

CSI SIGeGovernance Awards 2019

Brief Report

This year's awards re-christened "CSI SIG eGovernance Awards" signifies the continuity of Awards journey, on its own, which has been made possible with the encouraging support and guidance of the CSI Management Team.

For this year's CSI SIG eGovernance Awards as well, there were nominations from across various government departments; central, state and local bodies, covering a wide spectrum of domain areas such as Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, Forests & Environment, Education, Training, Employment, Energy, Water, Food & Civil Supplies, Housing, Urban Development & Transport, Police, Home, Security & Justice, Revenue, Finance, General Administration, Social and Citizen Welfare Services. With the foundation for eGovernance well in place, there is an increasing movement towards digital transformation of governance for overall benefit, including progressing towards the Sustainable Development Goals articulated and stated by the United Nations.

CSI SIG eGovernance Awards 2019, the seventeenth in the series started in September 2019 with the call for nominations under three categories (Projects, Sustenance and State) from various Government departments/Institutions, both at the State and the Centre. About a hundred interesting and innovative nominations were received from across India. These were reviewed by a team of experts by adopting a well-defined multi-level evaluation process. Intimations were sent to the departments/entities that were shortlisted at the end of first level, and a schedule prepared for field visits with the concurrence of the selected nominations. The field visits were completed in November 2019 and the second shortlist was prepared. The owners of these shortlisted nominations were invited to make presentations at the "Finalists Presentations" during December 18 & 19, 2019 at Dr Zakir Hussain Lecture Hall Complex, University of Hyderabad (UoH), Hyderabad. We are grateful to the Vice Chancellor, the Pro-Vice Chancellor-1 and the entire team of the UoH providing us with the state of art facilities for conducting the sessions. After the presentations and an overall assessment of the nominations, the final lists of award winning nominations were identified. Our panel of experts from across the country had tough time in short listing the winners. Under the State award category two of the nominees were identified for the awards while Project Sustenance Awards were given to both the nominees, who responded. In the project category, there were Thirty Eight awardees, encompassing Central, State and Local Administration entities.

The CSI SIG eGov Awards 2019 ceremony took place on Jan 17, 2020 in the KiiT campus of Bhubaneswar in the august presence of the Honourable Chief Minister of Odisha, Shri Naveen Patnaik and guests of Honour included Shri B P Acharya, Director General, Dr MCR HRD Institute of Telangana and other dignitaries. Prior to the presentation of the Awards, award winning nominees and their teams participated in two interesting panel discussions

of relevance, covering impact of IT interventions in sectors such as Energy, Education, Citizen Services and Agriculture. The panel consisted of experts drawn from the Award winners and Senior Officials from NIC. The sessions proved beneficial with incisive analysis and dissemination of information about various learnings.

SIG eGov is indebted to the excellent arrangements and logistic support provided by the CSI Convention team of Bhubaneswar. Participants and invitees were indeed happy with the hospitality extended.

Like in the past, the various aspects presented and articulated in the nomination documents submitted by the project owners were captured and presented in the form of a Compendium entitled “Towards Digital Transformation”. The book was compiled and edited by Dr C V Ramamohan, Smt Sridevi Ayaluri and Shri N V Subrahmanyam. The compendium presents in all fifty six articles covering many domains and learnings under different life stages of eGovernance projects, including an invited article by Dr (Mrs) Ranjna Nagpal, DDG, NIC. A soft copy of the compendium is available for download through the ‘Publications’ link of the SIG eGov web site.

Needless to say, the trust and support provided by CSI HQ team of President and all the other members of the Exec comm, and other founding members / mentors of CSI SIG eGov has been a source of strength in the successful completion of the 2019 Awards cycle.

Our sincere congratulations to all our nominees, and award winners, whose passionate support keeps the Awards going, year on year!