

Gadchiroli: Embracing ICT in the Tribal District

Situated in the southeastern corner of Maharashtra, Gadchiroli is categorised as a tribal and undeveloped district with more than 80% of its land covered with dense forest and hills. Information Technology has paved the way to development and good governance in this economically and industrially backward district. The District Administration in partnership with NIC, Gadchiroli has set the goals for use of ICT for speedy development and delivery of essential services to the common man in an easier and simpler manner.



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Sh. Atul Patne, Collector Gadchiroli receiving the award

Gadchiroli was awarded the prestigious 14th National eGovernance Award for its innovative project - "District Disaster Management Plan" and other IT based initiatives in the district. The project was initiated by Sh. Atul Patne, Collector, Gadchiroli and supported by Sh. Moiz Hussain Ali, SIO NIC, Maharashtra

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As part of the IT framework for the district, NIC, Gadchiroli prepared a blueprint specifying the priority areas for computerisation and automating the processes for the benefit of the district administration and the people of the district. A spectrum of services have been extended by NIC to the district administration which includes - Video Conference support, System study & software development, Consultancy in hardware & software, Training to the users, e-mail, Internet support to District Administration, All Technical support to implement IT based Projects.

NIC, Gadchiroli has developed & implemented many projects in the district based on the requirement of

people and district administration. These projects have been instrumental in bringing transparency in the development works across the district and improving the life of citizens.

e-Vidya: This innovative project launched for development of education system and introducing IT technology among the students of district. Under the project VC facility has been provided in 36 schools of two talukas namely Dhanora & Kurkheda. Lectures over VC sessions are delivered by experts from the central VC hub located at ITI, Gadchiroli educating the students and creating awareness amongst the citizens/villagers on various government schemes, health issues, literacy programmes etc. The entire technical support to the project has been provided by NIC, Gadchiroli.

Rozgar Kundali: The district administration launched a portal 'Rozgar Kundali' to address the issues of unemployment due to industrial backwardness and naxal activities in the district. The portal provides information on government schemes for financial assistance and skill development to the educated unemployed youth of the district helping them to be self reliant and start their own businesses etc.

Forest Rights Beneficiary Information System: This system has computerized the information pertaining to beneficiaries of Forest Rights Acts. The aim is to provide information of government schemes to citizens for their financial development. It holds information of FRC beneficiary such as family details, available irrigation facility, land possession, having own home etc., which are mandatory for processing of applications for granting benefit.

MREGS Help Line System: This system provides information regarding various types of developmental works being carried out by various departments in the district over a telephone line. Any individual can make a call on the toll free number to get information on the status of work, musters, village administration, Panchayat Directory etc.

ICT Training & Technical Support: NIC Gadchiroli frequently organizes training programmes to impart training on MS Office, e-mail & Internet to the officials from revenue & other departments in the district to enhance ICT culture among the offices and to improve efficiency while working on various IT supported projects. In addition trainings are also conducted on various applications implemented in the district.

Video Conference Support: VC services are being provided to District Administration and various depart-



Hon'ble Home Minister of Maharashtra Sh. R.R. Patil interacting with villagers from remote villages in the district using VC system under e-Vidya Project

ments by the district unit. Senior Officials from Secretariat and HODs use this facility to review the status of various departmental schemes or ongoing projects through their field offices in the district.

Web site for Collector Office: NIC Gadchiroli has also developed the web-site for the district which provides history, district profile, administrative setup, tourism and other useful statistical information on the district. Various MIS have also been linked to the website to provide information of beneficiaries and other details related to various schemes implemented in the district.

Left Wing Extremism Scheme: The Left Wing Extremism Scheme has been initiated by the Government for the Naxal affected & remotely placed district of the state. Under this scheme, the Central Government has decided to provide financial assistance to 12 departments for development of district to minimize Naxal Activities. NIC Hq. developed MIS is implemented effectively by reporting monthly progress of various schemes data into the web based application in time and supported the district administration.

Numerous other National and State Government projects have been implemented by NIC, Gadchiroli. The district got 3rd Prize for effective implementation of MNREGA scheme and operationalisation of NREGA MIS. The Land Records Computerisation Project is effectively implemented in all the tehsils for Revenue Department. The CON-FONET application is successfully implemented for District Consumer Forum and data entry for consumer cases, judgments is being done using the software. The AGMARKNET project with online reporting of APMC data by concerned APMC into the site <http://msamb.com> is regularized while the Property Card Information System and the National Social Assistance Programme projects have also been implemented in the district.

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