Shri Ravishankar Prasad, Hon'ble Union Minister in Himachal Pradesh

The Minister visits Shimla and Dharamshala, reviews ICT activities in the State, the role of National Informatics Centre and Common Service Centre

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hri Ravishankar Prasad, Hon'ble Union Minister of Electronics & Information Technology, Law & Justice visited Himachal Pradesh during September 2017 to review the ICT activities in the State, especially the role of National Informatics Centre and Common Service Centre.

The Minister appreciated the good work being done by the NIC Himachal Pradesh by providing two national level products namely "Manav Sampada" and "ARMS" application for timely, easy and effective monitoring of Mid Day Meal being served in the schools. The minister appre-

ciated the way now Mid Day Meal data is being made available on daily basis at the National Level for effective monitoring of the scheme. He emphasized on the need to add exception reporting into the system to keep a check on the data being received.

On his visit to Dharamshala, District Kangra, the Minister inaugurated the CSC VLE Conference at Dharamshala, Himachal Pradesh, where more than a thousand Village Level Entrepreneurs of Himachal Pradesh from all 12 Districts participated.

The Hon'ble Minister inaugurated 5 services of IGNOU, payment gateway integration with Jamabandis, Homeopathy consultancy,

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"Winning awards at National level, puts more responsibility on the NIC Himachal Pradesh to come up with innovative ICT solutions for citizens of hill State where commuting to Government offices is a time consuming and costly affair"



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Services under Revenue sector need to be extended to enable land owners in villages, with almost 90% of the State population, to avail these services without visiting Government offices

marketing portal for local products of artisans and .IN domain registration.

During a conference, the Minister said that he has specifically visited Himachal Pradesh for the conference as most of the VLEs were unable to visit New Delhi earlier in March 2017. He appreciated the work done by VLEs in running the Common Citizen Centres and providing various kind of services to citizens in the rural areas of Himachal Pradesh. The Minister added that he hope the VLEs will continue to expand the scope of Digital India Program by providing quality services at the doorstep of the citizens.



Hon'ble Minister launching the Revenue Services with Integrated Payment Gateway



Hon'ble Minister lighting the ceremonial lamp to inaugurate the CSC-VLE conference at Dharamshala, Kangra, Himachal Pradesh



