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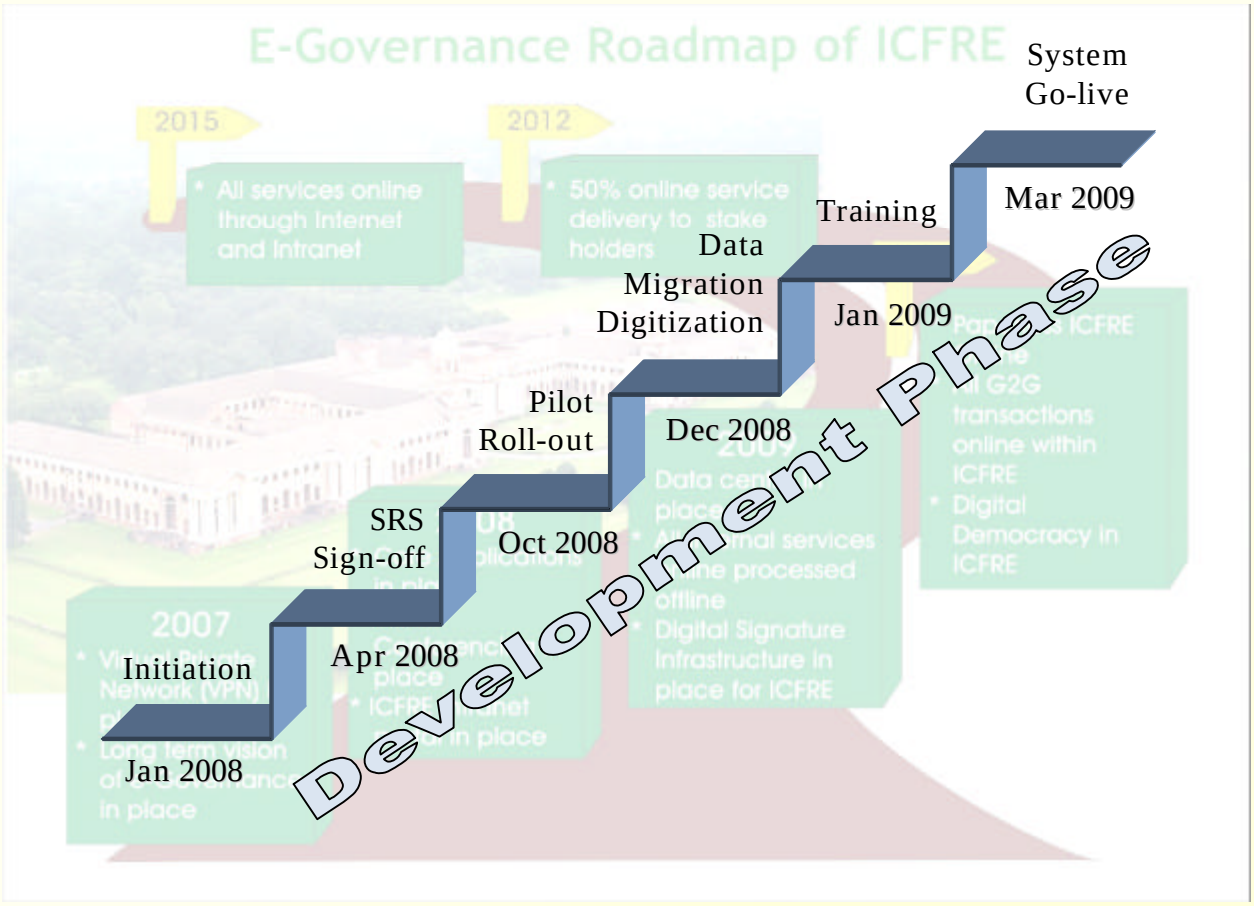

IFRIS at a Glance

Stage I	**Conceptualization (07th June 2006 to 31st January 2007)**
Stage II	**Project Development including Business Process Re-engineering (15th March 2007 to 31st August 2007)**
Stage III	**Software Development and Implementation (January 2008)**
	Pilot Rollout : October 2008 System Go : Live : March 2009

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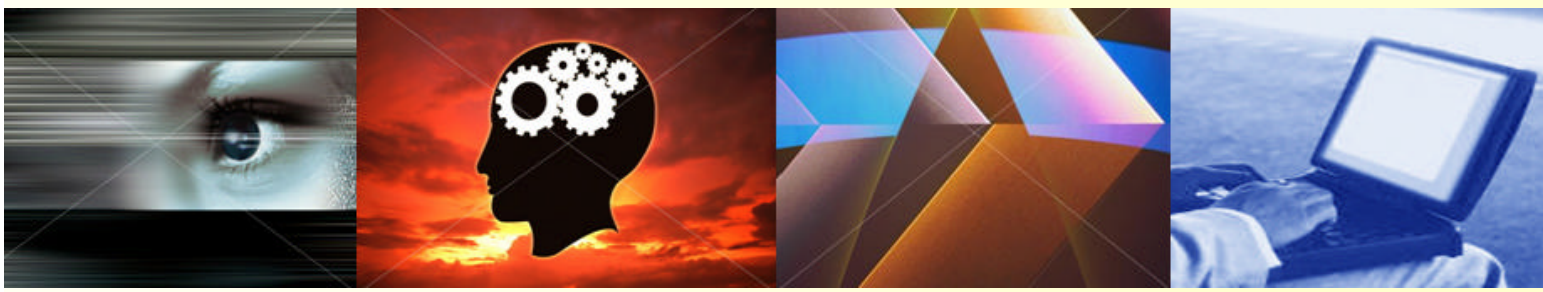


About e-parivartan

This newsletter "***ICFRE e-parivartan***" aims to cover the e-governance developments leading to transformation of ICFRE from manual to the electronic environment at ICFRE, its institute / research centers located in different geographical region across the country. The newsletter is a monthly publication for limited circulation (intra-ICFRE and its stake holders) to increase the awareness of the IFRIS Project. ***e-parivartan*** will be a forum for sharing the views of the Management, the e-champions, users and the developers of the system. Your valuable feedback and inputs on the subject are solicited !

e-governance taking shape in Forestry Sector

Shri Anil Oberai, Addl. PCCF, Forest Department Madhya Pradesh had an interaction with the e-champions at the valedictory session of the 2nd training-cum-workshop of e-champs on 20.06.2008. While appreciating the efforts of IFRIS team Shri Oberai also shared the success story of e-governance initiatives at MP Forest Department through demonstration of certain functionalities of the newly developed application. He emphasized on the linkages of IFRIS with State Forest Departments (SFD) for two way interaction for mutual benefit especially in extension of developed technologies.

Change Agents meet again @ Silicon Valley

The second e-champions training - cum - workshop organized from 16.06.2008 to 20.06.2008 at the IWST, Bangalore. The programme was inaugurated by the Sh. Suresh Gairola, Director IWST, Dr. R.V. Rao, Scientist F, IWST and Dr. S.K. Sharma, Scientist F and Head IT Cell. A comprehensive course material specially designed for this training – cum – workshop was presented to the e-champions.

The Director, IWST Bangalore while welcoming the e-champions shared his experiences of transformation from manual to digital world and also emphasized on the role of e-champion for the success of IFRIS. Dr. Harish Kumar, PM (e-Gov) ICFRE made a presentation on the e-governance developments at ICFRE and its institutes.

SRIT Consultants gave demonstration of IFRIS Modules including Research, Extension and Financial Accounting System. The prototype of Research and

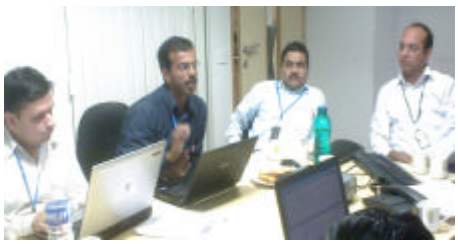
Extension modules was also presented to the e-champions to give an early look and feel of the upcoming IFRIS application and to take their feedback's.

The e-champions were asked to share their observations / issues / remarks on the feedback form. In addition every individual e-champion expressed his views on the training-cum-workshop and provided inputs for moving forward based on experienced during the awareness workshop conducted at their institutes. PM (e-Governance) conducted a detailed interactive discussion on the feedback with the e-champions which lasted for three hours.

The outcomes of the training are that the master data has started taking shape and will be made available to the developer M/s SRIT to put the software for testing.

Data Center – The thought process picks up momentum

On 18th June 2008 the project management team met with experts from SRIT and WIPRO to give shape to the specifications of the data center that would support IFRIS and ICFRE's regular computing needs. It was concluded to request for expression of interest to shortlist vendors for the tendering process for Data center. The suggestion that came up during meeting would be submitted to Technical Committee of IT experts at ICFRE for further consideration.



Interaction of MoEF Official with e-champs

The IFRIS team was fortunate to have an interactive session of e-champion with Sh. A.K. Johari, DIG (RT), MoEF on 18.06.2008. Shri Johari, while appreciating the efforts made by ICFRE for IFRIS also stressed on adherence of timelines for different activity. He congratulated e-champions and IFRIS team for success made so far.

Capacity building in Financial Accounting System

On the demand of the e-champions for having an insight into the Financial Accounting System a Financial Accounting System Expert from SRIT Mr. Yogesh was called on 08th July 2008. An open presentation

/ discussion with all the Institutes connected on Video Conferencing was made to the fullest satisfaction of the e-champions and the end-users. During the session the presence of the Senior Officers like Shri A.K. Wahal, DDG (Education), Shri M.S. Garbyal, DDG (Admin.) and other was of immense help to the functional staff as it further helped them learn about the Financial Accounting Procedures of the Government of India and their related functionalities in the System.

Chart of Committee Meeting's under the Institutional Framework of IFRIS

Committee Meeting	***Date***
Technical Committee on Research at ICFRE	24 Jun 08
Institute Apex Committee at HFRI, Shimla	12 Jun 08
Institute Apex Committee at IFGTB , Coimbatore	27 Jun 08
Institute Apex Committee at IFP, Ranchi	30 Jun 08

IFRIS - So Far

March 2008	Team for developing different modules of IFRIS were identified
April 2008	Development and Customization initiated Preparation and submission of capacity building plan Preparation and submission of Architecture and design document
May 2008	Master data training to e-champion through Video Conferencing for Research, Extension and Finance modules
June 2008	Development for features prioritized from research, extension and finance modules for second E-Champion training completed

IFRIS - Ahead (Pilot Roll-out schedule)

September 2008	IWST, Bangalore and HFRI Shimla
October 2008	ICFRE, Dehradun and IFGTB, Coimbatore
November 2008	FRI, Dehradun and AFRI, Jodhpur
December 2008	RFRI, Jorhat, TFRI,Jabalpur and IFP, Ranchi

The early IFRIS

To keep up with the enthusiastic e-champions, it is planned that modules are given to e-champions prior to the scheduled pilot roll-out. The modules would be verified by the e-champions on functional basis and the feedbacks would be provided to Project Manager and Project Management Consultant for consolidation and referring the same to the development team of SRIT for incorporation.

The next edition of ICFRE e-parivartan solicits your views on the process of change envisaged by the institution.

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