

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

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

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

1. Digital Payments

During February 2022, BHIM-UPI has continued to show upward trend by recording over 452 crore transactions, with value of Rs 8.87 lakh crore, which indicates the increasing adoption of BHIM UPI as the preferred mode for making digital payment transactions.

2. International Cooperation

G20 DEWG (Digital Economy Working Group) Meeting

A meeting between the Chair (Indonesia) and the Co-chair (India and Italy) of G20 DEWG (Digital Economy Working Group) held on 22nd February, 2022 to discuss and share the views and suggestions regarding the preparation of the forthcoming Workshop and 1st DEWG meeting under Indonesia's G20 Presidency. Joint Secretary, MeitY represented India in the meeting.

G2G session of Indo-German Digital Dialogue

The G2G session of Indo-German Digital Dialogue held on 24th February, 2022 in closed virtual mode between Secretary, MeitY and Mr Stefan Schnorr, State Secretary, German Federal Ministry for Digital and Transport (BMDV). Joint Secretary, MeitY, DCM of EOI- Berlin and Mr Heiko Wildner, Policy Officer, BMDV and Representative of the German Embassy, New Delhi also attended the meeting. During the meeting both sides discussed mutual interests and priorities with reference to Work Plan and enhancing cooperation regarding relevant digitalisation topics (e.g. data policy, AI), modalities and process of holding the annual meeting in summer 2022 and reporting on progress and priorities of the cooperation during the Indo-German inter-governmental consultations(IGC).

Symposium of Indo-Japan Digital Partnership

The Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry of Japan (METI) and Nikkei organized a Symposium webinar "**India-Japan Digital Corridor Partnership**" on 28th February, 2022. The main speakers of the event were Mr. Hagiuda Koichi, H.E Minister of METI of Japan, Mr. Ashwini Vaishnaw, Hon'ble Minister of Electronics & Information Technology of India and Mr. Matsuo Takehiko Director-General, Trade Policy Bureau, METI. In the event, professionals and experts from India and Japan shared ideas and practice with the audiences and discussed the possibility of mutual digital cooperation between the two countries, including recruitment of highly skilled IT talents from India. During the keynote address Mr. Ashwini Vaishnaw, Hon'ble MEIT emphasised the importance of Indo-Japan Digital Partnership and to extend the cooperation activities in the areas of IT-ITeS, Start-ups and ESDM and Knowledge partnership.

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 21.51 crore users have downloaded Aarogya Setu App till February, 2022.

4. UIDAI

The Aadhaar (Pricing of Aadhaar Authentication Services) Regulations, 2021 have been issued in supersession of earlier regulations of 2019 therein reducing charges of Aadhaar eKYC from Rs. 20 per transaction to Rs. 3 per transaction. The same has been made Rs. 1 per transaction for Telecom Service Providers as decided by Union Cabinet. This is going to reduce incidence of respective service charges for residents. Further, list of services exempt from authentication transaction charges is going to be published soon by UIDAI.

The cumulative number of authentication transactions increased from 6869.61 crore in January 2022 to 7019.73.61 crore in February 2022 while cumulative e-KYC transactions increased from 1100.12 crore in January 2022 to 1122.98 crore in February 2022.

For providing convenient Aadhaar enrolment and update services to the people, 74 Aadhaar Seva Kendras(ASKs) (open 7 days of the week except public holidays) have been made operational across the country as on 28th, February 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

Meeting of the duly constituted Committee under the Chairmanship of Additional Secretary, MeitY was held on 14th March 2022. It is decided to send a questionnaire to the Autonomous Societies in order to see some inputs so that the committee may deliberate on 'way forward' for complying with the directions of Hon'ble MEIT.

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 : 610
- ii.Total number of Web applications : 552
- iii.Total number of Mobile applications : 58
- iv.Number of Central Ministries/Departments/Agencies : 32
- v.Number of States/

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.
ii)	Additional Secretary	02	Filled	ACC approved appointment against one post. Incumbent yet to join.
iii)	Joint Secretary	04	All Filled	
iv)	JS&FA	01	Additional charge	Presently Shri A.K. Nayak, AS&FA, DoP holding the additional charge of the post. Incumbent appointed by ACC is yet to join.
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	
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	
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	
iii)	CEO, MyGov	01	Filled	ACC approved the appointment. Incumbent yet to join
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 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.	While approving the proposal for extension of additional charge, the ACC had directed to expedite and complete the process of restructuring within the extended	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 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. The Board of Directors of the then Media Lab Asia in its last meeting held on 16 th May, 2017 has taken

	13.05.2016.	period.	<p>the following decisions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change of name of the company to “Digital India Corporation” or similar name as approved by the Registrar of Companies. • Consequent alteration of Memorandum of Association and Articles of Association. • Secretary, MeitY and Director, Media Lab Asia, authorized to carry out the restructuring of the internal organization structure of the Company. <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 re-structuring of DIC to Hon’ble ME&IT & Chairman, DIC on 26.09.2019 seeking approval of the Chairman for the proposed internal re-structuring 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</p>
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2	M/o Electronics and Information Technology-Entrustment of additional charge of the post of Director General, ERNET India to Smt. GeetaKathpali a, Scientist G, MeitY or a period of 06 months w.e.f 06.09.2019	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	13.12.2019	<p>Recruitment Rules (RRs) have been revised and advertisement for the post of DG, ERNET India was published in the Employment Newspaper on 29.02.2020 and other National dailies and websites of MeitY, ERNET India and DoPT. The last date of receipt of application was 10.06.2020. Total 31 applications received.</p> <p>Concurrence of DoPT has been obtained on 17.07.2020 on the composition of Search-Cum-Selection Committee. With the approval of Chairman, SCSC, a Screening Committee has been constituted for shortlisting the eligible candidate to be called for interview/ personal interaction</p>

(FN)	05.03.2020.	<p>with the SCSC. It was decided to hold the Personal interaction/ interview of shortlisted candidate online.</p> <p>With the approval of Hon`ble MEIT a SoP for screening the eligible candidate by the Screening Committee has been formulated.</p> <p>Approval of Hon`ble MEIT for reconstituting the SCSC, due to the superannuation of one of the member of the already constituted committee, has already been obtained. The proposal was sent to DoPT through e-Mail on 4.5.2021 for concurrence of the Reconstituted SCSC. However, DoPT vide mail dated 3.6.21 raised query w.r.t. one of the nominated member for the slot of Outstanding Scientist, who also belong to SAG scale as the nominated member should be one level above the post for which recruitment is to be made. Therefore, in consultation with concerned Group Coordinator of the technical division of ERNET in MeitY, name of another senior Outstanding Scientist, who is one level above the SAG scale was included in the SCSC with the approval of MEIT. DoPT approved the reconstituted SCSC for DG, ERNET. Screening Committee meeting for shortlisting the number of applicants for interview was held on 27.4.2021. 7 candidates have been shortlisted by the Screening Committee. . DOPT approved the reconstitution of revised on 25.06.2021. The virtual meeting of the SCSC held for 12.07.2021. Hon`ble MEIT has approved the recommendation of SCSC on 27.8.21. proposal has been sent on 10.9.21 to DoPT seeking approval of ACC . Now,</p>
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3	The ACC has directed that a regular incumbent be appointed during charge period and no further extension of the additional charge would be considered.	The ACC has directed that a regular incumbent be appointed during charge period and no further extension of the additional	24.02.2020	While considering MeitY's proposal dt 21.12.2020 for extension of entrustment of additional charge of the post of President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) (JS level), National e-Governance Division (NeGD) to Shri Abhishek Singh, IAS (NL:1995), Chief Executive Officer (CEO), MyGov for a period of six months w.e.f. 14.11.2020, DOPT vide OM dated 24.02.2021 has informed that the Appointments

		charge would be considered.		<p>Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has directed that a regular incumbent be appointed during charge period and no further extension of the additional charge would be considered. Accordingly, with the approval of Hon`ble MEIT, it has been decided to fill up the post through CSB and a proposal has been sent to DOPT on 03.06.2021.</p> <p>With the approval of Hon`ble MEIT, proposal for extending the additional charge of the post to Shri Abhishek Singh for a period of six month w.e.f. 14.5.2021 has been sent to DOPT on 16.6.2021 and the same has been approved by DOPT on 3.9.2021. Further extension of additional charge to Shri Abhishek Singh for a period of six month we.f. 14.11.2021 has been approved by Hon`ble MEIT .</p> <p>ACC has approved the appointment of Shri Abhishek Singh as Presidnet& CEO, NeGD,MeitY</p> <p>In view of above, it is proposed that we may request DoPT 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	17.03.2020	With the approval of ACC, the term of Dr.Omkar Rai was extended for a further period of one year w.e.f 2.2.2020. With the approval f Hon`ble MEIT, it has been decided to fill up the post of DG, STPI afresh. Accordingly advertisement for fresh recruitment was published in the Employment Newspaper on 17.10.2020 and 04 leading newspapers. The last of receipt of application was

		<p>tenure of Dr.Omkar Rai as DG STPI.</p>	<p>1.12.2020. SCSC has been constituted with the approval of Hon`ble MEIT. Meeting of the duly constituted SCSC held on 20.4.2021 As the complete process may take more time, with the approval of Hon`ble MEIT, the term of Dr.Omkar Rai has been extended for a period of 06 months w.e.f 02.02.2021, or until further order. Since the extended tenure of the current incumbent will expire on 1.8.2021, Hon`ble MEIT has also approved further extension of the tenure of the current incumbent for a period of 6 months, subject to receipt of ACC approval for fresh recruitment, which is awaited. Proposal has been sent to DOPT on 20.07.2021 for seeking approval of ACC. ACC given post facto approval to the proposal. On 23.11.2021.</p> <p>With the approval of Hon`ble MEIT a SoP for screening the eligible candidate by the Screening Committee has been formulated. Meeting of the Screening Committee held on 30.3.2021. Virtual meeting of the SCSC held on 28.4.2021 Approval of Hon`ble MEIT obtained on the recommendation of the Search cum Selection Committee (SCSC) on 15.5.2021. Proposal sent to DoPT on 21.5.2021 for seeking approval of ACC on the recommendation of SCSC DOPT on 28.07.2021 has sought comments of MeitY on certain points regarding appointment and extension of additional charge and requested to submit the proposal with the approval of new Minister. With the approval of Secretary, MeitY, Parawise</p>
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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	Revised RR Notified. Advertisement published in employment news and other National Dailies on 08.08.2020. Normal last date for receiving of application was 21.09.2020. About 39 applications have been received so far. Applications are being sorted and detailed broadsheet is being prepared. Approval on constitution of SCSC received from DoPT on 16.09.2020. The composition of the Screening Committee has been approved by the Chairman of the Committee on 6.11.2020 for short-listing of candidates. It has been decided to hold the Personal

interaction/interview of shortlisted candidate online.

With the approval of Hon'ble MEIT, SoP for screening the eligible candidates by the Screening Committee has been formulated. Meeting of the Screening Committee has been held on 30.3.2021. Meeting of the duly constituted SCSC held on 20.4.2021. Recommendation of the SCSC has been submitted on file seeking approval of Hon'ble MEIT on the recommendation of the SCSC and also for submitting the proposal to ACC. MEIT has approved the recommendation of SCSC for recruitment. Proposal has been sent to DOPT on 7th July, 2021 for obtaining the approval of ACC. DOPT vide OM dated 28.7.2021 has sought comments of MeitY on the representation received by them from Shri Rajeev Ranjan in the matter of appointment to the post of DG, NIELIT and requested to submit the proposal with the approval of new Minister. Based on the clarification received from the various sources, with the approval of Secretary, views of MeitY has been sent to DoPT on 1.10.21 along with a copy of SoP desired by DoPT. Approval of new MEIT on the recommendation of SCSC has also been received on 14.10.21. Proposal has been sent to DoPT on 20.10.21 for seeking approval of ACC. The approval of ACC for appointment of Shri M.M. Tripathi as DG, NIELIT has been received on 17.1.2022. Accordingly, ACC approval has been convened to NIELIT with the direction to issue an offer of appointment. **Shri Madan Mohan Tripathi has taken over the charge of the posts of DG, NIELIT on**

				<p>31.01.2022.</p> <p>DoPT has already been conveyed for closure of the case and removal from pending directions.</p> <p>A proposal vide ID No. 5(16)/2017-ABCD dated 25.02.2021 has been submitted to DoPT for seeking approval of ACC for extending the Additional Charge of the post of Director General, NIELIT to Sh. Jaideep Kumar Mishra, Joint Secretary, MeitYw.e.f. 20.02.2021 for a period of six months or till the new incumbent take charge to the post on regular basis, whichever is earlier. Approval is awaited. MEIT has approved the additional charge arrangement of DG, NIELIT w.e.f 20.8.21 for a period of six months. The proposal for seeking approval of ACC has been sent to DoPT on 17.9.21. Approval is awaited.</p> <p>As per directions of JS(Pers) as conveyed to JD(ABCD) 11/2/2022 for taking up the matter DoPT, it has been telephonically confirmed that the matter has been submitted in file.</p>
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