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Scientific Officer

NIC, Government of India

(2014 - Present)

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Experienced Digital Governance and Digital Policy Professional with over 11 years at the National Informatics Centre (NIC), Government of India. Specialized in planning and executing public digital infrastructure, grievance redressal systems, and e-Governance frameworks. Contributor to international forums on Internet Governance (UN, ICEGOV) and recipient of multiple national awards & international recognitions for innovation and impact. Actively involved in shaping inclusive and accountable digital ecosystems aligned with multistakeholder governance principles.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Spearheaded state and central e-Governance projects, improving digital access, transparency, and service delivery.
- Led the District Grievance Management System, enabling data-backed governance and citizen-centric redressal.
- Designed public ICT tools to promote an inclusive digital infrastructure in underserved regions.
- Developed and implemented cybersecurity strategies aligned with national (NIST, United States) standards.
- Regularly advised policymakers and local administration on tech-driven governance models.

SELECTED HONOURS & RECOGNITION

- Speaker at United Nations' International Conference on e-Governance (2017).
- Research publication in ACM's ICEGOV Conference (2017 – USA; 2019 – Australia).
- Recognized in Guinness Book of World Records for program management.
- Winner – National Innovation Challenge, NIC (GOI).
- National Skoch Award for District Grievance Redressal System.
- Selected for the Nobel Prize Exhibition inaugurated by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India (2017).
- Over 20 commendation letters from Secretaries, Collectors, Magistrates, and DDOs (IAS/IPS) for responsible leadership.

SKILL & EXPERTISE

- Internet Governance
- e-Governance Implementation
- Public Infrastructure Design
- Multistakeholder Engagement
- Digital Rights & Inclusion
- Project & Team Leadership

EDUCATION & CERTIFICATIONS

- Certified Cybersecurity Professional – CDAC, Ministry of Electronics and IT (GOI).
- Information Security – Forensic Sciences University of India (NIST-USA based).
- Google Project Management Certificate – In Progress.
- GATE Qualified – 2013, 2017, 2019.
- M.Tech* - Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur (IIT-K)

RESEARCH & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Program Committee Member, ICEGOV (UN/ACM Conference) – facilitated peer review & engagement.
- Published research in Theory and Practice of e-Governance – ICEGOV (2017, 2019).
- Contributor to global Internet Governance forums focused on digital infrastructure, open government, and data protection.