



DO No.N-19011(16)/3/2022-e-Panchayat

Dated : 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 2022

Dear *Ma'am/Sir,*

With the changing demographic structures, rural areas have also experienced a demand for enhanced service delivery. The vision and concept of "Smart Village Panchayats" is a game-changing cross-sectoral and whole-of-government approach in the design, deployment and scale-up of the ICT applications and digital solutions at the Gram Panchayat level. Discovering and implementing new solutions to address local challenges would therefore be one of the key characteristics of Smart Village Panchayats.

2. In this light, Ministry of Panchayati Raj has decided to organize a two-day National Conference on '**Smart Village Panchayats: Empowering Rural Communities; Leaving No One Behind**' on 15-16<sup>th</sup> September 2022, under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Union Minister of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj. The Conference aims to develop a common understanding on the concept of Smart Village Panchayats and to create a comprehensive framework, with participation from all the stakeholders (Government & Non-Government) associated with Smart Panchayats and Rural Development. Participation of the Industry is also being solicited, to exchange ideas and showcase various working models across the country.

3. The State Governments and Gram Panchayats are key stakeholders in adoption of technology interventions and development of Smart Villages. Thus, it is requested that 3-4 representatives from State Government including Elected Representatives from Gram Panchayats may be nominated to participate in the said conference. The complete tentative schedule of the Conference alongwith a policy paper on 'Smart Village Panchayats' is also attached for your kind reference

4. It is requested that your travel itinerary may please be shared per the below format so

that the necessary arrangements be made at the venue.

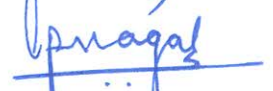
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Looking forward to your concurrence and active collaboration the National Conference on Smart Village Panchayats. For any queries, Sh. Mayank Kharbanda, Consultant, MoPR may be contacted on 9888315533; [Mayank.kharbanda@nic.in](mailto:Mayank.kharbanda@nic.in)

With Regards,

Encl: As above

Yours sincerely,

  
(A P Nagar)

To,

Additional Chief Secretary/ Principal Secretary/ Secretary, Panchayati Raj Department (All States) for sharing the participants list with a special request to:

1. State Panchayati Raj Department, Andhra Pradesh for nomination of Elected Representative/ Panchayat Official/ State Representative as a speaker for the session on 'Smart Village-Smart Ward towards Smart Andhra Pradesh'
2. State Panchayati Raj Department, Karnataka for nomination of Elected Representative/ Panchayat Official/ State Representative as a speaker for the session on 'Digital Libraries'
3. State Panchayati Raj Department, Kerala for nomination of Elected Representative/ Panchayat Official/ State Representative as a speaker for the session on 'Integrated Local Governance Management System' and Representative from Meenangadi Panchayat for 'Towards Carbon Neutrality'
4. State Panchayati Raj Department, Tamil Nadu for nomination of Elected Representative/ Panchayat Official/ State Representative from Odanthurai Gram Panchayat as a speaker for the session on 'Smart Energy-Experience sharing by Odanthurai Gram Panchayat'

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