Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology Major achievements Month of April, 2021

The significant developments pertaining to Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology for the month of April, 2021 are as given below:

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

1. Digital Payments

During April, 2021, BHIM UPI has reported 264 crore number of digital payment transactions with a value of more than Rs.4.94 lakh crore. In the FY 20-21, 5345 crore (provisional data) number of Digital payment transactions have been reported against the 4572 crore digital payment transactions during FY year 2019-20 depicting the growth of 16.91%.

2. International Cooperation

India-EU Joint ICT Working Group held on 19 April 2021 through Virtual Mode

The **13th meeting of the India-EU Joint ICT Working Group** was held on 19 April 2021 through virtual mode. The officials from Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, Department of Telecommunications, Ministry of External Affairs and Mission of India to the EU represented the Indian side; whereas officials from DG CONNECT, DG TRADE, DG JUST, EU Delegation in India, the European External Action Service represented the European side.

The discussions were held to enhance collaboration and to come with an outcome based cooperation; on the progress made on India-EU Digital Investment Forum (DIF), Issues related to the ICT&E Industry, National Digital Platforms, Data protection and Data flows, discussion of emerging technologies like ethical Artificial Intelligence, High Performance Computing (HPC); 5G standards and deployment, network security, Global Initiative on Data Security, reforms of Internet Governance Architecture and International topics.

Both sides emphasized the importance of Digital Investment Forum and agreed to enhance regulatory convergence to ensure the protection of personal data and privacy, including through a possible data adequacy decision, which would facilitate safe and secure cross border data flows; and to intensify cooperation on High Performance Computing, Digital Platforms, and Artificial Intelligence.

3. National Informatics Centre

Aarogya Setu – AarogyaSetu is a mobile application launched to aid the COVID-19 efforts of the Government. The App augments the COVID-19 initiatives of the Government in proactively reaching out and informing the users of the app regarding risks, best practices and relevant advisories pertaining to the containment of COVID-19.

The application is based on contact tracing method and helps the Government in identifying, monitoring and mitigating the spread of COVID-19 across the country. More than 18.23 crore users have downloaded AarogyaSetu App till April, 2021. AarogyaSetu has so far helped identify approximate more than 1 crore citizens who may have been at a potential risk, through Bluetooth contact tracing.

4. UIDAI

UIDAI has been organizing a number of workshops regarding "Aadhaar Authentication and Offline Verification" explaining Online Authentication, Aadhaar Offline Verification, Aadhaar Paperless Offline e-KYC and Secure QR code and also give live demo of applications and services. During the month of April 2021, one workshop was conducted over Video Conference (VC) for various Central/State Government entities.

I. Important developments under MeitY's Schemes:

- As on 30th April, 2021 total number of Aadhaar generated are 129.31 crore against the 'projected population 2021' of 136.13 crore. The overall Aadhaar (Live) saturation across India stands at 91.10%.
- Total number of e-Services registered in eTaal till April, 2021 is 3,967.

Minimum Government, Maximum Governance

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The Digital Life Certificates (DLCs) generated till April, 2021 are 454.16 lakh and DLCs generated in the month of April, 2021 are 1,74,236.

MyGov

MyGov has 887 discussion themes and 1,051 tasks. Around 1.72 crore people have registered on the Platform.

Open Government Data Platform (OGD) India

Around 4.95 lakh resources have been contributed under 10,312 catalogs and 2,311 Visualizations and 85,650 APIs have been created.

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

- **II. Compliance of CoS decisions:** Decisions of CoS meetings on the issues relating to MeitY are being updated in the e-SamikSha portal under the Committee of Secretaries module.
- III. 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, 2021 | Total No. of e files created during April, 2021 |
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| 01 | 381 |

VII. Status of Public Grievances:

| No. of cases disposed during the | No. of Public Grievances pending |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| month of April, 2021 | at the end of April, 2021 |
| 468 | 562 |

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: 592 ii.Total number of Web applications: 540 iii.Total number of Mobile applications: 52

iv. Number of Central Ministries/Departments/Agencies: 31

v.Number of States/UTs: 19