

Glodyne's subsidiary Smaarftech rolls out e-shakti project under NREGS

e- Shakti cards to usher simplicity and transparency for workers

Patna, 24th February 2009: Glodyne Technoserve Limited, a leading Technology Infrastructure Management Services company, through its subsidiary Smaarftech Technologies has partnered with the Rural Development Department of the Government of Bihar in implementing and managing the National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (NREGS) project in Bihar.

The e-shakti project under the NREGS scheme was launched today at the hands of the Hon. Chief Minister of Bihar, Mr. Nitish Kumar at Naubatpur, Patna. The NREGS scheme, an initiative of Govt of India, guarantees 100 days of employment in a financial year to below the poverty line household. The uniqueness of the scheme is that it treats employment as a right and the programme is intended to be demand-driven.

Bihar is the first state in the country to have launched the Scheme in the entire state through e-shakti project, which is completely technology driven. A consortium led by Smaarftech Technologies (a subsidiary of Glodyne Technoserve Limited) consisting of Face Technologies, a leader in identity management solutions from South Africa and Anil Printers, is instrumental in the implementation of e-shakti Project. The e- Shakti project seeks to bring in contactless smart cards to workers registered with NREGS for their wage disbursement, identification, and a host of other service features.

The e-shakti project has the potential not only to generate more employment directly and indirectly, but also to transform rural economic and social relations at many levels. Smaarftech is responsible for the project implementation, management and maintenance.

In the first phase, the e- Shakti project will cover beneficiaries from the Patna District and in the subsequent phases; the Project will be scaled in the entire state. With e-shakti the processes of registration, receipts, job demand, muster rolls, works, attendance, calculation and disbursement of wages will be digitalized saving all the paperwork and complexity giving the rightful benefit to the card holders.

Commenting on the project **Mr. Annand Sarnaik, Chairman and Managing Director, Glodyne Technoserve Limited** said *"We are proud to be part of the implementation of the e-shakti project. It has been an enriching experience working with the Government of Bihar and all the partners involved in the project. Technology is being used for empowerment and enrichment of the rural households of the state. The state of Bihar has taken a futuristic approach towards implementing NREGS through e-shakti. It is indeed a historic day for the people of Bihar and for everyone associated with this project"*.

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