



## **Chhattisgarh wins the 'Award of Excellence' in State Category at the CSI-Nihilent e-Governance Awards 2010-11**

The State of Chhattisgarh has been conferred the 'Award of Excellence in state Category by, CSI Nihilent e-Governance Awards 2010-11, for the period of April 1, 2010 – March 31, 2011. The awards were announced at a grand function held at the 46th Annual Convention of CSI at Ahmedabad. Held for the ninth successive year, the awards are conferred with an aim of identifying and recognizing the best e-Governance initiatives in India in citizen services at the State, Department, District and Project level.



Chhattisgarh was awarded for its initiatives such as eProcurement, CHOICE, SWAN, SDC, CSC etc. which are being implemented on PPP model. The state has also adopted the state-of-art security features of PKI enabled tools like usage of Bio-metric and Smart Card devices and Digital Signature and also created a society in the form of ChiPS (Chhattisgarh infotech & biotech Promotion Society) for all requirement of IT in State. The State's IT policy has been designed to achieve Government's vision of creating an 'e'nabled Society effectively contributing to the social and economic development of the State.



Speaking at the awards function, **Mr. Surendra Kapoor, Convener of the Awards 2010-11, said;** “The awards are an effort to encourage and reiterate the importance of good governance with the help of ICT. We appreciate the efforts of Chhattisgarh as the state has proved that effective planning and efficient implementation of e-governance project can contribute to the social and economic development of the State. We would like to congratulate them and wish to witness the same enthusiasm and growth in the future e-Governance initiatives in the state.”



On the occasion, **Mr. Robin Rastogi, General Manager, Products & Strategic Initiatives, Nihilent Technologies said,** “The acceptance of technology in government processes has increased, but, there is still a long way to go. Our goal is to highlight the achievements, reward them and thus, emphasize on the advantages of adoption of technology in governance. We are glad to observe the fervour of Chhattisgarh in implementation of e-Governance projects, the ‘Awards of Excellence for state’ is well-deserved.”

The selection committee consisted of professionals and practitioners from the industry, academia and government institutions. The selection process included visits by team of experts to sites to assess the project implementation and validated information on the actual status. The evaluation process was based on parameters categorized into Results, Enablers and Value Indicators framework and was designed to ensure that identification of ‘Finalists’ and ‘Winners’ were based on a transparent and process driven model.



## About CSI – Nihilent e-Governance Awards

CSI SIG eGov and Nihilent joined hands in 2002 to focus on the area of e-Governance and instituted the CSI-Nihilent e-Governance Awards for categories covering, State, Departments, Projects and District level efforts. This is the ninth year for these prestigious awards and their pre-eminence is now widely recognized. 19 e-Governance initiatives were awarded under various categories. Two new categories titled 'Award of Sustenance' and 'Special Award for North East States' were included for the first time. Details about the Awards and the nomination process can be seen on awards web site [www.csinihilent-egovernanceawards.org](http://www.csinihilent-egovernanceawards.org)



## About CSI

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