

Workshop on E-Taal, E-Gov App store held

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GANGTOK, October 21: With an aim to promote E-Taal and E-Gov App Store, department of Information Technology organized a daylong workshop at Accounts and Administrative Training Institute Hall here on Friday. The workshop was organized in collaboration with Union Electronics and Information Technology ministry and National Information Centre (NIC), New Delhi. The workshop had the presence of three resource persons – NIC deputy director general Gautam Ghosh, senior technical directors IPS Sethi and Mala Mittal along with officials from various State departments.

E-Taal or Electronic Transaction Aggregation and Analysis Layer were made operational across the country from January 1, 2013 with approximately 3,312 e-Services from 21 Central

ministries. All the 36 States and Union Territories are linked to its dashboard. Over 1,881 crore e-transactions have been recorded as of October 19, 2016 with more than 40 crore transactions per month. Comparing that with Sikkim, the total number of services deployed in Sikkim is a meagre 56, with 46 of them being deployed by the Central government in Sikkim, while the remaining 10 have been deployed by the State government. As of now, Sikkim stands at the bottom of the chart, it was informed.

As part of Digital India programme, there have been a few advancements that Sikkim has done. Some of which were highlighted by Sikkim NIC additional SIO Dr. L.P. Sharma. "Sikkim is one of the few States in the country to come up with a digital cadastral map and an integrated land records management system where various forms of registration are also done. The



State has also devoted to developing eDistrict application using service plus platform developed by ePanchayat (NIC) where eight services have been developed and tested such as issue of various certificates. E-procurement where 114 tenders worth Rs. 1,121.20 crore has been published as of September 2016. E-courts, Confonet which is an online case monitoring system for the consumer forums, Web based Vahan 4.0 application was implemented in RTO Gangtok in September 12, 2016. The transport sector also has

projects such as Sarathi and Parivahan," informed Sharma.

Resource person Gautam Ghosh, in his address said, "The schemes being discussed are citizen-centric where e-governance can be used as a tool. The urgent need is to increase the transactions at regional level. If the transactions are high, it means that the awareness has reached the beneficiaries while it also shows various government initiatives. In case of smaller States and regions, direct benefit transfer in terms of cash instead of food grains and other amenities is also being

considered. E-Taal presents the data upon which the government can act".

I.P.S. Sethi informed that the data provided or collected will have no mention of the personal details but only details of the transactions. The focus has gradually shifted from quantity transaction to quality transactions. Features such as local language interface, State portals and mobile apps are also being developed. He also stressed on the need of a State level Project Management Committee (PMC) under the national level PMC in Sikkim.

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