

e-Governance initiatives in Indian states

- (a) Which was the first state in India to announce information technology (IT) policy and when, (b) How many of the states/ union territories in India have announced their own IT policies and which are these states / union territories, and (c) Which was the first district in India to go online?
- (a) It is the first and the largest online delivery of services in India and is the first government department to get a certification of international specification, the ISO-9000: 2000, for its e-Governance services. Name the project, (b) What is Gyandoot project, which won the Stockholm Challenge Award 2000 in the category of public service and democracy, and (c) This union territory calls its Estate Office Handbook as SUIDHA, literally meaning facility. Name the union territory.
- (a) What are APSWAN and WBSWAN, (b) Which city in India is known as Cyberabad, (c) What is E-COPS, (d) With what are the Web sites www.mahapwd.com and www.mahaigr.org associated, and (e) What are TANITEC and C-COMS?
- (a) If it is not a women wear in India, what is SARI, (b) If it is concerned with rural Internet revolution in Tamil Nadu, what is RASI, (c) If it is not insky but concerned with the registration of documents, what is STAR, (d) If it is a society in Tamil Nadu, what is SETS, and (e) If it is a programme in e-governance in a municipal corporation, what is Saukaryam?
- (a) Which is the only union territory in India, which has its bilingual official Web site in English and French (Hint: It is not Pondichery), (b) With which state is Nai Disha, literally meaning new direction, associated, (c) This youngest city in India, which is also a union territory, is always spic and span, but then what is SPIC, (d) Citizens living within the limits of this municipal corporation in Andhra Pradesh have a VOICE, what then is VOICE, and (e) Which state has the distinction of introducing short message service (SMS), the new language of mobile phones, in e-governance?
- (a) Which state proposes to set up 7,800 soodna gunties (information kiosks), (b) What is Project Allahabad, (c) In which state is the Project Archi on the anvil and what does it aim at, (d) What is TamilNILAM, and (e) You may have a DOST, literally meaning friend, but this DOST is different. What then is DOST?

State governments in India have taken to e-governance as fish take to water. They are now competing with each other in computerisation and provision of services to citizens online. As a result the traditional bureaucracies characterised by sloth, subjectivity and malpractices are giving way to e-bureaucracies characterised by speed, objectivity and transparency making best use of latest available information and communication technologies (ICTs). Let us check.

- What are (a) MAP_IT, (b) SETU, (c) Akshay, (d) Warana Wired Village Project, and (e) Bangalore One?
- (a) The British Prime Minister, Tony Blair, inaugurated the Centre for Good Governance (CGG) on January 6, 2002 in the capital of an Indian state. Where is the centre located, (b) Chamravattom village in a backward district is set to become India's, and indeed, some say, world's, first wholly computer-literate village or e-village. Where is it located, (c) Why was Nangal Chaudhary, one of the most backward villages in Narnaul district of Haryana in news some time back, and (d) What are CICs?
- In Delhi, (a) What is the AVIS pilot project, (b) What has EPIC got to do with elections, and (c) What have Sarathi and Vahan to do with vehicles?
- (a) If this state has STAMINA, name the state, (b) Why was Bhoj Open University in news, (c) Chant this MANIRA and you can translate an English text to Hindi. What then is MANIRA, (d) What is LILA (Hint: It has nothing to do with the ancient Indian text on Mathematics titled Lilawati), and (e) What are LILA PRABODH, LILA PRAGYA, and LILA PRAVEEN?



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