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Workshop Summary Report

A workshop for the project “**Preparing North East for Digital India**” was conducted at Hotel Radisson Blu, Guwahati, Assam on 17th June 2015.

The project “**Preparing North East for Digital India**” is approved by Department of Electronics and Information Technology (DeitY) to support the Digital India initiative, a flagship program of Government of India, which aims to transform India into a digitally empowered society and knowledge economy - Information Technology on three key vision areas of “Infrastructure as a Utility to Every Citizen”, “Governance and services on Demand” and “Digital Empowerment of Citizens”.

National e-Governance Division (NeGD), being the designated organization for implementation of the project “**Preparing North East for Digital India**” organized a one day workshop to chalk out the implementation plan for various initiatives under this project. The workshop was aimed at building overall capabilities of North East States to support the Digital India initiatives.

The day long workshop was attended by 118 delegates, including, IT Secretaries of six NE States, Director Generals and Directors of State Administrative Training Institutes of 8 North East States, officials from other Government Organizations, IT Associations, representatives of Business Schools and Industry viz., NIC, NIELIT, DOT, , BSNL,, C-DOT, DONER, STPI, NECTAR, NASSCOM, NISG, , Ubiquity Solutions, Microsoft, HP, TCS, WIPRO IL&FS, IIM-Shillong, IPE and IIIT- Hyderabad, IPE-Hyderabad, Sikkim Manipal University etc.

With the opening remarks of Dr. C.V. Madhavi, Senior General Manager, NISG who had given a brief about the objectives of workshop and invited Ms. Caralyn Khongwar Deshmukh, IAS, Director, CBMC, NeGD, Mr. M.C. Sahu, IAS, Secretary to Government, IT Department, Government of Assam, Mr. D.P. Walong, IAS Secretary to Government, IT Department, Government of Meghalaya and Mr. Basav Roy Choudhury, IIM-Shillong to inaugurate the workshop by lighting of the lamp.

After the formal inauguration of the workshop, Director CB, NeGD, **Ms. Caralyn Khongwar Deshmukh** presented the inaugural address to set the context of the workshop, by giving an overview of Digital India initiatives and the expected impact of Digital India by year 2019. She emphasized the need for conducting the workshop exclusively for the North East Region which was a sequel to the efforts started last year in a video conference with IT Secretaries and SeMTs.

Shri M.C, Sahu, Secretary IT, Assam in his keynote address felt that a much needed workshop is being conducted in Guwahati to discuss realistic, practical issues to help draft the policies. He expressed that the presence of Government of India officials in large number will make them understand various problems faced by North East States and he also emphasized that special efforts are to be made in the region, reasons being historical and geographical background of these states.