

Namsai District, Arunachal Pradesh

On a progressive path to excel with ICT support under Aspirational Districts Programme

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Since Namsai is one of the Districts chosen across the country under the 'Transformation of Aspirational Districts' Programme, launched by Shri Narendra Modi, Hon'ble Prime Minister on 5th January 2018, all-out efforts have been made by the District Administration along with other stakeholders to expedite the development process. ICT is being used comprehensively to drive the programme, and NIC Namsai is rendering the required technical support with full efficacy.



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Located in the state of Arunachal Pradesh, Namsai District was formed with the third bifurcation of Lohit District on 15th July 2014. NIC Namsai started its operations from the month of May 2018 and since then, it has been providing noteworthy ICT support to the District Administration to develop under the Aspirational Districts Programme. Namsai is one of the Districts selected across the country under this programme through convergence, collaboration and evoking a healthy competition among the districts in five developmental focus areas: Health & Nutrition, Education, Agriculture & Water Resources, Financial Inclusion & Skill Development and Basic Infrastructure.

The progress of the Aspirational Districts is being monitored by NITI Aayog on real-time basis through its dashboard, the "Champions of Change" (<http://championsofchange.gov.in/>). The District Administration has entrusted NIC Namsai with the responsibility of managing dashboard activities specific to the District, including handling of incoming data of various Key Performance Indicators (KPIs), submitted by various departments/ agencies on monthly/ quarterly/ half-yearly/ yearly basis, which it has been doing diligently.

Initiatives under the Aspirational Districts Programme

The Aspirational Districts Programme started in the District in March 2018, and several initiatives have been taken up by the District Administration to speed up the development discourse since then.

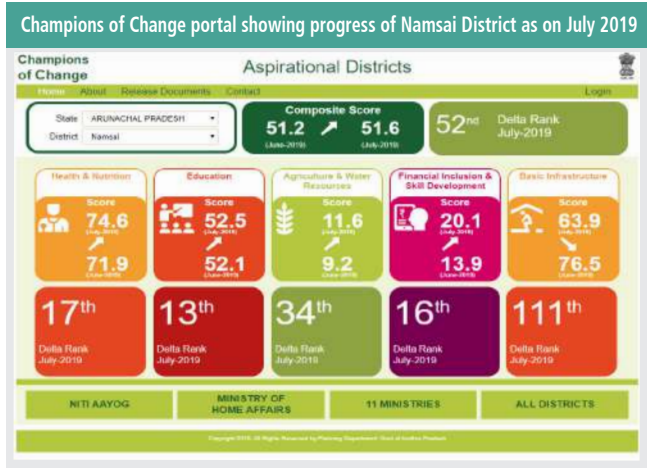
Prior to its implementation, several rounds of discussions and meetings were held to find out ways and means on how to go about implementation of the Programme. On receiving directions from Dr. Neeta Verma, Director General, NIC, to extend full technical support to the District Administration in terms of e-Governance activities for the programme, a team from NIC State Centre, Itanagar, Shri Debasish Nath, ASIO (East) and Shri Tasso Habung, ASIO (West), including Shri C. W. Namshoom, Additional DIO of NIC Roing,



NIC Namsai has been effectively providing ICT support to the District Administration. It has rendered excellent technical support to the District Election Machinery during the Simultaneous Elections 2019. The District Administration has implemented various Central and State level ICT projects like Vahan 4.0, Arunachal eServices, S3WaaS enabled District Website etc., with the active support of NIC Namsai. This has enabled the District Administration in providing transparent, effective and efficient citizen-centric services to the common people of Namsai District.

I wish NIC Namsai all the success in its endeavors to drive and implement many more e-Governance projects in the District.

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From L to R: Shri Debasish Nath, ASIO (E), Shri R. K. Sharma, Former DC, Namsai, Shri Tasso Habung, ASIO (W) and Shri C. W. Namshoom, ADIO Roing & Present DIO Namsai during the meeting at District HQ Namsai

who is the present DIO of Namsai, visited the District HQ Namsai in February 2018. A meeting was convened with the District Administration to discuss e-Governance requirements of the District under this initiative and the way forward.

One of the outcomes of the meeting was to leverage the use of ICT in expediting and monitoring the progress of the Aspirational Districts Programme in the District. Taking it forward, the District Administration has initiated the development of various online MIS software applications including Mobile Apps to track the progress and constantly record numerous data coming from implementation of various initiatives/ schemes like School data through HAMARA VIDYALAYA & TIFINS, Health and Nutrition data through AROHAN, Household & Agriculture data through BASELINE SURVEY, Financial Inclusion data from BANKS, and Infrastructure development data from WORK AGENCIES at differ-

ent periodicity. These data will play a crucial role in ascertaining rate of progress, future planning and shaping the developmental discourse of Namsai District. One of the notable ICT initiatives taken up is the development of a Mobile App called Yathasarvam, which will be a one-stop solution to ensure quality education for students through integration of technology, with a focus to ensure continuous monitoring and accountability.

All the data-centric activities are carried out at a Mini Data Centre specially established under the Aspirational Districts Programme by the District Administration. The Data Centre is an integral part of the District Planning Unit connected to NIC District Centre Namsai. It is under the supervision of District Informatics Officer, who is also the Dashboard Officer of Aspirational Districts Programme. Apart from feeding, storing and analyzing data, the Data Centre will also serve as a Skill Training Centre on computer education & IT.

Each Aspirational District needs to feed data of KPIs collected from various departments/ agencies in it on monthly/ quarterly/ half-yearly/ yearly basis. Based on the incremental progress made by the Districts from a month to the next, overall DELTA ranking and ranking of individual sectors is assigned to the Districts. In one of these rankings, Namsai District secured the first rank in education sector among the 117 Aspirational Districts in the country and was financially awarded by NITI Aayog. The ranking was based on the

incremental progress made from February-March 2019. A complimentary letter from CEO, NITI Aayog, was also received in this regard.



Yathasarvam Mobile App

Summary

In order to meet the broad objective of the Aspirational Districts Programme and address specific development needs of the District to bring it at par with the best performing District in the country by the year 2022, more grassroots initiatives will have to be taken up in the focus areas. NIC Namsai will provide its best possible support to the District Administration in achieving this goal through the extensive use of ICT and e-Governance initiatives. ■

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