

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

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

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

1. Digital Payments

During March 2022, BHIM-UPI has continued to show upward trend by recording over 540 crore transactions, with value of Rs 9.61 lakh crore, which indicates the increasing adoption of BHIM UPI as the preferred mode for making digital payment transactions.

2. International Cooperation

(i) Digital Track of India-UK FTA

“Digital Trade” is one of the identified areas of negotiations in the proposed India-UK Enhanced Trade Partnership Agreement. Digital track of India-UK FTA is lead by MeitY while overall FTA is dealt by Department of Commerce. On the Digital Trade Chapter, second round of negotiations (virtually) were held between the India and UK on 14-15th March 2022. The discussion was held on the text proposed by the UK side for the Digital Chapter. Track leads from both the sides exchanged views on all the articles in the Chapter and discussed the inclusion of the new key elements.

(ii) Meeting with Singapore delegation

A meeting between Sh. Bhuvnesh Kumar, Joint Secretary, MeitY and Singapore delegation led by Dr. Francis Chong, Sr. Director, Emerging Market Division & Singapore was held on 16th March 2022, MeitY. Both sides discussed in the areas of pilot projects in Digital Platform, Regulatory sandboxes and Data innovation.

(iii) G20 DEWG (Digital Economy Working Group)

Pre meeting workshop on G20 DEWG (Digital Economy Working Group) was held on 15.03.2022 (Virtually) and 1st G20 DEWG Meeting under Indonesian Presidency was held on 29-30th March 2022 (Virtually) to discuss three priority issues - *Connectivity and Post-Covid-19 Recovery, Digital Skills and Digital Literacy; and Free flow of data with trust and cross-border data flows* . Shri Bhuvnesh Kumar, Joint Secretary, MeitY represented India in both of the Meetings.

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 21.55 crore users have downloaded Aarogya Setu App till March, 2022.

4. UIDAI

Following Amendment Regulation has been notified in the Gazette of India, recently:

- a. The Unique Identification Authority of India (Appointment of Officers and Employees) (Second Amendment) Regulations, 2022 (No. 3 of 2022) were notified vide No. A-12013/13/RR/2016-UIDAI (No. 3 of 2022) dated 21st March, 2022
- b. The Aadhaar (Enrolment and Update) (Ninth Amendment) Regulations, 2022 (No. 2 of 2022) were notified vide No. HQ-16041/4/2021-EU-I-HQ-Part (I) (No. 2 of 2022) dated 3rd March, 2022 to amend various regulations pertaining to Enrolment & Updation.

The cumulative number of authentication transactions increased from 7019.73 crore in February 2022 to 7194.50 crore in March 2022 while cumulative e-KYC transactions increased from 1122.98 crore in February 2022 to 1147.25 crore in March 2022.

For providing convenient Aadhaar enrolment and update services to the people, 79 Aadhaar Seva Kendras(ASKs) (open 7 days of the week except public holidays) have been made operational across the country as on 31st, March 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

A Committee under the Chairmanship of Principal Adviser, Niti Aayog had undertaken a review of Autonomous body in the year 2018. Further, 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. Accordingly, all the organizations are continued in its present form.

Further, based on the directions of Hon'ble MEIT on the report of D/o Expenditure, Secretary, MeitY had further directed for constitution of Internal Review 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.

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 : 611
- ii.Total number of Web applications : 552
- iii.Total number of Mobile applications : 58
- 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.
ii)	Additional Secretary	02	Filled	ACC approved appointment against one post. Incumbent yet to join.
iii)	Joint Secretary	04	01	Status enclosed
iv)	JS&FA	01	Additional	Presently Shri A.K.

			charge	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, NICS	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. 13.05.2016.	While approving the proposal for extension of additional charge, the ACC had directed to expedite and complete the process of restructuring within the extended period.	25.11.2016	<p>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.</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</p>

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 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 DOPT for ACC approval on 14.12.2021.

ACC has approved the additional charge of the post of MD&CEO, DIC to Shri Abhishek Singh, President and CEO, NeGD, MeitY.

Further, as per directions of

				JS (Pers), Pers Division has taken up the matter with JS (egov). Reply is awaited.
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 (FN)	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 .	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 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</p>

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, ACC has approved appointment of Shri Sanjeev Benzal of TRAI as DG ERNET on deputation basis for a period of 5 years from the date of taking charge of the posts. Accordingly, the approval of ACC has been conveyed to ERNET India vide communication dated 06.01.2022 with the direction to issue an offer of appointment letter to the parent organization of Shri Sanjeev Banzal i.e. TRAI and complete all the necessary pre-appointment formalities, in accordance with the existing rules of ERNET India, under intimation to this Ministry. **Shri Sanjeev Banzal has taken over the charge of the post of DG, ERNET India on 17/01/2022.**

				<p>DoPT has also post facto approved assigning the additional charge of the post of DG, ERNET India to Smt. Geeta Kathpalia from 6.12.2020 to 30.09.21 and assigning the additional charge to Shri Bhuvnesh Kumar, JS, MeitY. W.e.f 01.10.21.</p> <p>DoPT has already been conveyed for closure of the case and removal from pending directions. However, it is still showing on the portal.</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>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 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</p>

				<p>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.	<p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p>	17.03.2020	<p>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 of 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 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</p>

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.**

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 reply on the query raised by SM-II Division of DoPT was sent to DOPT on 25/8/21.

However, the new Hon`ble MEIT decided to approve the name of Shri Arvind Kumar on 17.9.2021. Accordingly a proposal was sent to DoPT on 20.9.21 seeking approval of ACC. ACC vide its

				<p>communication dated 23.11.2021 approved the name of Shri Arvind Kumar as DG, STPI on deputation for a period of 5 years from the date of assumption of charge. Further, ACC also conveyed post facto approval for extension of tenure of Shri Omkar Rai, as DG, STPI till the new incumbent takes charge. New Incumbent has yet to take charge of the post of DG, STPI. Shri Arvind Kumar Has taken charge of the post of DG, STPI w.e.f 10.12.2021(Forenoon)</p> <p>DoPT has already been conveyed for closure of the case and removal from pending directions.</p>
5.	Assigning of additional charge for the post of Director General, NIELT.	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	<p>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.</p> <p>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</p>

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 conveyed 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 31.01.2022.**

DoPT has already been conveyed for closure of the

				<p>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), matter has been taken up with DoPT for expediting the approval.</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