

PRESS RELEASE

DIGITAL INDIA WEEK

The Central Government is launching the Digital India programme on 1st July, 2015, and the Government of Meghalaya will be observing the Digital India Week from 2nd to 7th July, 2015.

The Digital India programme, envisions to transform India into a digitally empowered society and knowledge economy. The programme aims towards preparing India for the knowledge based transformation and delivering good governance to citizens by synchronized and coordinated engagement with both Central Government and State Governments.

The 3 vision areas of Digital India include:

- (i) Infrastructure as a utility to every citizen: This includes providing high speed internet, unique identity, participation in digital and financial space through mobile and bank account, easy access to Common Service Centre (CSC) in locality, shareable private space using Cloud technology, and safe and secure cyber space in the country.
- (ii) Single window access to all persons: This involves seamlessly integrating departments or jurisdictions; availability of government services in online and mobile platforms; All citizen entitlements to be available on the Cloud to ensure easy access; Government services to be digitally transformed for improving ease of doing business; Making financial transactions above a threshold, electronic and cashless; and Leveraging GIS for decision support systems and development.
- (iii) Universal digital literacy. This includes universal access of all digital resources, availability of all government documents/certificates on the Cloud, Availability of digital resources/services in Indian languages; Collaborative digital platforms for participative governance; Portability of all entitlements for individuals through the Cloud.

During the Digital India Week, the Government of Meghalaya will be organizing a number of events at various levels in the State. This is in partnership with several government bodies as well as industry and private institutes.

The events during Digital India Week in Meghalaya will cover multiple areas/aspects/sectors, ranging from Information Technology, Telecom, Skill building, Education, e-Services. The State Government is partnering with multiple Central government bodies like RailTel, BSNL, Department of Telecom, National Informatics Centre (NIC), for various events during the week. Also, events will be held at the District level offices as well.

The Digital India Week will kickstart in Meghalaya on 2nd July, 2015 on the sidelines of the workshop organized by Telecom association on the theme "Mobile Telephony: Digital Inclusion and Health Aspects". The Hon'ble Chief

Minister is expected to grace the occasion along with the Hon'ble IT & Urban Affairs Ministers.

The Village Level Entrepreneurs (VLEs) of the Rainbow Common Service Centres (CSCs) will also be organizing awareness sessions related to services being provided by them. The State government will be awarding the best performing VLEs in the State and one each from Khasi Hills region, Jaintia Hills region and Garo Hills region.

Several private institutes which impart State sponsored training courses, like NIIT, Aptech, Symantec, St Anthony's and Rama Krishna Mission, will also be conducting awareness sessions on the courses.

Several educational institutions will also be participating in the week-long event. It will involve launch of Digital Classroom, Smart Classroom, WiFi for Schools, and Tablet for Teachers at events to be held during the week.

The State Government aims at leveraging the Digital India program towards the benefit of the citizens of the State.