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NASSCOM, ODISHA LAUNCH DRIVE TO CONTROL E-WASTE

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The National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM) Foundation, the MAIT and the CEAMA in partnership with the Union Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), the State Pollution Control Board and the Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation (BMC) held a high-level workshop here on Wednesday devising ways to sensitise the people of Bhubaneswar on e-Waste.

The workshop is a stepping stone towards the Government of India's drive to control e-Waste across India with a pilot programme being run in the cities of Bhubaneswar, Guwahati, Imphal, Indore, Kolkata, Moradabad, Panjim, Patna, Pondicherry and Ranchi.

The event saw the presence of several high ranking dignitaries from both the Centre and the State, including Dr Sandip Chatterjee, OSD to the Secretary, MeitY, Dr Krishan Kumar, Commissioner, Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation, Principal Secretary, F and E SC Mohapatra, Principal Secretary, Electronics and Information Technology PK Jena, Housing and Urban Development Secretary G Mathi Vathanan and Development Commissioner R Balakrishnan.

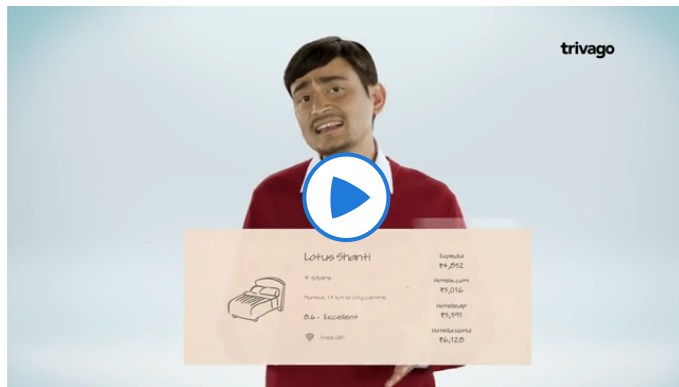
Chief Secretary Aditya Prasad Padhi welcomed the initiative, highlighting how important it is for the citizens of Bhubaneswar to be aware of the harmful effects of eWaste and how it should not be mixed with the household waste and rather be disposed of in a responsible manner.

Eight different categories of stakeholders have been identified by the team which include dissemination and awareness in schools, colleges, informal sectors (like daily market electronic industry), manufacturers, refurbishers, dealers, bulk consumers and RWS(Resident Welfare Associations).

The awareness cum sensitization programme has been slated within a time frame from December 15 to March 31 next. The impact report of the programme will be put on table by April. Thereafter, the Ministry of Environment and Forest (MoEF), MIT and State Pollution Control Board shall implement safe disposals and gainful extractions.

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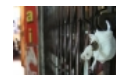
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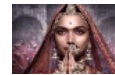


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