Kota: Promoting ICT Culture in the Land of Rajputs

Situated at the South-Eastern Hadoti region of Rajasthan on the bank of Chambal River, Kota is an awesome collocation of imperial medieval age and modern industrialisation. The existing industries and the on-going development have made Kota the industrial heartland of Rajasthan. It is a well known "Education City" now.

Kota was a part of the Rajput kingdom, Bundi. But, with the arrival of the 17th century, it gained an individual identity and established as a separate princely state. It then became a hallmark of the Rajput culture. It is a Divisional Headquarter and well connected Railways between Mumbai and New Delhi.

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Since its set up in 1988, the Kota District Unit of NIC is playing a vital role to promote ICT culture. It regularly supports the District administration as well as other Government departments in better planning and decision support and has developed and implemented many e-Governance projects.

Excerpt of the letter from DC&DM Sh. Ajitabh Sharma, IAS, Kota, Rajasthan.

In the present era of IT and Computerisation the initiative of computerisation taken by NIC, Kota is a step in the right direction and has certainly helped the District Administration and Citizens of Kota.

The efforts being put in by NIC, Kota to improve the service being provided to the people are truly appreciable. I am certain that this drive will continue and wish to convey my sincere thanks for implementation of Land Records Computerisation, Treasury computerisation, Arms Licence computerisation, Public Grievances, Ration Cards Computerisation etc.. The role of NIC in the recent Election processes is commendable.

Once again I wish to express my sincere thanks.

Key ICT Activities

Flood Relief Monitoring System: Developed s/w for District Administration to calculate and distribute flood relief to persons whose houses and crops were damaged in Flood.

District Jail Computerisation: Implemented the modules "Prison management System" for information about the Prisoners and "Visitors management System" for visitors coming to meet the Prisoners, at District Jail.

Vidhan Sabha Election 2008 and General Elections 2009: Supported the district administration in successful conduct of the elections process by undertaking various polling activities.

e-Gram Monitoring System: Successfully implemented the Chief Minister Office project e-Gram Monitoring System. Imparted training to Gram Prabharis of Villages of all 5 Panchayat Samitis for filling of EG-1 and EG-2 forms and these forms are fed online for effective monitoring.

Website for Kota District: Developed the website *http://kota.nic.in* for District

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Administration and *http://kotadivision.nic.in* for Divisional Commissioner, Kota. Both websites furnish immense information of interest to general public.

Online Counseling: Rajasthan Technical University, Kota (RTU) conducted Online counseling for Rajasthan Pre Engg Test-2008 (RPET) for admission to 1st year in BE/B.Tech/B.Arch course and Rajasthan Management Admission Test-S2008 (RMAT) for admission in MBA course in collaboration with NIC.

House Allotment System: This s/w helps to allot the Government accommodation to Govt. Employees and generates the list of occupied and non occupied houses, unauthorized possession of houses, Notesheet and Allotment letter.

Arms Licences: Backlog data entry of a total of 21538 pages of Arms Data from 75 old Registers has been completed and new registers printed. It has facilitated generation of different useful reports. The process of Renewal has also been simplified.

Land Records Computerisation: All 947 Jamabandis of all 5 Tehsils viz. Ladpura, Digod, Pipalda, Sangod and RamganjMandi of Kota District have been computerised and ROR (Copy of Khata) are being issued to citizens regularly.

Treasury Computerisation: All modules of Treasury Computerisation and Sub-Treasury Computerisation viz Compilation of Receipts and Payments, Data Depository System, Pension Monitoring System and Payroll system have been implemented successfully

Public Grievances: A windows based Public Grievances Redressal s/w has been developed and implemented. Applicant gives their complaints to the Collector which is sent to concerned officer after registration. Reminders and a D.O. Letter to the related Officer are automatically generated.

MIS for NREGS: Effective monitoring of the program NREGS under National Rural Employment Guarantee Act-2005 necessitates Computer Based Monitoring. The Offline software has been installed at all 5 Panchayat samitis and Training given to MIS Managers and other deputed staff. Data feeding and uploading on the website is being done regularly.

Krishi UPAJ Mandi Computerisation: Implemented s/w in all 3 mandis (Kota, Itawa and Ramganjmandi) in Kota District and daily Market prices and arrival details are being sent to DMI, Delhi using this s/w.

Gram Nirdeshika: Gram Nirdeshika is a very useful database, compiled at NIC, Kota. The database provides standardised and valuable informations about villages and important persons like the Sarpanch for use in other applications.

Video Conferencing at VC Studio, Kota

District Collectorate LAN: A network of 75 Nodes has been setup in the collectorate which has resulted in data and information exchange. It is being mantained for anti-virus, patches and service pack updates of the clients.

Videoconferencing Project: Video Conferencing Studio is being used to organise Video conferencing between District level Officers and their respective Ministers as well as their Secretaries / Directors.

Training at district: Regular training sessions conducted for LDCs of Collectorate, Junior accountant of Treasury & Sub-treasury and Patwaris of Patwar Training School and Salso coordinated training to Resource Person Patwaris under LRC project.

Support to Computer Sections of Other Department: Pension Office, FCI, Ration card computerisation, Krishi Upaj Mandi Samiti, District Collector, Divisional Commissioner, Police, District Supply Officer, Ramganjmandi, Zila Parishad etc.

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