

Northern Region

Amod Kumar

District Magistrate—Sitapur, Uttar Pradesh

"For simplifying district level administration by abolishing layered structure of bureaucracy through ICT intervention, leading to better redressal of public grievances and information dissemination of government schemes; thereby connecting people to strategy makers"

As the district magistrate of Sitapur he is credited with conceptualizing and implementing Lokvani, a web-based grievance handling system aimed at improving the responsiveness of the district administration. This single window system also handles land record maintenance as well as offering other services like online revenue court cases, tender publishing and monitoring, employment advertising, beside providing information of various government schemes, prescribed government forms, arms application status and teacher's GPF details. The model is being replicated across Uttar Pradesh.

This MTech in civil engineering from IIT-Kanpur, has a deep understanding of government functioning, thanks to his unique and diverse career profile that ranges from his first posting as the sub-divisional magistrate to being



Prof MM Ansari, information commissioner handing over the trophy to Amod Kumar (Right)

chief development officer of Rae Bareilly, additional commissioner of rural development department and additional executive director, State Innovations in Family Planning Services Project Agency. He is also credited with implementing the CM's videoconferencing with district magistrates in 2001 as the special secretary to the Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh.

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Shyam Bihari Singh

SIO and Sr Technical Director—NIC, Uttar Pradesh

"For developing and executing business models that suit the needs of the industry, government and the citizens and for driving a highly motivated team of more than 200 IT professionals in Uttar Pradesh, to achieve 'Good Governance' through ICT intervention"

A man with rich experience of serving private, public sector and central government organizations in different capacities, he has been involved in the rollout of majority of e-Gov projects in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar—from automation in Treasury, State Electricity Board, Transport and Sales Tax Departments to Land Registry, Pension disbursement, Lokvani and Bhulekh. He is also credited for implementation of the online electricity billing system in Bihar and redefining the PPP service delivery model as a pro-poor program.

The man, who joined NIC's UP state unit in 2001, has since then been striving hard to provide the fruits of IT enabled services to the common man despite the odds of political and bureaucratic reshuffles and negative attitude



R Chandrashekhar (Left) hands over the e-Gov Champion trophy to Shyam Bihari Singh

of government employees. A BE from BITS-Pilani, he has also worked with Delhi-based software company Softek where he was responsible for designing and developing two highly acclaimed software packages—SIMS and the Banking System. Subsequently, he joined NTPC in New Delhi and extensively worked on the production, planning and control to streamline the material management process.

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