Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
Major achievements Month of July, 2020

The significant developments pertaining to Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology for the month of July, 2020 are as given below:

I. Important Policy decisions taken and major achievements during the month:

1) Ministry of Education (MoE) and University Grants Commission (UGC) are attempting to liberate the Indian higher education from several regulations that regulators had come up with. National Academic Credit Bank (NAC Bank) will be a service provider available to desirous student community, which will facilitate the integration of the campuses and distributed learning system by creating student mobility on inter and intra-University basis. MoE has requested DigiLocker team of MeitY to undertake implementation of the NAC Bank system on mutual terms.

2)   Digital Transactions - Unified Payments Interface (UPI) powers multiple participating bank customer to accessing their accounts in a single mobile application, merging several banking features, seamless fund routing & merchant payments. This offers multiple services such as Signed Intent QR, Merchant Collect Request, UPI Autopay Facility for Ecom and Billers, IPO etc. The platform is live with 164 banks and over 75 BHIM-UPI Apps are available on Google Play Store. Further, the transaction volume has increased by 82% in last one year i.e. from 82 crore in July 2019 to 149 crore in July 2020, transaction value has also increased by 98% during the past one year i.e. from INR 1,46,386 crore in July, 2020 INR 2,90,537 crore in July, 2020.

3)   Artificial Intelligence - MeitY's "National AI Portal (ai.gov.in)" aims to become one stop solution for all kind of information on Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Emerging Technologies in the country.   The AI theme for July, 2020 was Agri-tech and news articles, webinar, podcast, etc. were organised on the theme. Around 28 State Initiatives and 107 Central Government Initiatives related to AI have been published on the portal. There are 219 news, 178 articles, 51 case studies, and 33 research papers are there on the portal.

 "Responsible AI for Youth" is a National Program for the youth of India with the aim to empower youth to become 'AI ready' and help reduce the AI skill gap in India. The Program is designed to reach out to students from government schools pan India and provide them with an opportunity to become part of the skilled workforce in an inclusive manner. The programme has registered 35,194 students from across the country till July, 2020.   Out of these, 15,281 students have begun their AI journey and 5,401 students have completed their first level of AI training.

4)   International Cooperation

i)   A meeting was held between Hon'ble MEIT and the Australian Minister for Government Services on 6th July 2020. During the meeting, Mr. Robert sought India's participation in their joint international approach to start a dialogue on the leading companies' Exposure Notification Framework and its use in the countries with sovereign, public-health-centred approach to contact tracing.

ii)   Second round of meeting between the co-chairs of India-Saudi Arabia Joint Working Group on Technology and Information Technology to review and finalized MoM of JWG was held on 22 July 2020.

Second Sr. Official level meeting of Saudi Centre for International Strategic Partnership (SCISP) was also held on 23 July 2020 to discuss the agenda points of Technology and Information Technology. Both sides expressed their willingness to cooperate in the priority sectors of knowledge exchange, Investment & Trade in the fields of ICT & Electronics and report back to the SCISP framework.

iii)   The fourth meeting of Digital Economy Task Force (DETF) was held on July 20-21, 2020 through Video Conferencing (VC) to negotiate and finalize the draft ministerial declaration.

Subsequently, the G20 Digital Ministers Meeting was also convened on July 22, 2020 on virtual mode to discuss the fundamental importance of harnessing emerging technologies and data for the social inclusion while addressing the challenges of security, data privacy and protection.

Hon'ble Minister (E&IT), led the Indian delegation and highlighted that India has set up a new benchmark in pursuit of empowerment and inclusion of every Indian citizen with the adoption of smart applications of its digital eco-system. He also shared India's experience of digitalization through Digital India to bridge the digital divide. He further emphasized that G20 nations should seriously ponder and reflect upon the emerging contours of data use and its impact on digital economy.

The Ministers agreed and adopted a Digital Economy Ministerial Declaration to work towards the enhanced cooperation in trustworthy Artificial Intelligence, Data Flows, Smart Cities and Mobility, Security and Measurement of Digital Economy among the G20 members.

5)   UIDAI

The Aadhaar (Enrolment and Update) (Eighth amendment) Regulations 2020 has been published on 2nd July 2020. Subsequent to the said amendment, an Aadhaar number holder, upon attaining the age of eighteen years, may make an application for cancellation of his/her Aadhaar number to a Regional Office of Authority.

6)   National Informatics Centre

Aarogya Setu – Aarogya Setu is a popularly installed app to detect and alert about the risk perception of Covid-19. This unique platform is available only in India.

The App works based on contact tracing method and helps the Government in identifying, monitoring and mitigating the spread of COVID-19 across the country. The Bluetooth contact tracing feature of the app has helped 47 lakh citizens at a potential risk and they were advised further medical interventions and quarantine steps, as necessary.

7)   National eGovernance Division (NeGD)

On the eve of anniversary of Digital India on July 1, 2020, eBook titled '5 Years of Digital Bharat – AatmaNirbhar Bharat' was released and revamped version of UMANG Android App was launched.

MyGov launched 'AatmaNirbharBharat App Innovation Challenge' to encourage the spirit of self-reliance & innovation on July 4, 2020. 6,940 entries were received by July 26, 2020.

Important developments under MeitY's Schemes:

- As on 31st July, 2020, total number of Aadhaar generated are 126 crore against the 'projected population 2020' of 137.05 crore. Aadhaar saturation (Projected Population 2020) across India stands at 88.8%.

- Total number of e-Services registered in eTaal till 31st July, 2020 is 3,879.

I) Minimum Government, Maximum Governance

Jeevan Pramaan

The Digital Life Certificates (DLCs) generated till July, 2020 are 356.34 lakh and DLCs generated in the month of July, 2020 are 88,980.

MyGov

MyGov has 839 discussion themes and 956 tasks. Around 1.24 crore people have registered on the Platform.

Open Government Data Platform (OGD) India

Around 4 lakh resources have been contributed under 8,469 catalogues and 2,072 Visualizations and 37,027 APIs have been created.

II.   Important policy matters held up on account of prolonged inter-ministerial consultations: 'NIL'.

III.   Compliance of CoS decisions: Decisions of CoS meetings on the issues relating to MeitY are being updated on e-SamikSha portal under "Committee of Secretaries" module.

IV.   No. of cases of 'sanction for prosecution' pending for more than three months: 'NIL'

V. **Particular of cases in which there has been a departure from the transaction of Business Rules or established policy of the government:** There has been no departure from the Transaction of Business Rules or the established policy of the Government.

VI.   Status of implementation of e-Governance: MeitY has initiated File Management System through e-Office.

Total No. of Physical files created during July, 2020	Total No. of efiles created during July, 2020
39	661

VII.   Status of Public Grievances:

No. of cases disposed during the month of July, 2020	No. of Public Grievances pending at the end of July, 2020
1011	541

VIII.   Information on the specific steps taken by the Ministry/department for utilization of the Space technology based tools and applications in Governance and Development.

The Geographic Information System (GIS) based decision support system (DSS) platform was established under the National Centre of Geo-Informatics (NCoG) which was approved by the Competent Authority on 31.12.2015 for total outlay of Rs.98.28 crore.

Following are the key achievements on NCoG :

   i.   Total number of Applications: 553
  ii.   Total number of Web applications: 517
 iii.   Total number of Mobile applications: 36
 iv.   Number of Central Ministries/Departments/Agencies :29
  v.   Number of States/UTs: 19