



**GOVERNANCE
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EXCELLENT CONTRIBUTION AWARD

Dr. Jitendra Kumar Soni, IAS

(Project Director, Rajasthan Urban Infrastructure Development project)

For his commendable work in the field of social welfare by executing several unique projects

A 2010-batch Rajasthan cadre IAS officer, Dr. Jitendra Kumar Soni is a reputed civil servant who has initiated several unique projects. A Ph.D. in political science, Dr. Soni has a keen fondness for writing, sports, photography, painting, cycling and travelling. He has authored several books and translated a few into various languages. He is well known in his state as the man who provided slippers to 1.5 lakh barefoot children in the past five years. The initiative has been recognised by the chief minister, who has initiated steps to implement it across the state. He has displayed empathy and warmth towards the people he serves. He has received widespread recognition for incorporating several technology-enabled solutions in day-to-day administrative functioning, which are in line with the Digital India initiative of the central government. He also initiated several e-governance projects during his tenure as District Collector, Jalore, such as the poll-day SMS monitoring system, biometric attendance system in government schools and Samparka WhatsApp-based grievance reporting and redressal system. He was recently honoured with the Kalam Innovation in Governance Award (KIGA 2019). At the 10th World Education Summit in New Delhi, he received the World Education Award certificate for the e-Gyankendra initiative from the state minister for education, V.S.Radhakrishnan. He received the Uttam Jeevan Raksha Padak for disaster management during the floods in Jalore from the chief minister of Rajasthan on August 15, 2016. He is a firm believer in empowering women, senior citizens, children and differently-abled persons with facilities to benefit them.



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