

**NIC, Uttar Pradesh honoured by the State Election Commission, Uttar Pradesh for the IT enablement of the UP Panchayat Elections**



[Dr Saurabh Gupta, SIO receiving the honours on behalf of NIC from Shri S.K. Agarwal, SEC, UP](#)

NIC, Uttar Pradesh was felicitated by the State Election Commissioner (SEC) Shri S.K Agarwal on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April, 2016 for outstanding contribution towards the recently concluded Panchayat Elections in the state. The honour was conferred during the celebrations of the 7th National Panchayati Raj Day at Indira Gandhi Pratishthan, Lucknow. On behalf of NIC-UP, Dr. Saurabh Gupta, State Informatics Officer, NIC, Uttar Pradesh collected the citation and honour.

UP Panchayat is one of the largest elections in the World's, it was held for more than 8.2 lakh posts (7.45 lakh members of village, 20,022 members of kshetra panchayat & 59,000 village pradhans) and nearly 10 Lakhs employees had to be deployed for the election work in 75 districts of the state.

For the first time in the country, a web based centralized system was developed & implemented for the UP Panchayat Elections. The Panchayat Polling Personal Deployment System (PPPDS) was used for online manpower deployment across the state with minimal manual intervention and after taking into account all the necessary permutations and combinations provided by the SEC, including randomization. Online nomination system was introduced to enhance transparency and the results too were declared on-line. De-duplication process was adopted to weed out duplicate electors thereby reducing false &

bogus voting. Other modules include Electoral Roll Management, Counting Management, Incident Reporting & web casting.

The entire Panchayat Election team at the State Centre in Lucknow and DIOs/ADIOs posted at the NIC district centres worked tirelessly, day & night for more than 3 months to make the project successful. Many DIOs and ADIOs received appreciation from the district administration and their efforts were lauded by the State Election Commission as well.

