Two Days State Level Orientation Workshop on
National e-Vidhan Application(NeVA)
at Guwahati (Assam) 17-18 Dec 2018

A two days Orientation Workshop on NeVA (National e-Vidhan Application) was held at the Conference Hall of Assam Legislative Assembly on 17th & 18th December, 2018. The workshop was organised as per the proposal of Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, Govt. of India to provide training and knowledge transfer to the Nodal Officers and other officials of Assam Assembly Secretariat. The workshop was inaugurated with the lighting of lamp by Hon'ble Speaker, Sh. Hitendra Nath Goswami Assam Legislative Assembly and other dignitaries. Sh. M. K. Deka, Principal Secretary, Assam Legislative Assembly delivered the welcome address. Smt.Suchitra Pyarelal, SIO Assam shared the technical features and benefits of NeVA in her speech.

Ms.Kabita Roy Das, STD and Project co-ordinator from NIC, Assam along with the resource persons from CPMU, MoPA, Govt. of India Shri Arpit Tyagi, NeVA Co-ordinator, MoPA and Shri Sujeet Kumar, DBA, CPMU, NeVA gave module-wise detailed presentations on the important aspects of the NeVA suite of software accompanied by a series of Technical Sessions and Live Demo. Hon'ble Speaker expressed confidence that with support from Central Ministry, within a two years' time, Assam Legislative Assembly will be fully paperless.

Picture: Lighting of Ceremonial Lamp by Hon'ble Speaker Sh. Hitendra Nath Goswami.

Smt. Suchitra Pyarelal, SIO, Assam giving an overview of NeVA

Resource persons demonstrating the software to the audience.

Paperless Assam Assembly in two years, says Speaker

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GUWAHATI, Dec 17: Work will begin soon to convert the Assam Legislative Assembly into a "paperless" and fully digitised Assembly in two years' time, Speaker Hitendra Nath Goswami said here today.

Addressing a press conference on the sidelines of an orientation workshop on 'National e-Vidhan Application' (NeVA), Goswami said a paperless and digital Assembly will not only boost transparency and accountability but also reduce cost and contribute to green efforts.

NeVA is a Mission Mode Project (MMP) of the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs to digitise and make the functioning of State legislatures paperless. It is part of the Digital India programme.

The Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, being the nodal ministry, is looking to roll out NeVA for Digital Legislatures, covering 40 Houses, including both Houses of Parliament and all the State Legislative Assemblies and State Legislative Councils. NeVA is a member-centric de-centralised digital application.

It is a device-neutral app and so most of the information could be accessed by all, including the common citizens without any log in credentials.

Till date, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Sikkim, Madhya Pradesh and Karnataka Legislative Assemblies have started using the app.

"We have also started the formal procedure to adopt the app and as part of it, we will train all legislators and Assembly staff. We are holding a two-day seminar which began here today. It is also being attended by officials from the NIC who will implement the project, and also from the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs," said Goswami.

He said implementation of the digital format in the Assembly and its conversion to the paperless model will make the system more transparent.

Assembly Speaker Hitendra Nath Goswami addressing the media. – UB Photos

"The public will be able to easily access documents, including Bills and questions and answers. It will increase accountability. All information will be available with a single click of the mouse. Besides, it will also reduce cost. It will make the democratic system more powerful and empower the masses. The media will also benefit from it," said the Speaker.

The project to roll out the model across India will cost Rs 745 crore. The funding for Assam is yet to be officially decided but it will be on the pattern of 90:10, with the Centre bearing 90 per cent of the cost and the State bearing the remaining 10 per cent.

"We hope that it will be fully implemented in our Legislative Assembly within two years and we will be able to convert our Assembly into a fully paperless one," said Goswami.

He said legislators, officials and staff must be ready to familiarise themselves and so a series of training programmes will be undertaken. "All of us will have to adopt the new model. The sooner we do so, the faster we will be able to implement it," Goswami said.

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