National e-Governance Division organises Digital India State Consultation Workshop in Chennai, Tamil Nadu under Digital India Programme

Workshop enhances state officials understanding of central E-Gov initiatives and AI integration for citizen empowerment

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A **Digital India State Consultation Workshop** was organised by the **National e-Governance Division (NeGD), Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY)** for the Government of Tamil Nadu in collaboration with the **Tamil Nadu e-Governance Agency (TNeGA)** in Chennai on November 28, 2024.

The workshop will focus on the following aspects

- Workshop focused on making the state officials aware about the central e-gov initiatives that can be taken up for state-wide implementation
- State government departments and the State e-Mission Team got a chance to know about the latest Digital India platforms and applications and ask direct questions
- Senior officials corroborated how the state's project align with the centre's push towards AI integration and citizen empowerment through digital means

Tamil Nadu government officials participate in workshop

Officials from the Tamil Nadu government participated in the workshop which was inaugurated by Thiru. M.Govinda Rao, Director of e-Governance/Chief Executive Officer, TNeGA and Tmt. Chitra Vijayan, Joint

Director of e-Governance/Joint Chief Executive Officer, TNeGA. Shri J L Gupta, Director, NeGD; MeitY and Tmt. P. Tina Joint Director/DRO also graced the event.

In his keynote address, **Thiru. M. Govinda Rao** spoke about India's global reverence in the field of **Digital Public Infrastructure** and how this monumental rise is an opportunity for the state to leverage the infrastructure that is being created. He also expressed the State's willingness to adopt the **integration with transformative Digital India projects like API Setu and Open Forge**.

Tmt. Chitra Vijayan emphasised upon various services being offered by the Tamil Nadu State government that are in alignment with the **Centre's digital policy** and push for seamless digital service delivery.

The workshop also focused upon various initiatives launched by NeGD, MeitY under the Government's flagship Digital India Programme such as DigiLocker, Entity Locker, API Setu, OpenForge, myScheme, UMANG, UX4G among others. Important verticals like Cyber Security and Capacity Building were also discussed. The state led a presentation on initiatives such as GID-based land records survey, e-Office, CCTNS, Namma Gramsabha app, and a revolutionary AI-Ml- based cataract detection app called E-Paarvai as well.

An open discussion was also held between the officials of MeitY and the State Government of Tamil Nadu to deliberate on the challenges and issues being faced in implementation of projects in the state, receive suggestions and feedback for resolving such matters.

This workshop is in continuation of a series of consultation workshops organized by NeGD in collaboration with States/UTs to not only raise awareness about the key projects under Digital India Programme but also identify opportunities for IT projects using Digital India platforms, recognize successful projects for replication, assist in emerging technologies, digital asset standardization, program management and facilitate exchange of ideas, knowledge sharing, and industry partnerships.

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