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Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
Major achievements Month of April, 2020
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The significant developments pertaining to Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology for the month of April, 2020 are as given below:

I. Important Policy decisions taken and major achievements during the month:

1. **Electronics Manufacturing**

i. A meeting under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister (E&IT) was held with Electronics Industry Associations, Chambers and prominent Industry players on 29.04.2020 to discuss the issues faced by the industry regarding functioning of factories, logistics, export, supply chain disruption and demand shock due to COVID-19. Efforts to be made to handle the situation in the short term, medium term & long term perspective to minimize the effect of COVID-19, were also discussed during the meeting. Electronics industry has been invited to take advantage of the opportunity and the following three new Schemes were notified by the Ministry, to strengthen the sector, including Medical Electronics:

   a) **Production Linked Incentive Scheme (PLI) for Large Scale Electronics Manufacturing** [Gazette Notification No.CG-DL-E-01042020-218990 dated   April 01, 2020]
   b) **Scheme for Promotion of Manufacturing of Electronic Components and Semiconductors (SPECS)** [Gazette Notification No.CG-DL-E-01042020-218992 dated April 01, 2020] and
   c) **Modified Electronics Manufacturing Clusters (EMC 2.0) Scheme** [Gazette Notification No.CG-DL-E-01042020-218991 dated April 01, 2020]

ii. Gazette Notification No SO No 1236(E) dated 1.4.2020 has been issued for inclusion of additional 12 items in the Schedule of the "Electronics & IT goods (Requirements for Compulsory Registration) Order 2012".

2. **International Cooperation**

i. The Second G20 Digital Economy Task Force (DETF) meeting was held on April 1-2, 2020 through the video conferencing mode wherein first draft of the Ministerial Declaration along with associated documents on AI, Data Flows, Smart Cities, Global Initiative, Measurement of Digital Economy and Security, was discussed.

The G20 Saudi Presidency proposed to explore the opportunity to release a general Digital Economy Task Force (DETF) Ministerial Statement to emphasize the fundamental importance of harnessing digital technologies and solutions to combat COVID-19 and launch a collective global response initiative that leverages the opportunities of the digital economy for the benefit of G20 members and others. Hon'ble Minister for Electronics & IT, emphasized that G20 nations have a responsibility that everything we do, during and after this crisis, must be with a strong focus on building more equal, inclusive & sustainable economies and societies that are more resilient in the face of the ongoing pandemic. He further called upon the G20 to come out with a concrete Digital Action Plan to fight the global pandemic and highlighted the critical role of Indian IT-ITeS Industry in maintaining global business continuity and offered India as a potentially lucrative destination for displaced global supply chains. The Presidency conveyed that the DETF would hold two more working meetings.

ii) Innovation Challenge for Development of Video Conferencing Solutions

An Innovation Challenge for Development of a Video Conferencing Application under the Digital India Initiative was announced by the Ministry. The initiative is an attempt to promote Indian Software products as envisaged under the National Policy on Software Products. The end product will be an Indian Software Product, on par with international standards and audio quality, which should function in low and high network scenarios. The Innovation Challenge will be open for participation from Industry, start-ups and individual experts.

In an attempt to provide the initial market, the winning team with the best-judged solution will get a contract to deploy their solution for use by Government of India and State Government entities for a period of 4 years. The winning team will also be given Rs.1 crore in the first year and an additional Rs.10 lakh per year for the next 3 years, towards operations and maintenance of the solution for the Government. In addition, all teams, including the winning team, shall be free to market the product to any entity outside Union/State/UT Government Organizations of India by hosting it on an environment other than that for the Government.

3. During the present COVID crisis, the following activities have been undertaken by the Ministry :

A. Digital India

MeitY has worked proactively on digital and technology-based solutions to minimize the impact of the Covid crisis and undertaken the following activities :

- **Public Food & Night Shelters** : MyGov with support from Google and Smart Cities has mapped Public Food Shelters and Public Night Shelters on Google Maps. When a 'Search' is made on Google or Google Maps for "Food Shelter Near Me" or "Night Shelter Near Me", it provides information about the location of closest shelter.
- **Innovation Challenge for COVID19 & Citizens Idea discussion -** MyGov launched an Innovation Challenge for individuals and organisations to share ideas that could help in the Fight Against Corona. The female oriented Innovation challenge called "Shri Shakti" to seek solutions from female entrepreneurship is an ongoing initiative. MyGov also supported the hosting of a VC challenge video conferencing app.

  MyGov also hosted a discussion to crowd-source suggestion from citizens to fight the COVID crisis.

- **Dissemination Through Other OTT Platforms and Notifications -** COVID related content on OTT App like LIKEE, HELO, TIKTOK and VMate by MyGov was disseminated.
- **Volunteer Management Engagement & Donation Module -** MyGov through its 'Self for society Module' has launched a Volunteer Registration Module with NDMA. MyGov through the Self for Society initiative also launched a Donation Module.
- To spread positivity in the current scenario, MyGov shared positive content under the brand Positive Harmony. Around 85 videos have been curated and shared.
- MyGov launched a quiz to help netizens pass their time at home and test their knowledge on COVID-19 and becoming Corona Warriors by answering the right set of questions.

B. National Informatics Centre

- **AarogyaSetu App** : A mobile App called 'AarogyaSetu" has been developed in public-private partnership to bring together the people of India in a resolute fight against COVID-19. It enables people to assess themselves the risk of their catching the Corona Virus infection and calculates the risk based on their interaction with others, using cutting edge Bluetooth technology and other algorithms.

Once the application is installed in a smart phone through an easy and user-friendly process, the app detects other devices with AarogyaSetu installed that come in the proximity of the phone. The app can calculate the risk of infection based on defined parameters if any of these contacts has tested positive. The personal data collected by the App is encrypted using state-of-the-art technology and stays secure on the phone till it is needed for facilitating medical intervention. The app, with its scalable architecture, is available in 12 languages and is used across pan India with over 11.5 crore users.

Under the AarogyaSetu umbrella, there is an IVRS platform also meant for users with feature phones and landlines. Users give a missed call on 1921 and they get a call back. The platform helps citizens to carry out their self assessment and they in turn get alerts regarding their health status.

- NIC developed the 'Nurses Registration & Tracking System' portal for Indian Nursing Council that enables the Health Ministry to access State-wise data of nurses available across the country. This will help in accessing medical staff for COVID-19 purposes.
- **VPN/Firewall/DNS:** VPNs have been provided to staff to facilitate work from home during lockdown/ curfew. Coordination is provided for support services to user departments for firewalls and regular IP Address assignment/updation has also been carried out.
- **NIC Short Messaging Service:** The service is being used extensively by Central & State Govts. for citizen engagement & disseminating information on Corona Awareness to 'Stay at Home' during Covid-19.

C. National e-Governance Division (NeGD)

- NeGD has developed Jeevan Sanjivani App for Ministry of Ayush to spread public awareness on various activities related to enhancing immunity and keeping healthy in the difficult COVID-19 situation.
- NeGD has supported Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, ICMR, Ministry of Ayush in improving user interface, user experience and analytics at their respective websites.
- NeGD's platform UMANG has proved to be very beneficial in facilitating mobile based government services to citizen during these pandemic times through:

  - Developing COVID Movement Pass application and mobile app
  - PM Cares donation page integrated on UMANG
  - EPFO COVID-19 Advance service made available on UMANG
  - Promotion- Banners and Notifications for AarogyaSetu and PM Cares
  - Online learning Apps promoted by UMANG - ePathshala, National Digital Library of India etc.
  - Blood availability app 'e Raktkosh' available on UMANG
  - 5 services of Jan Aushdhi & 6300 PMJAKs active in 726 districts

- GIS based dashboard has also been developed for easy viewing of COVID19 status.

- NeGD has facilitated interactive corona helpdesk services at popular websites and channels such as MyGov.in, Self4Society.mygov.in, Whatsapp, Facebook Messenger, Telegram. These helpdesk chatbots are also integrated with 13 State specific automated helpdesk run by respective State Governments to provide corona related local information in regional languages.
- NeGD has facilitated promotion of corona related awareness and communication through several social media and other electronic channels such Facebook, Twitter, Linkedln, Youtube, Instagram, Radio and Doordarshan. NeGD has also facilitated info-graphics to communicate corona related guidelines and notifications.
- NeGD facilitated GIS based mapping of essential services at State levels. The essential service centres (ESCs) at Uttar Pradesh and Assam were mapped.
- NeGD also facilitated the innovation solution development in respect of COVID-19 by the analysis of received proposals. It supported the Grand Challenge for indigenous development of Video Conferencing Solutions through the drafting of problem statements.

I) Important developments under MeitY's Schemes:

- As on 30th April 2020, total number of Aadhaar generated are 125.75 crore against the 'projected population 2020' of 137.14 crore. Aadhaar saturation (Projected Population 2020) across India stands at 88.55%.
- Total number of e-Services registered in eTaal till 30th April, 2020 is 3,846.

Minimum Government, Maximum Governance

Jeevan Pramaan

The number of Digital Life Certificates (DLCs) generated till April, 2020 is 353.62 lakh and number of DLCs generated in the month of April, 2020 is 14,708.

MyGov

MyGov has 829 discussion themes and 924 tasks. Around 1.124 crore people have registered on the Platform.

Open Government Data Platform (OGD) India

Around 3.87 lakh resources have been contributed under 8,284 catalogues and 2,006 Visualizations and 28,748 APIs have been created.

II. Important policy matters held up on account of prolonged inter-ministerial consultations: 'NIL'.

III. Compliance of CoS decisions: Decisions of CoS meetings on the issues relating to MeitY are being updated on e-SamikSha portal under "Committee of Secretaries" module.

IV. No. of cases of 'sanction for prosecution' pending for more than three months: 'NIL'

V. Particular of cases in which there has been a departure from the transaction of Business Rules or established policy of the government: There has been no departure from the Transaction of Business Rules or the established policy of the Government.

VI.   Status of implementation of e-Governance: MeitY has initiated File Management System through e-Office.

Total No. of Physical files created during April, 2020	Total No. of e-files created during April, 2020
42	381

VII.   Status of Public Grievances:

No. of cases disposed during April, 2020	No. of Public Grievances pending at the end of April, 2020
1530	154

VIII. Information on the specific steps taken by the Ministry/department for utilization of the Space technology based tools and applications in Governance and Development.

The Geographic Information System (GIS) based decision support system (DSS) platform was established under the National Centre of Geo-Informatics (NCoG) which was approved by the Competent Authority on 31.12.2015 for total outlay of Rs. 98.28 crore.

Following are the key achievements on NCoG:

   i.   Total number of Applications: 538
  ii.   Total number of Web applications: 504
 iii.   Total number of Mobile applications: 34
 iv.   Number of Central Ministries/Departments/Agencies: 28
  v.   Number of States/UTs: 19