (VC) Services

The District Centre successfully provided VC support during the Celebration of International Yoga Day at Konark. The event was attended by the Hon'ble Minister of Electronics and Information Technology, Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw.

The District Centre also conducted a VC session during the inauguration of Shri Jagannath Medical College and Hospital at Puri by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Odisha, Shri Naveen Patnaik, in the august presence of Hon'ble Minister of Health, Shri Mansukh Mandaviya.

Web Development and Management

The District Centre has actively participated in the development and management of several government websites in order to facilitate better citizen e-services. Some major web projects handled by the Centre are listed below;

PKDA Portal: Puri-Konark region has emerged as a popular investment destination. To aid the physical development of the region, the District Centre created a web-portal for the Puri-Konark Development Authority (PKDA). It is bi-lingual and fully accessible in both Odia and English, and serves as an authoritative source of information pertaining to the authority. It can be accessed at <https://pkdapuri.nic.in>.

Puri Police Portal: Puri Police Portal is a first of its kind portal in the state, to offer District Police services online. It lists information on nearby

NIC Puri has been extending excellent support to Puri District Administration in various eGovernance applications. I appreciate Bhu-Arjan which simplifies the Land Acquisition Procedure for construction of Shri Jagannath Heritage Security Zone and the co-related projects. DAMPS has also sped up the ex-gratia benefits to the victims under different categories. The eOffice automation system at Office of the Shri Jagannath Temple Administration reduces the workload in different festive occasions.

The Proactive support from NIC Puri to roll out various eGovernance projects and sharing of government information through the District website and other 7 different official websites as well as the active support during the General election, By-election, GP-election and ULB-election.

I wish all the best to NIC for their future endeavours.



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Police Station, Community Police, and Mahila and Shisu Desk and provides information on rules and regulation to be followed during special occasions such as Rath Yatra. It can be accessed at <http://puripolice.nic.in>.

Other web projects include, web portals for Puri Municipality (<http://purimunicipality.nic.in>), Shri Jagannath Sanskrit Visvavidyalaya (<https://sjsv.nic.in>), Gopabandhu Ayurveda Mahavidyalaya (<https://gampuri.nic.in>), and Samanta Chandra Sekhara College (<https://scscollege.nic.in>).

In addition, the District Centre team also manages social media accounts for Puri Administration.

Way Forward

NIC Puri District Centre has established itself as a state-of-the-art ICT system provider to various stakeholders under District Administration and will continue to work in the development of a variety of digital services utilising the latest technologies.

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