

VIDEO CONFERENCING ; A LAND MARK DEVELOPMENT TO THE NATION

North Lakhimpur 6th December , 2005 In a land mark development in the state, Deputy Commissioner, Lakhimpur Sri Manish Thakur IAS had a long hours live discussion through video conferencing with New Delhi, Guwahati and shared by five other districts of Assam viz. Nagaon, Barpeta, Jorhat, Dibrugarh, Dhubri and Dibrugarh today dated 6th December 2005 from 11 AM on DISNIC plan project where Lakhimpur district has been chosen as the pilot districts of our Country. The session was participated by Sri M. Moni, Deputy Director General , NIC HQ from New Delhi , Dr Saurabh Gupta SIO, NIC Assam and other state officials from Guwahati , Deputy Commissioner Lakhimpur with several senior officials and district head officials from Lakhimpur and District Informatics Officers of Dibrugarh, Nagaon, Jorhat, Barpeta and Dhubri.

Initiating the Video conferencing, Sri M. Moni , DDG, NIC HQ welcoming from New Delhi to all remote participants and praised Deputy Commissioner, Lakhimpur for his initiative to include the district as the Pilot district. Sri Moni briefed about the usefulness of the micro level data and various initiatives taken so far to develop various kind of micro databases useful to govt as well as to the public. He meticulously described about DISNIC project where intensive micro level village data will be collected, digitized and would be made available electronically , so that every micro data about the district will be made available in the finger tips which can be accessed by govt or any public. Sri Moni told that already a intensive National Level data collection format with more than 100 pages has been prepared in consultation with various agencies and requested Deputy Commissioner, Lakhimpur to check if any addition may be made to serve the local needs.

Taking part the discussion, Sri M. Thakur DC Lakhimpur told that he would find out any additionality required after discussion with line deptts, Panchayat Raj, NGO, local resource persons etc. Also he cited a few options available while collecting data . Mr Moni requested Deputy Commissioner to organize one viz. "Workshop and Brain storming Session on DISNIC workshop" at North Lakhimpur in the coming January 2006 to facilitate various experts from various agencies including Govt of India and Govt of Assam to interact with district officials. He also expressed his desire to participate in the workshop.

The DISNIC plan project is an enormous exercise and presently under implementation in few districts of the country funded by Planning Commission, Govt of India. Once the project succeed , it will be implemented in other districts of India.

The video conferencing facility has been installed by National Informatics Centre, Ministry of Communication & Information Technology, Govt. of India in all districts , Chief Minister's Residence, secretariat of Assam and other states of the country. With this facility, two remote site can have point to point live discussion or multiple points live discussion. Through this facility, government or public can easily participate in live discussion instead of wasting precious time and money to have the same physically.

The discussion lasted for around 2 hours and ended from vote of thanks from Dr. Saurabh Gupta SIO, Assam from Guwahati. Deputy Commissioner appraised Sri Dibyajit Dutta DIO, NIC Lakhimpur to take key rule to organize such landmark events.

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