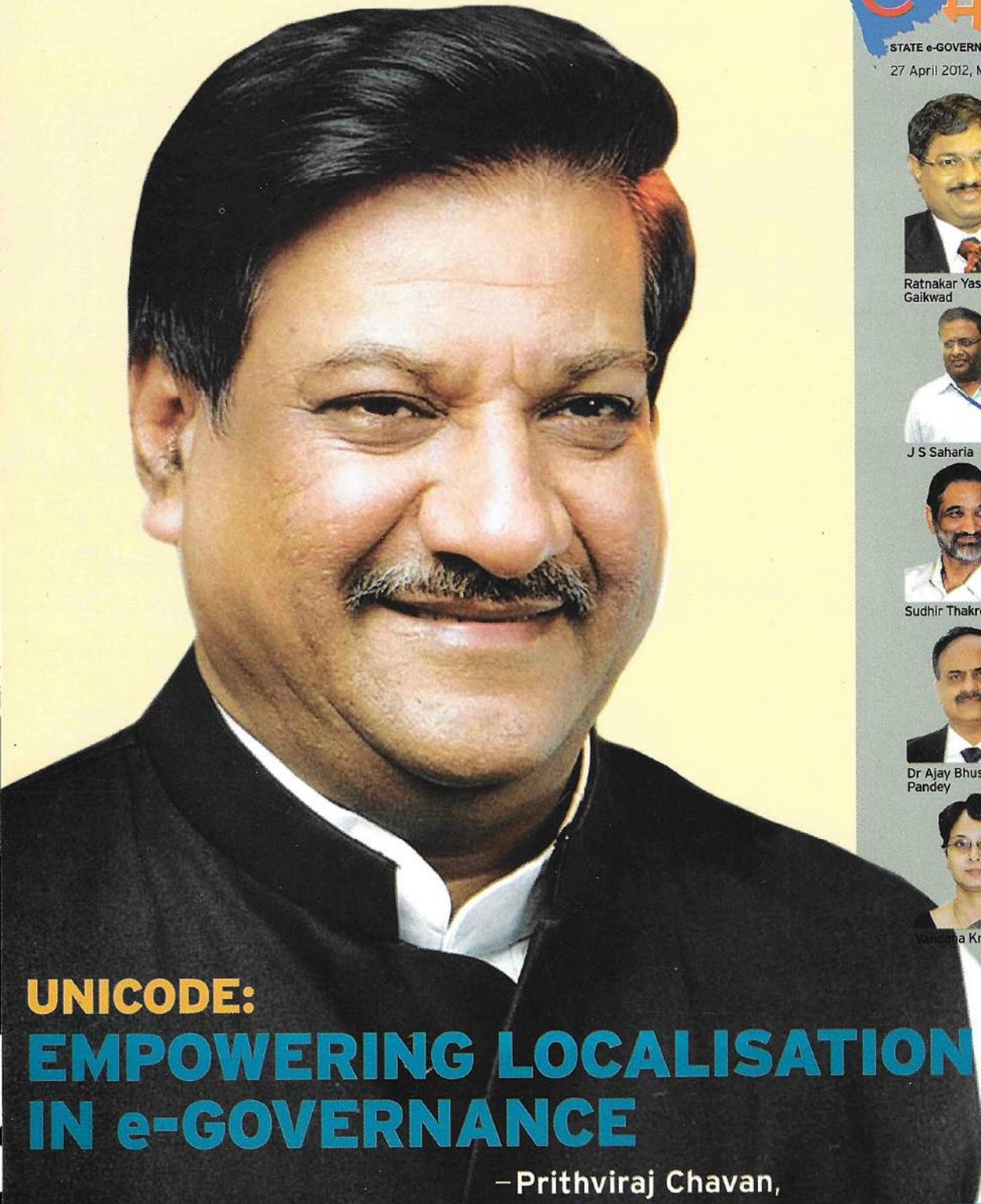


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he government of Maharashtra has been pursuing a very active ICT-focussed policy, making the ICT sector one of its key priorities. However, rather than allowing development to overwhelm the social sector and creating fissures in society, the state has developed a comprehensive plan that envisages using ICT in a range of e-Governance initiatives, which can provide benefits to all sections of society.

The rapid implementation of UIDAI scheme is one of Maharashtra's great achievements. By 2013 the entire state will be enrolled under UIDAI Scheme. The state is developing applications and tools to use UIDAI based authentication measures to ensure that the subsidies, scholarships and other benefits reach the sections of the population for whom they are meant.

Through the use of e-Scholarship scheme the state exchequer has saved lot of public wealth, while also ensuring that the students and the institutions have access to the money they are entitled to in a timely and seamless manner. The state is also leading in the implementation of CSC Scheme (Common Service Centre); as of now we are having synchronisation with 25,000 Sangram Kendras or e-Panchayats into CSCs. These will offer CSC services as well as G2C services.

Much of the success that the state of Maharashtra is seeing in the implementation of various e-Governance projects is also an outcome of the success in the State Data Centre project. The State Data Centre has our own set of IPV4 and IPV6 addresses taken directly from APNIC and more than 116 applications of various departments running on cloud. The reliability of the SWAN (State Wide Area Network) has increased from 70 percent to 96 percent.

The implementation guidelines of Maharashtra's e-Governance policy have been finalised and will start getting implemented from 1st May 2012. Lot of benefits of the new e-Governance systems that are being launched also rely on the accessibility of these systems. That is why the state has ensured that all the e-Governance systems and tools are accessible in Marathi as well, thus ensuring larger participation.

I wish the eMaharashtra event a great success!



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