



Press Release

Chattisgarh wins CSI - Nihilent 'Best e-Governed State Award' for 2007-08

Emergency Management & Research Institute gets 'Special Jury Award'
Palakkad, Kerala adjudged winner of new category 'Best e-District' Award

New Delhi, December 18, 2008: Chattisgarh has been awarded the prestigious Computer Society of India (CSI) and Nihilent **Best e-Governed State** Award for 2007-08. The district of Pallakad in Kerala was chosen the winner out of over 30 entries in the **Best e-District** Award, a new category introduced this year. Emergency Management & Research Institute, Hyderabad (EMRI) was given **Special Jury Award** for outstanding national effort in launching "108" emergency services in 10 States using latest technologies.

The CSI-Nihilent e-Governance Awards 2007-08 for initiatives during the period April 1 2007 to March 31 2008 were announced at a grand function held during the 6th International Conference on e-Governance at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) New Delhi. **Mr. BV Selveraj, IAS, Administrator, Union Territory of Lakshadweep** and **Dr. BK Gairola, Director General, National Informatics Centre (NIC)** were the guests of honour on the occasion.

A book titled "**Transforming Government: e-Governance Initiatives in India**" from this year's awards was released. It gives an insight to all stakeholders in e-governance and shares the critical success factors in the implementation process. Held for the sixth successive year, the awards are an annual process of identifying and recognizing the best e-Governance initiatives in India in the citizen services.

Speaking at the Awards function, **Dr. K K Aggarwal, President Computer Society of India** said, "The aim of these awards is to recognize and replicate the successful initiatives of states and organizations in achieving good governance using ICT. We have continuously improved the evaluation process, making these awards the true benchmark for quality conception and implementation of e-governance initiatives. Over 130 entries were received this year. We made a special effort this year to encourage participation from the list of 100 Backward districts identified by the Planning Commission. Congratulations to all the winners."

Ms. Shobha Agarwal, Managing Consultant & Chief Risk Manager, Nihilent said, "e-Governance is a tool to ensure equitable and easy to avail good governance. The biggest challenge is change management encompassing cultural, organizational, process, people and technological challenges. A metrics driven governance would enable a government department or municipal corporation to perform its functions efficiently and effectively to achieve its public mission. Nihilent is committed to supporting such initiatives that create a sustainable process for change moving in the direction of good governance."

Motor Vehicle Dept - Kerala, Food Civil Supplies & Consumer Protection - Chattisgarh and Board of Revenue - Uttar Pradesh were declared joint winners of the **Best e-Governed Department** Award. In the **Best e-Governed Project** category, projects from different states were chosen for Outstanding and Excellent efforts, in using IT for proving better services to Citizens. e-Arik from Arunachal Pradesh and EverAlert from Lakshadweep received **Jury Awards** for their significant contributions in remote/rural areas.

The **Analytic Hierarchy Process (AHP)** was used as a framework in the evaluation process. The awards for Best e-Governed State and Best e-Governed Department were based on parameters of e-Governance road map, IT policy framework, e-Readiness initiative and e-Governance initiatives (improving governance, impact on citizens and capacity building. The assessments for Best e-Governed Projects were done on selected Result Indicators (key performance, convenience to citizens, sustainability, innovation & replicability) and Enabler Indicators (leadership, people, process, partnership & resources).



The selection process included online submission of nomination forms, field visits by team of experts to assess project implementation and impact on people benefited by these projects and presentations by short listed nominations, followed by final selection based on combined score. All Government agencies (both Centre and State/UT Governments, down to District level), Government organisations and semi-government corporations, district collectorate, municipal Corporations, autonomous bodies including public sector were eligible to apply for the awards.

The selection committee comprised **Mr. S P Singh** (Sr. Director, e-Governance Group - Dept of IT, Ministry of Information & Communication), **Dr. Mahesh Chandra** (Dy. Director General - National Informatics Centre), **Mr. L C Singh** (President & CEO - Nihilent), **Prof M P Gupta** (Centre for Excellence in e-Governance - IIT Delhi), **Prof. Sanjiv Vaidya** (IIM - Calcutta), **Mr. Piyush Gupta** (GM, Capacity Building & KM - National Institute for Smart Government), **Dr. Ashok Agarwal** (Convener, CSI Special Interest Group on e-Governance), **Mr. Lalit Sawhney** (Past President CSI & Chairman CSI Awards Committee) and Maj Gen (Retd) **Dr. R K Bagga AVSM** (Convenor, CSI-Nihilent e-Governance Awards).

About CSI – Nihilent e-Governance Awards

Computer Society of India (CSI) and Nihilent joined hands in 2002 to focus on the important area of e-Governance and instituted the CSI-Nihilent e-Governance Awards for various categories covering Centre, State, Departments and District level efforts. This is the sixth year for these prestigious awards and their pre-eminence is now widely recognised. The evaluation process is based on parameters categorized in Results and Enablers framework and is designed to ensure that final selections are based on a totally transparent and appropriate framework. The Analytic Hierarchy Process Model was used in the previous two years for assigning weightages to the evaluation indicators and the field visits were also incorporated to further fine-tune the basic model and accuracy of the award process. An independent selection committee drawn from the industry, academia and the government adjudicates the awards. www.csinihilent-egovernanceawards.org

About CSI:

The Computer Society of India (CSI) is the largest association of information technology professionals in India, with over 30,000 members comprising software developers, scientists, academicians, project managers, CIO's, CTO's and IT vendors, among others. The society has 65 chapters spread across the length and breadth of the country. Being closely associated with students, the Society has developed a well-established network of student branches. The purposes of the Society are scientific and educational, directed towards the advancement of the theory and practice of computer science and IT.

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About Nihilent:

Nihilent is an ISO 9001:2000 and SEI CMMi Level 5 certified global consulting and solutions integration company. Headquartered in Pune, India, Nihilent's executive team has over 350 years of experience in international consulting, IT outsourcing and IT services. Nihilent's operations span across North America, Europe, Africa and Asia. Nihilent's mission 'Change for Performance' encapsulates its commitment to make change happen systemically in terms of people, process, technology and knowledge for achieving sustained performance for its clients. Nihilent has taken several initiatives to partner governments across the world in moving in the direction of good governance. www.nihilent.com

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CSI-Nihilent e-Governance Awards 2007-08 Awardees

A	State Awards	
1	Best e-Governed State (Winner)	Chattisgarh
2	Best e-Governed State (Joint Runner Up)	Madhya Pradesh
3	Best e-Governed State (Joint Runner Up)	Kerala
B	Special Jury Award	
1	For Outstanding National Effort	Emergency Management and Research Institute (EMRI)
C	Department Awards	
1	Best e-Governed Department (Joint Winner)	Motor Vehicle Department, Kerala
2	Best e-Governed Department (Joint Winner)	Food Civil Supplies and Consumer Protection, Chattisgarh
3	Best e-Governed Department (Joint Winner)	Board of Revenue, Uttar Pradesh
D	District Awards	
1	Best e-District in Computerization (Winner)	Palakkad, Kerala
2	Best e-District in Computerization (Runner Up)	Hardoi, Uttar Pradesh
E	Project Awards	
1	Best e-Governed Project (Outstanding Project)	e-Gram Viswa Gram, Gujarat
2	Best e-Governed Project (Outstanding Project)	Integrated Prisons Management, Jharkhand
3	Best e-Governed Project (Outstanding Project)	Rojgar Vahini, Maharashtra
4	Best e-Governed Project (Outstanding Project)	e-Procurement, Chattisgarh
5	Best e-Governed Project (Excellent Project)	Digital Workflow using Message, Kerala
6	Best e-Governed Project (Excellent Project)	Integrated Workflow System for Paperless Admission, Haryana
7	Best e-Governed Project (Excellent Project)	Property Tax, New Delhi
8	Best e-Governed Project (Excellent Project)	Computerization of Mantralaya, Madhya Pradesh
9	Best e-Governed Project (Excellent Project)	Administration of Today & Tomorrow (KM-ATOM), Andhra Pradesh
10	Best e-Governed Project (Excellent Project)	e-Enabled Employee – Integral Coach Factory
11	Best e-Governed Project (Special Jury Award)	e-Arik, Arunachal Pradesh
12	Best e-Governed Project (Special Jury Award)	Online Medical Inventory cum Cargo Mgt: EverAlert, Lakshadweep



Mr. Aman Kumar Singh, IAS, IT Secretary, Chattisgarh receiving the Computer Society of India (CSI) - Nihilent Best e-Governed State Award 2007-08 from Dr. K K Aggarwal, President CSI at IIT Delhi



"Transforming Government: e-Governance Initiatives in India" being released at CSI - Nihilent e-Governance Awards 2007-08 at IIT New Delhi