

## **Seminar for Implementation of NDSAP & Open Government Data in Madhya Pradesh (Data Portal of INDIA)**

A seminar for implementation of NDSAP (National Data Sharing & Accessibility Policy) & OGD (Open Government Data) in the State of Madhya Pradesh was organized by IT Department, Government of Madhya Pradesh, with support from National Informatics Centre (NIC), Department of Science & Technology, Government of INDIA and ASCI, Hyderabad on 30<sup>th</sup> October 2013 at Mantralaya, Vallabh Bhawan, Bhopal .

NDSAP aims to provide an enabling provision and platform for proactive & open access to the data generated by various Government entities. The objective of this policy is to facilitate access to Government owned shareable data (along with its usage information) in machine readable form within the framework of various related Government Policies, Acts & Rules, thereby permitting a wider accessibility and usage by the public.

The seminar was attended by all the stakeholders from State Government Departments & other Government IT Organizations of the State, besides senior officers from NIC State Centre, Bhopal. Shri Harikiran Rao, Secretary (IT) chaired the Seminar, whereas Dr. Bhoop Singh, Scientist-G, DST, Gol, Ms. Alka Mishra, Sr.TD, NIC and Shri M. Vinayak Rao, SIO, NIC Madhya Pradesh, besides Dr. Valli Manickam & Dr. I.V. Murali Krishna ASCI, Hyderabad, were present in the Seminar.

Dr. Bhoop Singh & Dr. Valli Manickam focused on NDSAP in detail, whereas the presentation of Ms. Alka Mishra was technical and focused on Open Government Data through Data Portal of INDIA (i.e., [www.data.gov.in](http://www.data.gov.in)). She also demonstrated the Portal, covering available DataSets, Potential of available Data, Meta Data, etc. After the presentation, the house was open for discussions & queries. The participants were enthusiastic and raised their queries, which were answered by the experts.

Shri Harikiran Rao, in his keynote address, briefed the strategy to move forward in implementing the NDSAP & OGD initiative and assured that the NDSAP will be adopted by State Government after obtaining appropriate approval from the Cabinet. He also assured that Datasets from Madhya Pradesh would be available on Data Portal within next three months, after finalizing Negative List. In first phase Statistical Data and data pertaining to online Services would be made available on the Data Portal. He proposed that in order to make aware of NDSAP & OGD in more detail another Seminar would be organized by State Government for Senior Government functionaries under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary of the State. He appreciated the efforts of all the concerned on NDSAP & OGD initiative and summed up the session with thanks.

Shri Vinayak Rao assured to extend required & dedicated support to State Government in implementation of NDSAP & OGD in the State smoothly.

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Glimpses of the Seminar