

Arunachal Pradesh Celebrated “Digital India Week”

The weeklong celebration of ‘Digital India Week’ at the state level, organized by the Department of Information Technology and Communication, at Banquet Hall, Itanagar concluded today with, the launching of series of eServices by Shri Thanwang Wangham, Minister of Science & Technology, Civil Aviation, and Supply & Transport, Arunachal Pradesh.

Addressing the concluding day of the week long Digital India Week, Celebration, as Chief Guest Mr. Wangham said, that though the physical progress of the State and its people has been quite slow and 80% of the state’s population still lives in rural areas without access to Information Technology, the Digital India Programme aims to bridge the gap between the government and the people living at the last border. The programme intends to ensure that the government services are made available to every citizen electronically which would reduce paperwork and rush in the government offices. The initiative also includes plan to connect rural areas with high speed internet networks.



Mr. Wangham, while enlightening the audience with his thoughts on Digital India stated that, ‘Digital India envisages transforming India into a digitally empowered society and knowledge economy thereby making every Indian well informed and connected with the government activities. Gone are the days when the moon was described as the maternal uncle by numerous poets. Today, scientist had landed in there and played golf. Science has annihilated time and space.

“Our Government under the dynamic leadership of Shri Nabum Tuki has a plan to bring scientific tempo in the working of the state machinery for effective administration of development activities” he said, adding that. “Digitization of Land records, Digitization of Public distribution System, Digitization of Population Census, Digitization of Employment Exchange, Digitization of Economic household survey records and Digitization of ILP system are the agendas of our Govt. our Govt. also intends to provide-e-Governance coverage to all departments, Trade and Commerce department and all other departments for speedy development of the state. Further, we want to encourage the agriculture marketing with the help of internet facilities in all blocks for the farmers to know the current market rate of their products in different part of the country, and enable them to get the actual value of their products without the use of middlemen”.

Mr. Wangham, while urging the citizens of our State to learn more about this programme and participate in the various events being planned, hoped that the Digital India Program today will enable people to access all records and data on a finger tips. “I hope Digital India programme will enable easy update of all government records and statistics”, he added.

Stating that Digital India Program will help in speedy industrial growth and thereby boost up the socio-economic growth of the people, Mr. Wangham also said, “even a dog in America is operating ATM, then why cannot we? Few Americans have planned to settle in Moon and occupied land over there, then why cannot we? These are the big questions before everyone of us”.

Shri Gaken Ete, Secretary Information Technology, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh in his key note address explained the importance of Digital India Programme and its impact in our day to day lives. The Vision of Digital India is centered on 3 key areas: - **Digital Infrastructure as a Utility to Every Citizen, Governance & services on Demand, Digital Empowerment of Citizens.**

Earlier, Mrs. Neelam yapin Tana, Director Information Technology & Communication, while delivering her welcome speech said, “This day is to celebrate and cherish, as “India is no longer, a merely India- It is now “DIGITAL India”, a new name for a new future. The 21st century, in which we live, is also known as the Age of Information Technology. Our society is called as knowledge society and our people are no longer a mere citizen of India but also “netizens” of the cyber world. As we are in the IT Age, all of us here today must understand this important fact of life and accept the reality of living in a world that has changed.

“As we are aware, that the world is not the same as it was yesterday-everything has changed and if we are to move ahead in this new world, we too must change because technology is an enabler, a driver - whether we like it or not, information Technology will not allow us to stay in the past”, she said, adding, “In this new day of Information Technology, the way, we think will define the way we progress. Progress is impossible if we are to deny this new world, this new thinking. Similarly, transformation cannot be denied for long and change is unavoidable. Hence, it is imperative that we make up our minds, our mentality; about where we wish to go. The mentality therefore matters a lot”.

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The main highlights of the week long Digital India Week were prize distribution to the winner of inter-school Quiz and Painting Competition held on 3rd July'2015. V.K.V, Chimpu, Itanagar, Kendriya Vidyalaya 2 Itanagar and Kendriya Vidyalaya 1 were adjudged 1st Prize, 2nd Prize and 3rd Prize went to Itanagar respectively in quiz competition, while in Painting Competition, the First prize was shared by V.K.V, Chimpu and Donyi Polo Vidya Bhawan School, Itanagar and 2nd and 3rd went to KV-I and V.K.V Chimpu respectively. The Minister also awarded commendation certificates to four Village Level Entrepreneur for effectively using Common Service Centre projects- A web based enable e-Governance services in rural areas, including application forms, certificate, and utility payments such as electricity, telephone and water bills and etc by the Minister Science & Technology.

Earlier Shri Thanwang Wangham , Minister of Science & Technology, Civil Aviation, and Supply & Transport, Arunachal Pradesh launched following IT projects implemented by the Department of Government of Arunachal Pradesh

1. Mobile Governance

Delivering citizen centric services through mobile for citizens, the application is capable of providing alerts during disaster situations, emergency, security threats and blood requirements requests among other services.

2. Online Inner Line Permit (ILP)

Visitors are required to obtain Inner Line Permit to enter Arunachal Pradesh, web based Online ILP system has eased the process of obtaining ILPs for people entering the state. The ILPs can also be obtained from automated ILP kiosks at railway stations, bus stations and check gates.

Online Small Savings System

Web based online system for Directorate of Small Savings, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh. The system is designed to minimize the manual work like agent recruitment, Scheme management, data entry, report generation. It also allows agents and policy holders to view policies and premium online.

Mr. Joytish Roy, State Informatics Officer, Arunachal Pradesh, also spoke on the importance of the Digital India.

Large numbers of Officers from various state Departments, IT department officials, NIC officials, NIELIET officials, students and Media participated on the concluding day of the programme. The programme concluded with vote of thanks offered by Mr. C.D Maungyak, Joint Director, Deptt of IT

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