

SECTION VIII

About CSI-SIGeGov and Publications

About CSI SIGeGov

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Background

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 (Adjunct Professor BITS Pilani; Chairman, EWB India & Past Chairman, CSI-SIGeGOV) as Chairman with support from CSI HQ and CSI Hyderabad Chapter. 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 users and 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. Because, e-Governance has the capacity to take our country to next generation as developed nation and therefore, mission of CSI SIGeGov is to play an important role in that process.

Objectives

CSI-SIGeGov objectives include Knowledge Sharing with all stake holders through holding conferences, Knowledge sharing summits, e-Governance Awards etc. CSI has instituted CSI Nihilent e-Governance Awards and SIGeGOV is expected to organize the Awards event and implement the award judging process; SIGeGov also to act as the Secretariat for e-Governance awards and maintain updated databases of all

relevant stakeholders in this area; Support research in selected areas like Assessment Framework and Implementation Strategy for e-Governance Projects; Participate in the processes for evolving standards in Technology, Processes and Databases; Conduct National and International conferences in e-Governance individually or by joining hand with other reputed institutions; Interact with international bodies like IFIP and SEARCC to benefit India by sharing our experiences with other nations.

Activities

I. CSI Nihilent eGovernance Awards

(<http://www.csinihilent-egovernanceawards.org/>)

CSI-SIGeGOV has instituted a series of awards for recognizing the contributions made in the field of e-Governance in the country. These awards have been sponsored by Nihilent Technologies Ltd. The awards are given for recognizing the efforts made in e-Governance area, specifically for State, Department, District and Project levels. There is active participation for these awards from State and Central Government establishments, Departments, District authorities and many Undertakings, research establishments. Participation by many of these Central and State level organizations have made these Awards an awaited event, every year, since 2002. Concept of Field visits and Analytical Hierarchy Process (AHP) was implemented to make the Awards process transparent and acceptable to Government officials. Publication of all nominations received during CSI Nihilent e-Governance Awards in form a book with University Press and ICFAI University Press (IUP) for wider circulation and knowledge sharing.

II. Knowledge Sharing Summit (www.csi-sigegov.org)

The National Level e-Governance Knowledge Sharing Summit (KSS) is an annual event organized by CSI-SIGeGOV. The summit aims to provide a forum for policy makers, practitioners, industry leaders and academicians to deliberate, interact and develop an actionable strategy for transparent and good governance. To grow rapid and successfully, there is a need to respond proactively to the changing environment. This essentially calls for strengthening the capabilities, seizing and exploiting the opportunities. There is an inherent need to explore and share success stories, best practices and achievements spread across the country

for better implementation of e-Governance initiatives. The KSS intends to provide a forum for discussion on the e-Governance initiatives of Government of India, implementation strategies & challenges and to share learnings from National best case studies in the area of e-Governance. In 2009, the first KSS was held at Hyderabad with support from Government of Andhra Pradesh. In 2010, second summit was held in Bhopal with support from Government of Madhya Pradesh. In 2011, third summit was held in Gujarat with support from Govt of Gujarat. SIGeGOV launched a website to act as knowledge portal for all e-Governance initiatives in India. All major activities including e-Governance Awards database is maintained and updated, regularly.

III. International Conference on e-Governance (www.iceg.net)

International Conference on e-Governance (ICEG) was founded at IIT Delhi in 2003 to address the growing need for furthering our knowledge in e-governance. It is organized under the umbrella of International *Congress* of e-Government (ICEG) which is a forum for the advancement of knowledge in the discipline of e-Governance and promotion of the same in the various levels of governments across the globe. ICEG is to serve as a premier global organization where various stake holders (academics, government officers, industry, professionals, NGO, citizens, government and international agencies) can participate and share ideas and resources for the knowledge creation, skill development, networking and spread of e-government at various levels. It became a beacon for e-Government policy makers with its very first conference in 2003 when the then Hon'ble President Dr APJ Abdul Kalam guided the conference as the Chief Guest. SIGeGOV jointly organized ICEG series at University of Hyderabad in 2008; at IIT, Delhi in 2009; at IIM, Bangalore in 2010; and at Institute of Management, NIRMA University, Ahmedabad, Gujarat in 2011, which was inaugurated by Shri Narendra Modi, Hon'ble CM-Govt. of Gujarat.

IV. CSI SIGeGOV Publications

Each year SIG brings out a book on e-Governance coinciding with the Awards function. The book mainly contains selected Nominations of that year along with contributed articles by subject experts from Industry, Government and Academia. There are six SIGeGov Publications, covering Research and Case Studies on Governance, which are available free to download from SIG Website.

Details of these publications are provided separately in the following section.

V. CSI Hyderabad Chapter (<http://www.csihyderabad.org>)

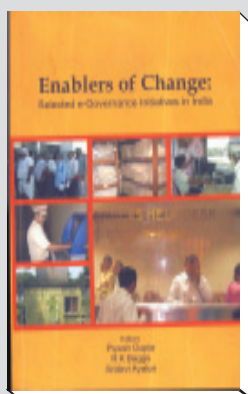
Computer Society of India was born on 6 March 1965 in Hyderabad at DRDO. CSI Hyderabad Chapter (CSIHC) has very good strength of Life Members and Student members apart from many student branches in engineering colleges in and around Hyderabad. CSI Hyderabad Chapter has conducted many certification courses which helped most of the students and employees in their career growth. The activities include conducting workshops, seminars and tutorials on emerging technologies for the benefit of all cross sections of the society including the new entrants to the IT society. Recently, CSIHC conducted an International Conference on Lean Six Sigma in Feb 2011 where participation was mostly from Industry , Academia and Government. CSIHC heading towards a maximum number of institution memberships and is having many corporate and academia collaboration. CSI Hyderabad has tied-up with corporate organizations to provide in-depth training and live projects for students in the final year engineering colleges, as a part of their curriculum. The program starts off with an intensive training program that is customized based on the live project, covering Programming Language, Different Platforms, Database Management, Software Development Life Cycle, Project Management, Documentation, Team Work and Communication etc. CSI-SIGeGOV, officially located in CSI Hyderabad chapter premises, had been interacting in regular basis to assist the Chapter Office and affiliated Student Branches for enhancing quality of their activities.

VI. CSI Students Branch (CSISB) at IIIT, Hyderabad (<http://csi.iiit.ac.in/>)

Today, CSI has 358 student branches and more than 70000 members including India's most famous IT industry leaders, brilliant scientists and dedicated academicians. The mission of the CSI Student Branch at IIIT-Hyderabad is to facilitate research, knowledge sharing, learning and career enhancement for all categories of IT professionals, while simultaneously inspiring and nurturing new entrants into the industry and helping them to integrate into the IT community. Based on recommendations of a SIGeGOV, a syllabus on eGovernance suggested for Universities/Engineering colleges. As a pilot, successfully introduced and completed a two semester equivalent courses at IIIT-Hyderabad.

CSI-SIGeGOV Publications

CSI-SIGeGOV has been publishing a book each year, coinciding with the annual CSI Nihilent eGovernance Awards ceremony. Presented below were some of the books that were published and they can be ordered from CSI-SIGeGOV Secretariat for reference and use. Few of these books are also available as downloads at <http://www.csi-sigegov.org/publications.php>.



Enablers of Change: Selected e-Governance Initiatives in India

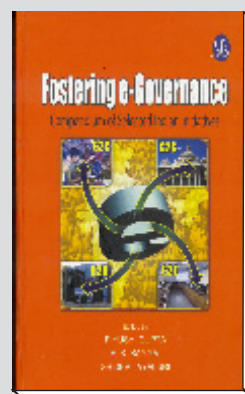
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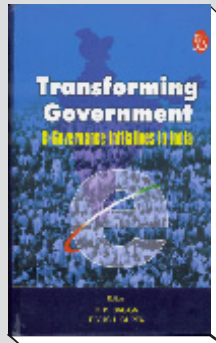
*Piyush Gupta, R K Bagga
and Ayaluri Sridevi*
by ICFAI University Press (2010)

Fostering e-Governance: Compendium of Selected Indian Initiatives

Editors:

*Piyush Gupta, R K Bagga
and Ayaluri Sridevi*
by ICFAI University Press (2009)





Transforming Government: e-Governance Initiatives in India

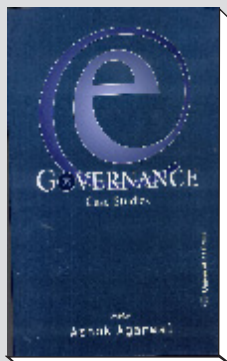
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Dr. R K Bagga and Piyush Gupta
by ICFAI University Press (2008)

Compendium of eGovernance Initiatives in India

Editors:

Dr R K Bagga and Piyush Gupta
by Universities Press (2007)



eGovernance Case Studies

Editors:

Dr Ashok Agarwal
by Universities Press (2006)

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