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**CSI Special Group on e-Governance
&
Publications**

Special Interest Group on eGovernance

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About CSI

Computer Society of India (CSI), has implemented the concept of “Special Interest Groups” to promote activities and research in major focused areas. Special Interest Group on e-Governance (SIGeGov) has been formed in Hyderabad during 2006-2007 with Dr Ashok Agarwal as Chairman with support from CSI HQ and CSI Hyderabad Chapter, as Secretariat Office along with Registered Office. The basic perceived objective has been to focus on an important area where Information Technology can be leveraged and bring like minded professionals together to add value by bringing out recommendations relevant to various stake holders. CSI is the only professional society covering individual user/Citizens as members and is most appropriately suited to focus and add significant value to the successful implementation of the e-Governance initiative in our country. e-Governance has the capacity to take our country to the next generation and CSI-SIG-eGov plans to play a important role in that process.

SIGeGov Objectives

To create Computer Society of India (CSI) as a knowledge Base to facilitate, promote advice and support the e-Governance initiative in our country at State and Centre level the following objectives and activities have been implemented:-

- Create a repository of e-Governance initiatives in India.
- CSI has instituted e-Governance Awards SIGegov is expected to organize these wards and implement the award judging process. SIGeGov also to act as the Secretariat for e-Governance awards and maintain updated data bases of all relevant stake holders in this area.
- Support research in selected areas like Assessment frame work and Implementation Strategy for e-Governance Projects.
- Participate in the processes for evolving standards in Technology, Processes and Data Bases.
- Participate in various State and Central committees in e-Governance on invitation.
- Conduct National / International conferences in e-Governance individually or by joining hand with other reputed institutions, active in this area.
- Undertake to organize e-Governance Awards for CSI every year.
- Maintain website on CSI-SIG e-Gov at www.csi-sigegov.org
- Interact with international bodies like IFIP and SEARCC to benefit India by sharing our experiences with other nations

Major Activities

- The website for the Special Interest Group (www.csi-sigegov.org) was launched to act as knowledge portal for all eGovernance initiatives in India. All major activities including e-Governance Awards database is maintained and update.
- Based on inputs from Executive Committee, research work undertaken at NISG and IIIT-H on Methodology for Evaluation for eGovernance projects to be used for eGovernance Awards.
- Concept of Field visits and Analytical Hierachy Process was Implemented to make the Awards process transparent and acceptable to Government officials
- Conduct of CSI Nihilent eGovernance Awards (since 2005) on yearly basis with financial support from M/s Nihilent Technologies, Pune and extension from State and Projects to cover Departments and Districts.
- Publication of all nominations received during CSI Nihilent eGovernance Awards in form a book with University Press/ICFAI Press for wider circulation and knowledge sharing.
- Major efforts on Knowledge Sharing initiated with States of Andhra Pradesh (2009) and Madhya Pradesh (2010) to launch CSI brand as major professional society encouraging eGovernance Initiatives at grass-root level. In the country. Next year (2011) Summit planned at Ahmedabad in Gujarat.
- Interaction with International Conference on eGovernance (ICEG) by holding joint conferences at University of Hyderabad (2008) and IIT, Delhi (2009) and at IIM, Bangalore (2010).
- Major International research taken with University of Tampa, Florida, USA for comparison of Citizen Services in US and India (eSeva of Andhra Pradesh) in 2009-2010.
- Regular interaction with CSI Executive Committee, particularly during annual conventions for Awards functions, as well as release of books on eGovernance by VVIPs including Minister of IT from Madhya Pradesh, Administrator Lakshadweep and DG, NIC at New Delhi.
- Interaction with President, IFIP during 2010 for inclusion of eGovernance under one of the Technical Committee and their involvement in eGovernance Awards process.
- Monthly and Quarterly interaction by Core Team and Executive Committee
- Based on recommendations of a special team draft eGov Syllabus suggested for Universities/Engineering colleges. As a pilot, successfully introduced and completed a semester equivalent course on eGovernance at IIIT-Hyderabad.
- Interacted with 9dot9 and CTO Forum magazines for various eGovernance Awards, Knowledge Sharing Summits for wider circulation of eGovernance Initiatives in India and CSI Brand Building.
- Regular financial accounting and audit under arrangement of Chairman, SIGeGOV and making SIG financially and functionally independently sustainable with out support from CSI Headquarters.

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