**Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology**
**Major achievements Month of October, 2020**

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

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

**1.  International Cooperation**

**India-US ICT Working Group Meeting held on 1$^{st}$ October 2020 in Virtual mode-**

The annual India-US ICT Working Group meeting was held on 1$^{st}$ October 2020 through Virtual mode. Sh. Saurabh Gaur, Joint Secretary, MeitY led Indian delegation and Mr. Stephen Anderson, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, U.S. Department of State, led the U.S. government delegation. The meeting was held in two sessions :

i)   **B2G Session**  -  An Overview of the Importance of Open Cross-border Data Flows and Forward-Looking Data Governance Policies to the U.S. and Indian Digital Economy was presented by Mr. Vinton Cerf, Chief Internet Evangelist, Google which was followed by an overview of the Indian Tech Industry in the U.S and how Tech Sectors catalyzing the India-U.S. bilateral partnership.

ii)  **G2G session -**  In this Session discussions were held on issues related to  IT and Telecom. Discussion were held on Data Privacy and Cross Border Data Flows, way forward of IT-ITeS/BPM Cooperation, global supply chain due to Covid-19 for both Hardware and Emerging Technologies under IT.  Both sides also discussed Plans for 5G Trials, WTSA, Secure 5G networks and infrastructure and 5G testbeds under Telecom.

**2.  Digital Payments**

BHIM-Unified Payment Interface (UPI) is a system that allows an individual to access multiple bank accounts from a single mobile application for making digital transactions which enables contact-less payment and has been one of the preferred mode during COVID-19 crisis.  The total number of transactions over BHIP-UPI platforms reached a new milestone of 207 crore transactions in October, 2020.

**3.  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 October 2020, two workshops were conducted over Video Conference (VC) for State Government of Gujarat and Maharashtra and around 70 officers attended these workshops.

**4. National Informatics Centre**

**Aarogya Setu –** Aarogya Setu is a mobile application launched to aid the COVID-19 efforts of the Government. The App works based on contact tracing method and helps the Government in identifying, monitoring and mitigating the spread of COVID-19 across the country. The App also 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 16.2 crore users are using Aarogya Setu App till 31.10.2020. The AarogyaSetu App has helped to identify 96 lakh citizens who may be at a potential risk through Bluetooth contact tracing. The citizens are advised further medical intervention and quarantine steps as necessary.

**I. Important developments under MeitY's Schemes:**

- As on 31st October, 2020 total number of Aadhaar generated (Live) are 126.73 crore against the 'projected population 2020' of 137.05 crore. The overall Aadhaar (Live) saturation (Projected Population 2020) across India stands at 89.33%.
- Total number of e-Services registered in eTaal till October, 2020 is 3,899.

**Minimum Government, Maximum Governance**

**Jeevan Pramaan**

The Digital Life Certificates (DLCs) generated till October, 2020 are 359.73 lakh and DLCs generated in the month of October, 2020 are 1,62,938.

**MyGov**

MyGov has 854 discussion themes and 985 tasks. Around 1.42 crore people have registered on the Platform.

**Open Government Data Platform (OGD) India**

Around 4.35 lakh resources have been contributed under 8,861 catalogs and 2,148 Visualizations and 60,130 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 in the e-SamikSha portal under the 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  October, 2020 | Total No. of e files created during October, 2020 |
|---|---|
| 5 | 588 |

**VII.    Status of Public Grievances :**

| No. of cases disposed during the month October, 2020 | No. of Public Grievances pending at the end of October, 2020 |
|---|---|
| 826 | 636 |

**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 (NGoG) 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 : 565
 ii. Total number of Web applications : 525
iii. Total number of Mobile applications : 40
 iv. Number of Central Ministries/Departments/Agencies : 30
  v. Number of States/UTs : 19