CSI NihilenteGovernance Awards 2018

Brief Report

The nominations received covered almost the whole turf of the governance activities. The areas included Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, Fisheries, Forests & Environment, Education, Training, Employment, Energy, Water, Food & Civil Supplies, Housing, Urban Development & Transport, Police, Home, Security & Justice, Revenue, Finance, General Administration, Social and Citizen Welfare Services. The emphasis has increasingly been on empowering the citizen through digitalisation and the resultant transparency for effective and efficient governance.

CSI NihilenteGovernance Awards 2018, the sixteenth in the series started in July 2018 with the call for nominations under three categories (Projects, Sustenance and State) from various Government departments/Institutions, both at the State and the Centre. Over 200 plus interesting and innovative nominations were received from across India. These were reviewed by a team of experts by adopting a well-defined multi-level evaluation process. Intimations were sent to the departments/entities that were shortlisted at the end of first level, and a schedule prepared for field visits with the concurrence of the selected nominations. The field visits were completed in October and November 2018 and the second shortlist was prepared. The owners of these shortlisted nominations were invited to make presentations at what was called "Finalists Presentations" during Nov 16 & 17, 2018 at MCR HRD Institute, Hyderabad. We were fortunate to have the support of the Director General of the Institute, who provided the facilities for conducting the sessions. After the presentations and an overall assessment of the nominations that made the grade, the final list of award winning nominations were prepared. Our panel of experts from across the country had tough time in short listing the winners. Thirty Four of the project category nominations, further sub categorized into Central, State and Local Administration made the grade. Awards for sustenance were bagged by three and the under the State award category four of the nominees were identified as winners.

Like every year the wealth of knowledge presenting some of the best practices of eGovernance has been made available as a compendium titled "Citizen Empowerment through eGovernance" edited and compiled by Smt Sridevi Ayaluri and Dr C V Ramamohan. The compendium presents in allseventy articles covering many domains and learnings under different life stages of e-Governance projects.   A soft copy of the compendium is available for download through the 'Publications' link of the SIG eGov web site.

CSI SIG conveys its heartfelt gratitude and thanks to the sponsors M/s Nihilent Technologies for the unstinted support and encouragement all through the awards journey.

Needless the say, the trust and support provided by CSI HQ team of President and all the other members of the Exec comm, particularly Chair Division 1 and other founding members / mentors of CSI SIG eGov has been a source of strength in the successful completion of the 2018-19 Awards cycle.

Our sincere congratulations to all our nominees, and award winners, whose passionate support keeps the Awards going, year on year!

The process came to a logical conclusion with the despatch of the award baskets to the winners across the country in Apr 2019.