

Announcements for the year 2011-2012

1) Chief Minister's Award for Excellence in e-Governance

Government of Tamil Nadu has envisioned that all Government Services are to be delivered to Citizens at their doorsteps. All Departments should strive hard to deliver all their services to Citizens through e-Governance. As a mark of recognition and encouragement, the departments which strive towards this task successfully will be awarded with the **“Chief Minister's award for Excellence in e-Governance”** every year.

Apart from this, to create an awareness on e-Governance among the youth, students and e-Governance enthusiasts, a competition for development of innovative e-Governance software applications will be held every year and the winners will be honoured with the **“Chief Minister's award for Excellence in e-Governance”** every year.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister's awards for Excellence in e-Governance will take Tamil Nadu to the heights of excellence in Governance.

2) Disaster Recovery Centre at Madurai

While the State Data Centre (SDC) enables the State Government and its departments to host their software applications/services in a secured environment, there is a need for comprehensive Business Continuity Planning (BCP) which will ensure data security.

As per the guidance of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, the Disaster Recovery Centre (DRC) will be set up at Madurai at an estimated cost of Rs.60 crores, which will set an example for other States to emulate. The Disaster Recovery Centre will be a mirror image of the State Data Centre (SDC) which will ensure zero data loss in real time application service delivery.

3) Supply of Cloud based Computers to Village Administrative Officers and Revenue Inspectors

Cloud Computing is a model for enabling convenient, on-demand internet access to a shared pool of configurable computing resources (e.g., networks, servers, storage, applications and services). Cloud Computing differs from the classic Client-Server model by providing applications from a server that are executed and managed by a client's web browser, which does not require any installed client version of an application.

It is proposed to provide cloud computing based Personal Computers to Village Administrative Officers and Revenue Inspectors at an estimated non-recurring cost of Rs.8,000/- per unit and a recurring bandwidth cost of Rs.9,000/- per annum so that they can work on the e-District applications, maintain Computerized Village Accounts and other utility services from their own offices. Initially the pilot e-Districts, viz., Krishnagiri, Ariyalur, Perambalur, Thiruvarur, Coimbatore and The Nilgiris Districts would be covered at an approximate non-recurring cost of Rs.1.50 crores and a recurring cost of Rs.1.70 crores.

4) Provision of Broadband connectivity to the computers provided to the Village Panchayats

During the previous tenure of our Hon'ble Chief Minister, Computers were provided to all 12,618 Village Panchayats of Tamil Nadu in the year 2005. Hon'ble Chief Minister has now decided to provide Broadband connectivity to all these Village Panchayat Offices. The cost per broadband connectivity works out to Rs.7,000/- per annum and the total recurring cost for all the Village Panchayats approximately works out to Rs.10.00 crores.

5) Citizen Contact Centre

In order to furnish details required by the Citizen, enhance the Citizen – Government interaction and also to deliver the services of various departments to Citizens, Government has decided to set up a Citizen Contact Centre at Chennai. The approximate cost for setting up this Centre is estimated at Rs.6.00 crores. Services like Grievance Redressal, providing clarifications on Government Schemes, contact details of Government Offices, status of applications/petitions seeking services, etc., will be offered through the Citizen Contact Centre.

6) Enhanced Rural BPO Policy

In order to create employment opportunities for the rural youth in the IT Sector, Business Process Outsourcing (BPO) Centres will be established in rural areas. An enhanced, restructured rural BPO policy will be devised so as to attract willing entrepreneurs to set up their Centres in rural areas. By establishing these Centres, job opportunities will be created in rural areas on par with the urban areas. As a first step, a

rural BPO centre will be set up in tune with the enhanced rural BPO Policy at the Srirangam Assembly Constituency in Tiruchirapalli District by ELCOT.

7) Proposal for imparting IT Training to Rural College students

Training will be imparted to college students from rural areas by technical experts so as to equip them with the necessary skill-set required for competing in the Global Market and secure an employment in Multi-National Companies. This scheme envisioned by our Hon'ble Chief Minister will brighten the future of our rural youth. Approximately 2500 students will be trained during the year 2011-2012 at a cost of Rs.5.00 crores.

8) Urban Common Service Centres

The e-District Project piloted in Krishnagiri District, aims at taking the Government services to the last mile, effectively and efficiently. Departments like Revenue, Social Welfare, Backward Classes and Most Backward Classes, Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Departments have commenced providing services at the village level through Common Service Centres (CSC). Thus, the Citizen can apply for and receive services like Patta, Chitta, various certificates, Marriage Assistance, Scholarship, etc. Similar Common Service Centres will be set up in Chennai city and its Sub-urban areas. Data, Voice and Video services in the areas of e-Governance, Health, Education, Entertainment, Tele-Medicine and other private services will be rendered to Citizens through these Centres.

9) Computer Training for Staff of the State Secretariat

Secretariat being the axle of the State Administration, it is essential that the work at Secretariat be carried out speedily. Hence, it has been decided to include Computer Training as one of the subjects in the “Foundational Training” given to the Staff of the State Secretariat, which will ensure speedy, efficient and timely execution of work at Secretariat.

10) e-Governance Awareness campaign

To change the present scenario of “**People approaching the Government**”, Hon’ble Chief Minister has envisaged a situation where “**Government reaches the People**”. The role of e-Governance is indispensable to implement this vision. In order to create awareness among the poorest of the poor in our society about e-Governance, it has been decided to conduct e-Governance Awareness Campaigns at the Block level, which will be a “People’s Movement”.