

PRESS RELEASE

Launching of State Training Centre for e-Governance & Nambikkai Inaiyam - Tamil Nadu Blockchain Backbone

The Hon'ble Minister for IT & DS, Dr.Palanivel Thiagarajan today (13.06.2023) inaugurated the State Training Centre for e-Governance and launched **Nambikkai Inaiyam (NI)** - the Blockchain Backbone of the State of Tamil Nadu with **e-Pettagam – Citizen Wallet Mobile App** at Tamil Nadu e-Governance Agency (TNeGA).

State Training Centre for e-Governance:

To fulfill the internal Training needs of TNeGA and external needs of other Departmental Stakeholders, a modern **State Training Centre for e-Governance** measuring 2750 sq.ft has been set up at a cost of Rs. 1.93 Crore inside TNeGA Office in the 7th floor of P.T.Lee Chengalvaraya Maaligai. Tamil Nadu e-Governance Agency will impart Training to its own officials (Headquarters and District) and to other department officials at headquarters and districts.

Types of Training :

1. E-Office Training
2. G2C services Training
3. E-District Managers (E-DMs) Training
4. Software simulation Training
5. Mobile App simulation Training
6. GIS Training

7. E-Procurement Training

8. Any other Training requiring hands-on capacity building

The Training imparted is different from usual Trainings as the methodology will be hands-on, computer-based and simulated in a staging environment.

In summary, the State Training Centre for e-Governance will perform the following types of Training;

1. Conduct of Hands-On, System based Simulation Training
2. Conduct of Training in Hybrid (Lecture + Hands On) Mode
3. Conduct of Training to Master Trainers in districts in VC Mode

The Salient features of the State Training Centre for e-Governance is as follows:

This facility comprises of two classrooms with seating capacity of 56 each and equipped with the following salient features;

- i) Both Training Halls A & B have separate Audio Systems and the Halls can also be combined together. Each Hall has a 98 inch Large LED Display for the participants as well as 2 Nos. of 55 inch Displays.
- ii) Each Trainer has been provided with a Digital Kiosk with 24-inch Touch Monitor connected with High-end CPU, to conveniently conduct Training programmes.
- iii) All the participants would be provided with a Laptop for Hands-on-Training. Thus, while the Instructor guides them on the Main Screen, the participants would be working on their laptops simultaneously.
- iv) To Improve the Interaction between the Trainer and participants, the participants are provided with Microphone to clarify the doubts from the Trainer
- v) High-speed connection and bandwidth will allow multiple users to work alongside during the Training.

This Training Centre will thus act as one of the principal agents of change in e-Governance through Training & Capacity Building.

Launch of Nambikkai Inaiyam (NI) – Blockchain Backbone:

Nambikkai Inaiyam (NI) is a Blockchain-As-A-Service Infrastructure built for the State of Tamil Nadu. It will allow the Government to secure documents and data – such as e-Sevai certificates, Academic Certificates , Mark Sheets, Licenses, Land Transaction Records etc., and protect them from tampering. The **e-Pettagam App** will allow public to securely share their e-Sevai Certificates, Academic Certificates and Marksheets through this App.

This will enable residents and businesses of Tamil Nadu to share their digitized documents in a secure and paperless manner for verification by employers, Higher Education Institutions, Government entities, Banks and other authorities. This will significantly cut down the need for residents of Tamil Nadu to travel and submit original documents for employment, admission, accessing Government services, traveling or working abroad etc. All verification will happen with the NI Blockchain which will certify that the digitized documents are not tampered / altered in any manner from when they were issued.

The NI Blockchain will also allow the Government to build efficient inter-departmental workflow and enable secure exchange of data and digitized documents between the Departments.

At Phase-I, TNeGA will secure 24 e-Sevai certificate types (including Community Certificate, Nativity Certificate, Income Certificate, First Graduate certificate, etc.), Academic Certificates and Mark Sheets. Residents can choose to securely share these documents through Email, SMS or other

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means, through the e-Pettagam mobile app. TNeGA will also secure land record data of the State of Tamil Nadu.

Secretary to Government, IT &DS Department, Thiru.J. Kumaragurubaran, IAS., Director of e-Governance/Chief Executive Officer, Tamil Nadu e-Governance Agency (TNeGA), Thiru.Praveen P. Nair, IAS., Joint Chief Executive Officer, Tamil Nadu e-Governance Agency (TNeGA), Tmt.P. Ramana Saraswathi IAS., and other officials participated during the inauguration.

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