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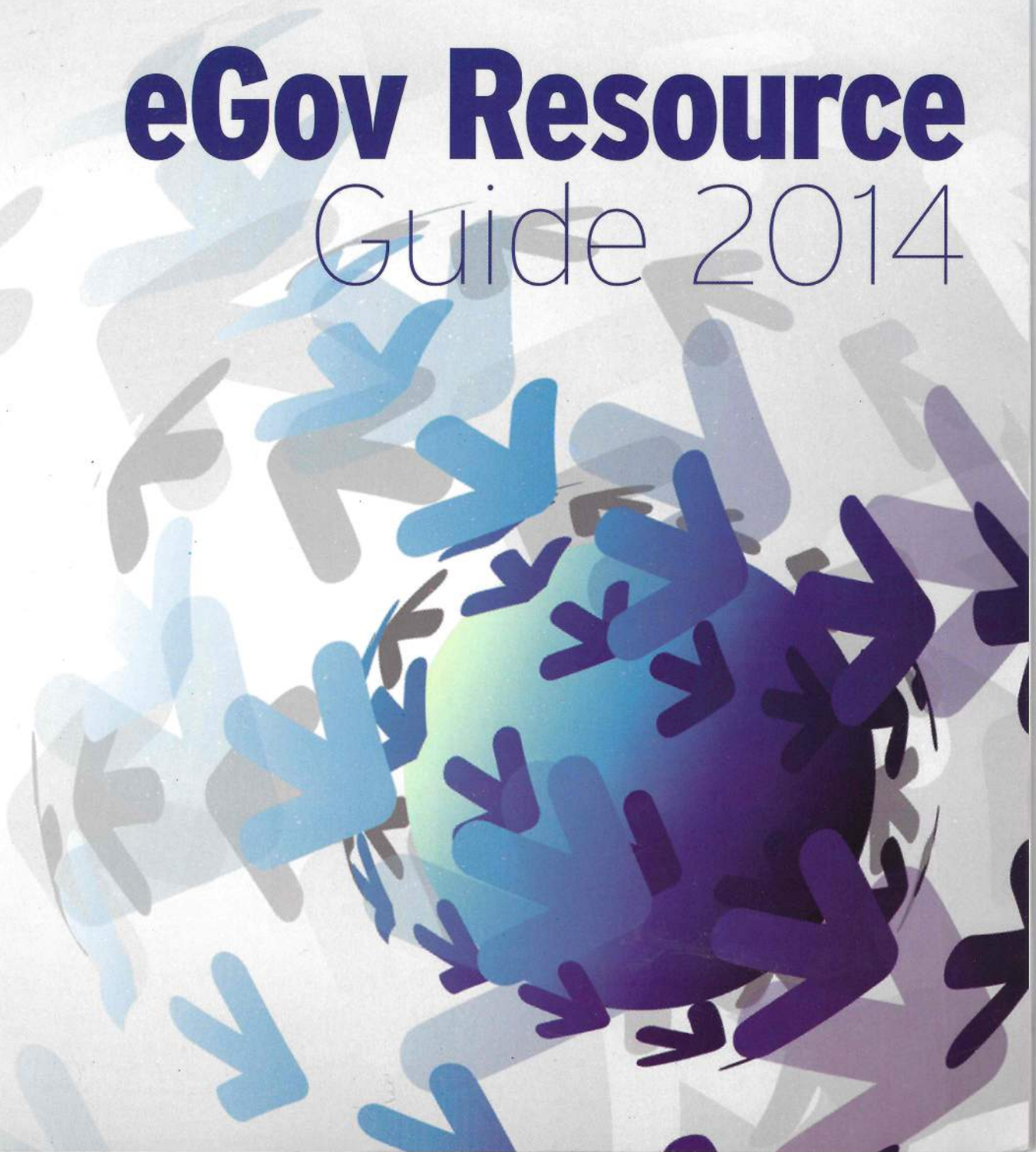


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the art data centre will give further fillip to the e-Governance initiatives that are being implemented in the state. It will serve as a secure base for hosting and managing e-Governance applications of different departments. Before this State Data Centre came up, the myriad departments in the state had to work through their own setup of servers, but the global safety norms could never be implemented in these. The new SDC is expected to serve as a solution to lot of challenges that were there in the path of e-Governance in the state.

State Data Centre: A new chapter

Bipul Pathak, Commissioner/ Secretary, Science & Technology and Information Technology Department, Government of Jammu & Kashmir explains about the status and significance of SDC in the development of state. "The State Data Centre (SDC) in Jammu & Kashmir is complete. Some government departments have already migrated their applications to the data centre; these applications have been used as a part of the testing process." In Pathak's words, in near future, the state will be migrating all the government applications belonging to various departments into the State Data Centre. As the CCTNS project is on verge of starting, we plan to host it directly in our State Data Centre. We believe that e-Governance is for the people, by the people and of the people. For its effective implementation basic infrastructure like SDC is a must.



Rajesh Aggarwal, Principal Secretary - IT, Government of Maharashtra implementing new technologies in the state.



R S Sharma is the new secretary of DeitY, Government of India.

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Maharashtra: Riding on MahaGov

In governance, Maharashtra has led the way through programmes such as the Food for Work programme and the Employment Guarantee Scheme, key features of which one can see in the National Employment Guarantee Act. It has also been at the forefront of adoption of technology in governance. The state NRHM office has implemented a revolutionary e-file system and has become a completely paperless office. Everywhere one turns to look, initiatives abound. All across government, technology is being deployed to usher in revolutionary improvements in service delivery, savings in time and cost and increase in general efficiency.

Cloud Computing: A boon

Government of Maharashtra has realized long back about the potential of using Cloud Computing as a medium to provide shared, cost effective, faster, reliable, secure, and agile services to the Government Departments. The MahaGov Cloud was implemented in State Data Centre and is extensively used by departments for website and application hosting. The availability of Government Cloud and ease of provisioning infrastructure has encouraged departments to host their application in State Data Centre.

Rajesh Aggarwal Secretary, Department of Information Technology, Government of Maharashtra says to eGov, "The cloud computing technology has already saved more than crore of rupees for us and has given us the ability to accelerate projects of national importance."

New Technologies, New Leadership: The Road Ahead

The infusion of new technologies such as the Cloud and Enterprise Mobility, new devices such as Tablets and innovative service offerings from the industry are also triggering IT Expenditure. J Satyanarayana, former Secretary, Department of Electronics and Information Technology (DeitY) in 2013, in an interview with eGov stressed upon how Government of India is trying to explore cloud computing. He said, "We have come up with a policy paper on cloud computing in government departments. We have already sanctioned rupees 99 crore for the implementation of the first phase of the policy paper on cloud computing.

The government has now appointed Ram Sevak Sharma, the Jharkhand cadre IAS officer, as secretary of Department of Electronics and Information Technology. The new IT secretary held the position of Director General and Mission Director of the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) and played instrumental role in developing Aadhar card concept and usage of ICT in delivering services.

While talking to eGov, Sharma informed that ICT is the only tool for bringing reforms in the governance. It is expected that the new IT secretary will act as per his image and take the legacy of former IT secretary to the higher levels. 