

Important Achievements relating to the Department of Information of Technology

The Department of Information Technology started functioning with effect from 15.03.2000. The significant achievements in the areas of Information Technology include the following:

1. Website of Government of Orissa:

The Website of Government of Orissa (www.Orissagov.nic.in), which has been launched on 15th August, 2002, is bringing about qualitative improvement in information dissemination to the citizens. All forms, Tenders, documents, available in the Government, website are used for transaction with the Government.

2. Local Area Network (LAN) connectivity:

Local Area Network (LAN) connectivity has been installed and made operational in the Orissa Secretariat by the Orissa Computer Application Centre (OCAC). The LAN has been inaugurated on 7th May, 2003. The National Informatics Centre (NIC) has been entrusted with the up-keep of LAN and other related equipments provided by OCAC.

3. Office Procedure Automation :

The National Informatics Centre (NIC) has been implementing the project Office Procedure Automation (OPA) in different Departments of the Government. Apart from SQL Server, Window NT Software and MS-Office-2000 has to be loaded for making OPA operational.

4. Setting up of Orissa Telemedicine Application Network :

Setting up of the Orissa Telemedicine Application Network through Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO), Department of Space, GOI, connecting Sanjaya Gandhi Post Graduate Institute of Medical Sciences(SGPGIMS), Lucknow with three medical colleges at Cuttack, Berhampur and Burla through V-SAT Network is in progress. It will enable delivery of health care from export to remote locations for the benefit of a wider population.

5. UNDP supported Project :-Improvement of Citizens' Access to Information :

Government of India, Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT) has sanctioned UNDP funded project on Improvement of Citizens' Access to Information to OCAC. OCAC is the implementing Agency. The programme is under implementation at Kalahandi District in close collaboration with the district administration.

6. TDIL Project :

A resource centre for Technology Development in Indian Language (TDIL) of Ministry of Information Technology, Government of India for development and promotion of Oriya language based Computer tools and applications has been set up at Orissa Computer Application Centre and Utkal University.

7. **Facility Centres :**

In view of the demand for training and Information Technology projects, three facility centers of Orissa Computer Application Centre viz. at Berhampur, Rourkela and Burla have been made operational.

8. **Software Technology Park of India(STPI)**

Data Communication Facility Centre :

A Software Technology Park of India (STPI) Data Communication Facility Centre is established at Rourkela. The centre would attract export oriented software development firms to set-up their units in it.

9. **Centre for Information Technology Education (CITE) :**

Orissa State Electronics Development Corporation has established Centre for Information Technology Education to impart Master's Degree in Computer Applications (MCA).

10. **Information Technology in Colleges and Schools:**

Computer awareness programme in Schools has been introduced through private Computer firms. It has been decided to extend such facilities in the Colleges of the State.

11. **ERNET Facility :**

At OCAC, the ERNET India under Ministry of Information Technology (MIT), Government of India has established one of the 12 Transit Nodes which are located in reputed R&D and Educational Institutions in the Country including IITs and IISc for internet connectivity with advanced educational content.

12. **DFID Project :**

The Information Technology Consultant to DFID, M/s. Bannok Consulting signed a Memorandum of understanding with OCAC for development of software for Orissa Government Employees Data Base.

13. **Cadastral Map Digitization**

OCAC has successfully completed digitization of 410 village maps of the Bolgarh Tahsil and 426 maps of Kendrapara Tahsil under the Cadastral Map digitization project. The mutation of the land parcels of these villages and its integration to the land records data base is in progress.

14. **Computerisation of OHPC (Orissa Hydro Power Corporation)**

The System studies for corporate wide computerization of OHPC with System requirement Specification (SRS) for seven modules have been completed by OCAC.

15. **Computerisation of State Transport Authority(STA):**

Computers along with some of the application modules of Software and other accessories have been installed at seven sites including STA at Cuttack. A training programme was also organized on computer awareness as well as on application software developed by OCAC for the staff of STA /RTA and the staff of RTOs.

16. Infrastructure Development for Commercial Tax Department:

Orissa Computer Application Centre(OCAC) has been entrusted with the infrastructure development work for computerization at different Range Offices, Circle Offices and Check Posts of Commercial Tax Organizations of the State for implementation of Value Added Tax (VAT).

17. Electoral Roll Data Based Project:

OCAC is the State Level Agency (SLA) for the Photo Identity card project. A pilot project taking eight Assembly Constituencies has been successfully completed. Preparation of Photo Identity card for all other constituencies, has also been completed.

18. Education and Training:

Students of OCAC have achieved good results in its DOEACC training programmes (O.A.B Level Courses). Job oriented advanced courses and the Technical Japanese course are also being organized at OCAC. OCAC has started imparting computer training to the officers and staff of Commercial Tax Department.

19. Vocational Training For MCA Students:

MCA students are required to undergo six months practical training as a part of their course curriculum. OCAC has been providing this facility to MCA students during 2002-2003.

20. INFOCITY :

An IT park named “**INFOCITY**” has been established at Bhubaneswar through IDCO for growth of IT in Orissa. It covers an area of 205 acres of land. The park has infrastructure and communication facilities to attract Software companies to set up their units. Major software houses including **INFOSYS** and **SATYAM** have already set up their units in it.

21. FORTUNE TOWER:

A high tech multistoried IT Complex Fortune Tower has been established through IDCO. It would also provide IT infrastructure for small and medium IT industries. An incubation space measuring a total area of 3,50,000 sq.ft is available for the purpose.

20. Participation of State Delegation in the Mega IT events :

A State delegation headed by the Minister, IT and other officials participated in the BangaloreIT.com – 2002 from 28.10.2002 to 01.11.2002 at Bangalore .A State delegation also participated in the INFOCOM-2002 held at Kolkata from 02.12.2002 to

04.12.2002. Participation of the State in these two mega events was to showcase the development of IT infrastructure in the State as well as to attract major IT firms of the Country to setup their units in the State.