

Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
Major achievements Month of April, 2022

The significant developments pertaining to Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology for the month of April, 2022 are as given below:

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

1. Digital Payments

During April 2022, BHIM-UPI has continued to show upward trend by recording over 558 crore transactions, with value of Rs 9.83 lakh crore, which indicates the increasing adoption of BHIM UPI as the preferred mode for making digital payment transactions.

2. International Cooperation

(i) Meeting of Secretary, MeitY with UK High Commissioner

Meeting between Secretary, MeitY and Mr. Alexander Ellis, British High Commissioner to India was held on 19th April 2022 to discuss the India UK technological partnership, strategic tech dialogue and the Joint Declaration of Intent in the field of Digitalization and technology.

(ii) Joint Declaration of Intent (JDI) between MeitY and DCMS

The Joint Declaration of Intent (JDI) between MeitY and the Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport of UK of Great Britain and Northern Ireland in the field of Digitalization and technology was signed on 20th April 2022. The signatory of the JDI was H.E. Ashwini Vaishnaw, Hon'ble MEIT from the Indian Side and H.E. Nadine Dorries, Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport from UK side.

(iii) ICT Working Group meeting between India and Argentina

A virtual meeting on collaboration in ICT between Argentina and India was held on 19th April 2022. Joint Secretary, MeitY co-Chair the meeting. Both sides discussed various areas of cooperation on Digital literacy and tech-skills, Fintech sector with focus on digital inclusion, Start-up collaboration, Artificial Intelligence and Cyber security.

(iv) Meeting between Hon'ble Minister for Electronics & IT, India and Hon'ble Minister of State for Information and Communication Technology, Bangladesh

A meeting between Hon'ble **Minister for Electronics & IT, India** and Hon'ble Minister of State for Information and Communication Technology, Bangladesh was held on 26th April 2022 during his visit for Raisina Dialogue. During the meeting, two existing MoU's with Bangladesh on Cooperation in the area of Cyber-security and Cooperation in the field of Information Technology have

been renewed. Both sides discussed to enhance cooperation in the field of start-up ecosystem, cyber-security, emerging technologies, Fintech Sector (especially UPI) and tech-skilling.

3. National Informatics Centre

Aarogya Setu – Aarogya Setu 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. More than 21.59 crore users have downloaded Aarogya Setu App till April, 2022.

4. UIDAI

The cumulative number of authentication transactions increased from 7194.50 crore in March 2022 to 7358.44 crore in April 2022 while cumulative e-KYC transactions increased from 1147.25 crore in March 2022 to 1174.64 crore in April 2022. For providing convenient Aadhaar enrolment and update services to the people, 83 Aadhaar Seva Kendras (ASKs) (open 7 days of the week except public holidays) have been made operational across the country till 30th, April 2021.

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

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

IV. Particular of cases in which there has been a departure from the transaction of Business Rules or established policy of the government: 'NIL'

V. Status of ongoing Swchhta Abhiyan (progress under Special Campaign):

All activities of maintaining cleanliness and hygiene in MeitY building is being undertaken on day to day basis, regularly.

VI. Status of Rationalization of Autonomous Bodies

Department of Expenditure in its Report no AB 18 had recommended that all the Autonomous bodies under MeitY are proposed to continue in their present form. Based on the directions of Hon'ble MEIT on the report of D/o Expenditure, Secretary, MeitY had further directed for constitution of Internal Committee for undertaking the review of Autonomous Bodies/Societies under MeitY. Meeting of the duly constituted Committee under the Chairmanship of Additional Secretary, MeitY was held on 14th March 2022. It was decided to send a questionnaire to the Autonomous Societies in order to seek some inputs so that the committee may deliberate on 'way forward' for complying with the

directions of Hon'ble MEIT. Accordingly, a questionnaire has been issued to the Societies on 05.04.2022 for providing the information. They have also been requested to nominate one representative in their next meeting in order to have detailed deliberations on the opinion made by the Committee. Inputs of the Societies on the above mentioned Questionnaire have been received and the same has also been furnished to the members of the Internal review committee. The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled on 12.5.2022.

VII. 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 : 620
- ii.Total number of Web applications : 561
- iii.Total number of Mobile applications : 59
- iv.Number of Central Ministries/Departments/Agencies : 33
- v.Number of States/20

VIII. Vacancy position of senior level appointments in the Ministry/Department, including Autonomous Bodies/PSUs:

SL.No.	Name of the post	No of posts	Filled/Vacant/ Addl. Charge	Present status
i)	Secretary	01	Additional Charge	Shri K. Rajaraman, Secretary, DoT has been assigned the additional charge of the post. Shri Alkesh Kumar Sharma, IAS(KL:90) has taken over the charge of the post on 5th May 2022 on regular basis.
ii)	Additional Secretary	02	Filled	ACC approved appointment against one post. Incumbent yet to join.
iii)	Joint Secretary	04	01 vacant	Status enclosed
iv)	JS&FA	01	Filled	
v)	Economic Adviser	01	Filled	
vi)	Director	03	All Filled	
Attached Office				

i)	DG, NIC	01	Filled	Term of the incumbent extended for one year after retirement i.e. upto 31.05.2022
ii)	DG, STQC	01	Filled	Date of retirement 31.05.2022
Statutory Bodies				
i)	DG, ICERT	01	Filled	
ii)	CEO, UIDAI	01	Filled	
iii)	DDG, UIDAI	17	Filled	
iv)	CCA	01	Additional Charge	Status enclosed
Autonomous bodies				
i)	DG, STPI	01	Filled	
ii)	DG, ERNET India	01	Filled	
iii)	DG, NIELIT	01	Filled	
iv)	DG, CMET	01	Filled	
v)	DG, CDAC	01	Additional Charge	
vi)	DG, SAMEER	01	Additional Charge	Status enclosed
vii)	DG, BISAG(N)	01	Filled	ACC has approved charge of the post to Shri T.P. Singh upto 31.12.2023.
viii)	DG, SCL	01	Filled	
Other offices				
i)	President & CEO, NeGD	01	Filled	
ii)	MD&CEO, DIC	01	Additional Charge	Status enclosed
iii)	CEO, MyGov	01	Additional Charge	Status enclosed
iv)	CEO, NIXI	01	Filled	
v)	MD, NICSI	01	Filled	

IX. Details of FDI proposals cleared during the month and status of FDI proposals awaiting approval in the Ministry/Department: 'NIL'

X. List of cases in which ACC directions have not been complied with:

Sl. No.	Subject	Direction Detail	Direction Date	Present Status
1.	D/o Electronics & Information Technology- Extension of additional	While approving the proposal for extension of additional	25.11.2016	The post of MD/CEO (in erstwhile Media Lab Asia) has been lying vacant since 01.04.2010. Even after following the laid down

<p>charge of the post of MD/CEO, Media Lab Asia entrusted to Dr. M.R Anand, Senior Adviser, DeitY for a period of 06 months w.e.f. 13.05.2016.</p>	<p>charge, the ACC had directed to expedite and complete the process of restructuring within the extended period.</p>	<p>procedure, the post could not be filled. An exercise for restructuring of the then Media Lab Asia including downgrading of the post has been initiated. In the meantime, the post of MD/CEO of the then Media Lab Asia is being held on additional charge basis by senior officer of this Ministry.</p> <p>The Board of Directors of the then Media Lab Asia in its last meeting held on 16th May, 2017 has taken the following decisions:</p> <p>Change of name of the company to “Digital India Corporation” or similar name as approved by the Registrar of Companies.</p> <p>Consequent alteration of Memorandum of Association and Articles of Association.</p> <p>Secretary, MeitY and Director, Media Lab Asia, authorized to carry out the restructuring of the internal organization structure of the Company.</p> <p>The process of renaming of Media Lab Asia and Amendment of the MoA and AoA were completed. Subsequent to the above, DIC has initiated process of integration and finalization of internal organization structure.</p> <p>Meanwhile, 3 verticals of DIC i.e. NeGD, MyGov& TDDD are carrying out their activities. Further, a Committee under the chairmanship of MD&CEO, DIC submitted a report on</p>
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re-structuring of DIC to Hon'ble ME&IT & Chairman, DIC on 26.09.2019 seeking approval of the Chairman for the proposed internal restructuring of DIC. On 13.12.2019, Hon'ble Minister constituted a Committee under the Chairmanship of Shri Gopalakrishnan S., the then AS, MeitY with Dr. B.K. Murthy, Sci G and Smt. Simmi Chaudhary, EA as Members to submit a comprehensive restructuring plan for DIC and other constituent divisions. The Committee met on 10.01.2020. The report for the restructuring of Digital India Corporation was prepared by the Committee on 15.01.2020. However, the revised Report incorporating the observations of Secretary, MeitY has been submitted to Hon'ble MEIT 19.03.2020. Approval is awaited. On demitting the charge by former Hon'ble MEIT, the file has been received back. **File is under discussion with Secretary, MeitY.**

Presently, Sh. Abhishek Singh, IAS has been given the additional charge for the post of MD/CEO (DIC) for a period of six months w.e.f. 20th January, 2021. Further, proposal for extension of additional charge further for a period of six months w.e.f. 20.07.2021 has been approved by Hon'ble MEIT. Proposal sent to

				<p>DOPT for ACC approval on 14.12.2021.</p> <p>ACC has approved the additional charge of the post of MD&CEO, DIC to Shri Abhishek Singh, President and CEO, NeGD, MeitY.</p> <p>Further, as per directions of JS (Pers), Pers Division has taken up the matter with JS (egov). Reply is awaited.</p>
2	<p>M/o Electronics and Information Technology-Entrustment of additional charge of the post of Director General, ERNET India to Smt. GeetaKathpalia, Scientist G, MeitY or a period of 06 months w.e.f 06.09.2019 (FN)</p>	<p>The ACC has directed the Ministry to finalized the RRs for the post of DG, ERNET India and complete the process for filling up of the post on regular basis within the period of the additional charge, i.e. by 05.03.2020.</p>	13.12.2019	<p>Shri Sanjeev Banzal has taken over the charge of the post of DG, ERNET India on 17/01/2022 on regular basis</p> <p>DoPT has already been conveyed for closure of the case and removal from pending directions.</p>
3	<p>The ACC has directed that a regular incumbent be appointed during charge period and no further extension of the additional charge would be considered.</p>	<p>The ACC has directed that a regular incumbent be appointed during charge period and no further extension of the additional charge would be considered.</p>	24.02.2020	<p>ACC has approved the appointment of Shri Abhishek Singh as Presidnet& CEO, NeGD,MeitY</p> <p>In view of above, DoPT has been requested to close the case and remove from pending directions as reflected on AVMS Portal.</p>

4.	Re-appointment of Dr.Omkar Rai as Director General, STPI w.e.f. 02.02.2020 till the age of his superannuation on 31.12.2024.	The ACC has also directed the Ministry to complete the process of appointment of regular incumbent to the subject post within the extended tenure of Dr.Omkar Rai as DG STPI.	17.03.2020	Shri Arvind Kumar has taken charge of the post of DG, STPI w.e.f 10.12.2021 (Forenoon) on regular basis. DoPT has already been conveyed for closure of the case and removal from pending directions.
5.	Assigning of additional charge for the post of Director General, NIELIT.	The ACC has also directed the Ministry to complete the process for regular appointment to the subject post within the extended period of additional charge.	13.04.2020	Shri Madan Mohan Tripathi has taken over the charge of the posts of DG, NIELIT on 31.01.2022 on regular basis. DoPT has already been conveyed for closure of the case and removal from pending directions.
6.	Extension of the additional charge period of the post of DG, NIELIT, entrusted to Shri. Jaideep kumar Mishra for a further period of 06 months w.e.f. 20.08.2020.	The ACC has further directed the Ministry to ensure that the regular incumbent to the post be appointed during the approved charge period.	15.10.2020	Same as mentioned at Sl. No. 5