

Minutes of the e-District PRSG Meeting for the State UP & Assam

Meeting: eDistrict PRSG for UP and Assam (Second)

Agenda: To consider extension of Pilot timelines for UP and Assam, so that e-District pilot project can go live.

Chairperson: Additional Secretary (Shri S. R. Rao)

Venue: PMU Conference Room

Date: 25th-June- 2009

Time: 11:30 am

Participants:

1. Mr. Y.K.Sharma, D.D.G, NIC
2. Mr. Abhishek Singh, Dy. Secretary, D.I.T
3. Mr. Chandra Prakash, Principal Secretary IT & C, GoUP
4. Mr. Ravindra Singh, Member, SeMT, CeG, U.P
5. Mr. V. S. Raghunathan, Sr. Technical Director, NIC
6. Mr. Anshoo Rohatgi, NIC, Lucknow
7. Mr. Shailesh Srivastava, NIC, Lucknow
8. Mr. V.S Bhaskar, Commissioner & Secretary IT, Govt. of Assam
9. Mr. M.K Yadava, MD AMTRON
10. Mr. Deepak Goswami, Sr. Technical Director, SIO, Assam
11. Mr. Ravi S Chaganty, PD, MEDHA, Assam
12. Mr. Arup Kumar Barman, DM, MMP, AMTRON
13. Mr. Bhushan Mohan, Principal Consultant, PMU, DIT
14. Mrs. Renu Budhiraja, Senior Director, DIT
15. Mr. Manish Chadha, Senior Consultant, D.I.T
16. Mr. Koushlendra Singh, Sr. Executive, PMU, DIT
17. Mr. Amit Kumar Singh, Senior Consultant, Wipro
18. Mr. Ajay Mohan Srivastava, Consultant, Wipro
19. Mr. Prashanth, Consultant, Wipro
20. Mr. Anurag Saxena, Consultant, PWC

Chairperson welcomed the participants and initiated the meeting by asking PMU to present the Status of the pilot project in Uttar Pradesh and Assam.

Assam

- A presentation was made by Mr. M.K Yadava, MD AMTRON regarding the Status / issues concerned with Assam e-District pilot project.
- MD AMTRON informed the meeting that in Assam the pilot will go live with 8-10 services through DC office and 25 CSC centers in Sonitpur and Goalpara districts by 15th July 2009. He also informed that rollout of all the services through all operational CSCs in both the districts will be done by 31st August 2009.
- Additional Secretary, DIT suggested that the progress of the pilot project should be reviewed by State Apex Committee once in a month to mitigate the project challenges at highest level and for the successful implementation of the project.
- It was decided in the meeting that the next installment may be released immediately and it may be directly released to the SDA (AMTRON). The State may send the fresh UC of 1st installment at the earliest to DIT and NICSI. NICSI should submit UC immediately to DIT.
- Mrs. Renu Budhiraja, Senior Director, DIT suggested that Technology Architecture (Standards, Interoperability, SSDG linkages) should be addressed by the implementing agencies as per guidelines issued by DIT.
- The Chair suggested UP team to incorporate additional authentication & security features on the printed certificate by taking guidance from Assam DIT team as they have appended barcode and other important features in the certificates.
- The PRSG approved the Extension of the project till 30th September 2009
- It was decided that NIC will empower State Units for the issuance of digital signatures as this is critical for delivery of services.

After reviewing the progress of the pilot project in Assam, the progress of the project in Uttar Pradesh was reviewed.

Uttar Pradesh

- Presentation was made by Mr. Ravindra Singh, Coordinator, CeG, Uttar Pradesh, regarding overall status/ issues/ concern of U.P e-District project.
- It was mentioned in the meeting that the database search feature of the application is too poor having success rate less than 15 %, NIC was asked to look into these matters. The Chair was of the opinion that e-District application should process the disposal of applications based on FIFO (First In First Out) logic.
- The Chair suggested that the unique ID mentioned in the certificates should only consist numeric numbers and not alpha numeric characters. This ID format would be useful in the case of integration of IVRS system in the application. He also suggested U.P Principal Secretary IT for quick disposal of funds under the project heads.

- As per Principal Secretary IT (U.P), there is further need of some extra computer training sessions (Capacity Building) at District, Tehsil & block level of the employees.
- The Chair was of the opinion of developing the Project monitoring tool where all the information like release of funds, Utilization certificates from State, Demand for extra funds from states etc can be available. It should have Login ID's / passwords at govt. level and also have features to upload requests.
- Principal Secretary IT assured that remaining 20 services apart from three launched services will be started by 30 June 2009. He also updated that Login ID's for e-Dist. application access had been provided to CSC SCAs.
- It was decided that e-District National Roll out RFP template would be designed and each state would use this template for preparing its 'State wide roll-out RFP'. This decision was taken because each state is adopting its own standards and it would be difficult to consolidate the RFPs of different standards/ architectures in case of National wide roll out of the project.
- It was decided in the meeting to call monthly meeting with AGM BSNL for resolving SWAN / connectivity issues.
- The Chair appreciated and congratulated Uttar Pradesh for being first in the Nation for implementing e-District pilot project in the State. He also requested to Secretary IT of Uttar Pradesh and Assam to solicit their personal intervention regarding the final push for successful completion of the Pilot projects.

The meeting concluded with vote of thanks to the Chair.

PRSG approved as follows:-

PRSG extended the pilot project in UP and Assam upto September 2009 and also approved release of next installment to Assam.