

Workshop on eTaal and eGovApp Store conducted on 13 October 2015 in Goa

A one day workshop on eTaal and eGovApp Store was conducted on 13 October 2015 in Goa at the Seminar Hall, Secretariat Porvorim. The workshop was meant to sensitize various department heads of the state government on giving visibility to their e-governance projects through eTaal and eGovApp Store portals at the national level.

There was a brief inaugural function before the technical sessions. Shri JJR Anand, SIO NIC Goa welcomed the participants and briefed the gathering about the need for having this workshop.

Dr. Shefali Dash, Deputy Director General, NIC addressed the gathering and threw light on the genesis of these two projects. Dr. Dash informed how some states which were lower in rating on the eTaal portal as far as e-Governance projects were concerned, have picked up and gone higher in rating because of the monitoring mechanism that eTaal provides. Dr. Dash urged the Govt. of Goa departments to also improve their rating by putting up more and more e-governance services on eTaal.

The chief guest of the function Shri. R.K. Srivastava IAS Chief Secretary Govt. of Goa in his address appreciated NICs initiatives vis-à-vis eTaal and eGovApp Store. He ascertained that giving visibility to e-Governance initiatives in the state was the need of the hour. He urged the participants to make the most of the workshop and put up their applications on eTaal portal and eGovApp Store. The Chief Secretary also assured that Goa's rating on the portal would soon improve.

Shri. Harshad Pawar, Manager (IT), DOIT Govt. of Goa proposed the vote of thanks.

The technical sessions were conducted thereafter.

The first session was presented by Dr. Shefali Dash, Deputy Director General NIC on "eTaal Portal and National and State level e-Governance projects". In the highly interactive session Dr. Dash informed the participants on the procedure to set up their services on eTaal portal.

Shri IPS Sethi Senior Technical Director NIC conducted a session on "Transactions statistics on eTaal and Way ahead to e-governance". He explained the intricacies in setting up handshaking between the eTaal servers and the e-governance project servers.

Dr. Shefali Dash, DDG also presented a session on "eGov App Store & productization of applications". Dr. Dash explained the rigorous vetting procedure that goes into putting an application on App Store. She stressed that this was required, so that quality applications were put up.

The next session was presented by Mrs. Mala Mittal, Senior Technical Director NIC on "eGov App Store Portal". Mrs. Mittal demonstrated the eGov App Store, and explained the steps to put up an e-governance application on App Store.

Presentations were made by NIC Goa officers on two projects developed and implemented by NIC Goa. Shri R. Thangaraj Principal Systems Analyst, NIC Goa made a presentation on "e-Challan Payment Gateway". Ms. Archana Nagvekar Principal Systems Analyst, NIC Goa made a presentation on "File Management System". In these interactive sessions the officers of the eTaal and App Store teams guided the NIC Goa officers and the audience on how these two projects from Goa could be made into excellent e-governance products so that the same could be implemented in other states in the country.

The workshop concluded after a question and answer session between the NIC officers and the audience.

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Shri JJR Anand, SIO NIC Goa giving welcome address



Dr. (Mrs) Shefali Dash, DDG NIC addressing the participants



Chief Guest of the inaugural function Shri. R.K. Srivastava, IAS Chief Secretary Govt. of Goa addressing the participants



(L to R) Mrs. Mala Mittal, STD, Sh. IPS Sethi, STD Dr. Shefali Dash, DDG NIC during the technical sessions

Need to create e-services awareness, says Srivastava

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Chief Secretary R K Srivastava has highlighted the need for creating awareness on services rendered by the state government through e-Governance, so that these services are availed of by the people.

Chief Secretary, delivering the keynote address at the inaugural function of workshop on 'e Tall and e Gov App Store' at Secretariat, Porvorim, said that Goa government is making all efforts in making services available on portal for the public in the state.

Further highlighting the objectives of e Gov app store and other related services, he said the e Gov App Store will give impetus for development of 'e Gov' applications and will replicate successful applications across the state easily.

The workshop was jointly organised by Department of Information and



Chief Secretary R K Srivastava speaking at the workshop. J Anand, Dr Shefali Dash, Harshad Pawar are seen among others

Technology and National Informatics Centre, Goa for the government officers in the state.

Inaugural session was attended by Dr Shefali Dash, Deputy Director General, NIC, New Delhi, J Anand, SIO NIC, Goa, Harshad Pawar, manager (IT) DOIT, Goa, IPS Sethi, senior technical director, NIC, Mala Mittal, senior technical director, NIC, Delhi.

The e Gov App Store is a national-level common

repository of productised application, components, mobile applications and web services that can be reused by various government agencies, departments at Centre and in the states, with the vision to accelerate delivery of e-services as envisaged under NeGP and to optimise the ICT spending of the government.

The App Store avoids duplication of efforts and cost in development of

similar applications, ensures availability of certified applications following common standards at one place and provides a complete ecosystem for application deployment and use.

Dr Shefali Dash, Deputy Director General, NIC also spoke on the occasion.

Earlier, J Anand, SIO NIC, welcomed the guests, Archana Nagvekar compered, Harshad Pawar proposed vote of thanks.