

Hazaribag - Harnessing ICT for Good Governance

Hazaribag literally meaning 'City of Thousand Gardens', is situated at 2019 ft above the sea level in the North Chotanagpur Plateau. Congenial salubrious climate, abundant flora, fauna, wildlife sanctuary, lakes and hills have attracted tourists to this place since long and is also considered as a health resort.

The district town is located 90 kms north of Ranchi, the capital of Jharkhand. About 45 % of the area is covered by forest comprising medicinal plants, trees, Leopards, bears, exotic birds etc. Minerals like mica and coal are in found in abundance.



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NIC Hazaribag District Centre was established in the year 1988, to promote ICT culture for better planning and decision support to the district administration. The center has played a leading role in promoting e-governance in the district. The website <http://hazaribag.nic.in> provides information on History, Tourism, Revenue administration and other important facts, figures & activities of the district.

Major ICT Activities:

Jail Computerization: With the implementation of “Prison Management System” (PMS) at the Central Jail, Hazaribag the bio data of prisoners with photograph, case details, crime history, medical information etc. has been computerized. The photograph based “Visitors Management System” (VMS) module has also been implemented, to control the visitor's access. The module has enhanced transparency and prompts services to the visitors/citizens.



VMS under operation at Central Jail Hazaribag

NREGA Soft: Hazaribag is the leading district in the state to start

online implementation of NREGA Soft Project. All the blocks are connected with JharNet the state wide area network for online data entry. This has ensured better planning and monitoring of NREGA implementation by the District authorities.

E-Nagrik Seva: The Pragya Kendras have been established in 160 panchayats in the district to implement the e-Nagrik Seva software. The software facilitates in the generation of various certificates like Caste, Income, Birth, Death and Residential.

Kuber (Online Treasury): A web based Treasury Information System - KUBER has been implemented in the district for maintaining treasury related transaction through secure and role based operations using JharNet. Biometric authentication at the label of Treasury Officer has been introduced to make the system foolproof

GPF/CPF Computerization: The Bhavishya Nidhi software developed on Visual basic and Oracle 10g has been implemented at the GPF office, Hazaribag. The system maintains the subscriber details, their contributions, advances, refunds etc. and generates the necessary accounts with proper checks. The GPF details of the subscribers can be viewed at

<http://jhr.nic.in/gpf>

Online VAT: VAT software has been implemented at Hazaribag division office of the commercial tax department. The software provides for compulsory registration of commercial establishments which has led to improved tax compliance, reduced tax evasion and has also brought many new commercial establishments into the tax net.

Transport Computerization: The VAHAN s/w facilitates registration of vehicle, Tax realization, Issue of Permits and vehicle fitness details where as SARATHI is used to issue smart card based Driving License and Registration Certificate Book.

Consumer Forum Computerization (CONFONET): The Consumer Forum has been computerized under CONFONET. The software also incorporates backlog entry of cases. The case monitoring systems records filing details, orders, case details and judgments etc. passed by the court. The cause list is generated and uploaded on the web for the benefits of the citizens.

Video Conferencing: VC facility has been established and extensively used by various government departments for monitoring developmental activities in the district. The video conferencing facility between the district Civil Court and the Jail has been established for producing under trails to the Court without moving them physically.



Hon'ble Justice, A Sahay, Jharkhand High Court inaugurating the VC centre at District Civil Court, Hazaribag

Primary Education: The Database of Primary school teachers and infrastructure details of the schools has been created for better monitoring of resources in the education sector. This software captures teachers profile, generates list of superannuating teachers, provides transfer, posting, promotion etc.

IT training: A district level IT Training center has been set up at North Chotanagpur Division, Hazaribag. Many government officials had been imparted project based IT training.



A training session on NREGA being imparted by DIO, Hazaribag

Other Major Activities: *Creation of Data base of old age pensioners, Health sector - MAMTA s/w & IDSP Project implementation, Computerization of Cattle census of Hazaribag and Ramgarh District, BPL data base creation, Computerization of Elections in the district, AGMARKNET Project, DACNET project support, Online entry of MPR data at the websites - (<http://rural.nic.in>) for various schemes like MPLADS, PMGSY etc, Implementation of IMO software at district post office, Hazaribag, Plan plus training support and implementation, IISFM Project implemented for FCI, Labour Court Computerization*

Excerpt of the letter from Vinay Kumar Choubey, IAS, DC, Hazaribag.

I am happy to know that NIC is covering Hazaribag District in January'2009 issue of Informatics. Since 1988, NIC has been closely associated with the district administration on its various e-governance projects.



ICT initiatives by NIC at Hazaribag Central Jail, Treasury, Transport, Consumer forum, District Court apart from grass root level planning and support in the implementation of NREGA has been commendable.

The special effort put up by NIC officers during elections are extremely helpful in meeting the constitutional obligations.

I am confident that the district administration in coordination and support from NIC will bridge the digital divide and bring transparency to the various welfare schemes under implementation.

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