

Inauguration of Information Kiosk developed by C-DAC, Kolkata at the Department of Panchayat & Rural Development, Government of West Bengal

An interactive Information Kiosk developed by C-DAC, Kolkata has been inaugurated by the Honourable Governor of West Bengal Shri Gopal Krishna Gandhi on 25th February, 2006 at the Department of Panchayat & Rural Development, Government of West Bengal. Honourable Minister in Charge, Department of Information Technology Shri Manabendra Mukhopadhyay and Honourable Minister in Charge, Department of Panchayat & Rural Development, Shri Suryakanta Mishra were present during the occasion. The kiosk developed by C-DAC, Kolkata focuses on vernacular language based interactivity and all the Government information available in the kiosk is in Bengali for easy usage by the common mass. Other features of the kiosk include icon based navigation, user-friendly interface and periodic updating of information through network. Shri Suryakanta Mishra, Honourable Minister in Charge, Department of Panchayat & Rural Development declared in the function that similar kiosks will be installed in all the Gram-Panchayats of West Bengal soon as a part of State's E-Governance plan.



Shri Gopal Krishna Gandhi Hon'ble Governor of West Bengal Inaugurating the Information Kiosk



Shri Gopal Krishna Gandhi, Hon'ble Governor of W.B., released the "Ekalavya" and dedicated it to the nation



Kiosk demonstration to Hon'ble Governor of W.B., Shri Manabendra Mukhopadhyay and Shri Suryakanta Mishra

Also, a unique software tool named "Ekalavya", developed by C-DAC, Kolkata, was officially released and dedicated to the nation by the Honourable Governor of West Bengal Shri Gopal Krishna Gandhi in the same function. Shri A. B. Saha, Executive Director, C-DAC, Kolkata informed the august gathering that "Ekalavya" is a multi-modal educational template in bi-lingual format (English and Bengali). The tool can be widely used in teaching traditional or vocational topics to the common masses by appropriate harnessing of multi-media technologies resulting in all-round visualization. Already, a number of contents (like, computer fundamental, Computer Assembly and Maintenance, C-Language etc.) have been developed and successfully field-tried at various districts of West Bengal by Multimedia Group, C-DAC, Kolkata.



Shri A.B. Saha, Executive Director, C-DAC, Kolkata is explaining the Vision and Mission of C-DAC to the guests of honour

vernacular language won huge applause from the Guests of Honour, dignitaries and bureaucrats present in the function.

C-DAC, Kolkata's such unique endeavours aimed at proliferation of appropriate IT to the masses in their