

'Promoting IT to make *lives easier*'

Information Technology (IT) is the major focus of Raje government. It's promoting IT to make lives of citizens easier. Akhil Arora, Commissioner and Principal Secretary, IT has his own style of working. In last three years, he has created a brand name for technological innovations, skill development and startup drive – Rajasthan IT Day – which is accelerating the growth of IT-enabled services and creating right ecosystem for startup. The third edition 4-day long IT fest, Rajasthan IT Day, is scheduled from 18-21 March. **Rangoli Agrawal** speaks with him exclusively to understand the changed IT scenario in the state. Excerpts:

■ **Q. What are the expectations of government for the third session of IT day?**

A. We expect people at large should be benefitted from this endeavour. There are take-away for everyone, whether in form of know-how, job opportunities or startup funding

avenues. At the same time, we also expect that when such huge pool of human resources comes at a single point over a spread of four days, there has to be simulating and stimulating discussions generating new ideas to work upon. Our chief minister wants peo-



ple to contribute towards decision making and bringing new ideas on table.

■ **Q. What were the outcomes of previous editions of IT Day?**

A. From the previous IT days as well as the Digi fests, startup ecosystem has been created in the state. There has been improvement in the IT environment on all the parameters, especially the number of successful and feasible startups has increased. Similarly, if we talk about using IT in public utilities, there are around one million odd transactions on our public portals every day.

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