

Seminar & Panel on IT/ITES

Topic: Odisha Opportunities and IT Policy for MSME and technology Start-ups

Venue: Hotel Crown, Bhubaneswar

Date: 17th December 2011

Time: 3PM

Members Present:

1. Shri Pradeep Kumar Jena, Commissioner-cum-Secretary, IT Department, Govt of Odisha.
2. Ayashkantha Mohanty, MD Tatwa Technologies
3. Dan Mishra, Founder and CEO, CSDC Systems, Canada
4. Nihar Samantaray,
5. Tanmay Mohanty, CEO-Cum-MD, Luminous Infoways Pvt. Ltd.
6. Suparna Moitra, NASSCOM

The meeting was chaired by Shri P.K.Jena, Commissioner-cum-Secretary, Information Technology Department, Government of Odisha.

Tanmay Mohanty

Mr. Tanmay Mohanty inaugurated the event and gave the welcome address. He highlighted the features that Bhubaneswar offers for making it the IT destination of India.

Nihar Samantaray

He said that Bhubaneswar has all the ingredients that is required for any IT industry.

Resource

Infrastructure

Objective

Odisha has the highest no. of IT professional in Bangalore, IT Capital of India

Odisha is no less in comparison to other states

He mentioned that 15-20 days is needed to formalize a company

Ayashkantha Mohanty

We have to see the opportunities for growth

Attitude to learn and implement is important

Bhubaneswar provides cost advantage compared to other cities

It has large no. of engineering colleges which provides huge technical resources

However there are shortcomings like unavailability of ready to use infrastructure and private IT firms

Should constantly look for innovations and properly market ourselves

Dan Mishra

Government citizen interaction makes the process of IT growth possible

We need build on inspirations

Ready delivery of services electrically

Rectification should be immediate

Bhubaneswar is cost effective

Scaling of people is can be done in a faster manner

Participatory governance is key to all solutions

Pradeep Kumar Jena

Delivery of services at right time and right manner

Things have changed after RTI Act came into force, which provides the right to citizen for government information

Big IT companies are expanding their business in Odisha which is a sign of IT growth in Bhubaneswar.

He admitted that there are limitations on Govt. procedures and infrastructures.

Within a period of 2-3 years Odisha will be perfect implementer of NeGP in comparison to other states.

IT Dept has asked all the Departments to earmark budget for e-Governance in future so that necessary cost involvements for IT growth can be managed properly and has asked to engage one trained professional in IT for interaction with consultants.

He mentioned that about 3-4 policies and rules are being revised to make it more IT friendly.

He asked members present to approach the department for any kind of queries & requirements.

Suparna Moitra

He said that the revenues earn should generate more jobs. Some of the key elements needed for rapid IT growth are education, health, public distribution system,, financial initiatives etc.

The Govt. should give the continuous assurance regarding IT for period of 10 years. So the industries will not be hampered due to change in leadership.

The Govt. should conduct baseline studies on physical infrastructure, social infrastructure, human resources, and policies of other states. The actual dream of IT can come to only when the rural people join the main stream.

IT industries should focus on vertical & horizontal for overall IT growth.

The meeting ended with thanks to the chair.