

Government of Jammu and Kashmir  
Information Technology Department  
Civil Secretariat, Srinagar.

**Subject: Adoption of .IN domain for all websites and web related services owned/operated/managed by the Govt and its associated organizations.**

**Circular No. 07- JK(ITD) of 2021  
Dated: 13.09.2021**

With reference to the D.O no. L-13014/9/2019-IGD Division dated 13-08-2021, from Shri Ajay Sawhney, IAS, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), Government of India (copy enclosed), all the Administrative Secretaries are requested to issue appropriate directives to the concerned to host the websites and / or web services of their department, including their subordinate offices on **".IN domain"** that signifies the Indian identity for websites/web services, preferably by September 2021.



**(Amit Sharma) JKAS  
Secretary to the Government**

No.IT-Gen/109/2021

Dated: 13.09.2021

Copy to:-

1. Chief Secretary, J&K.
2. All Administrative Secretaries, UT of J&K
3. Chief Executive Officer, JaKeGA.
4. State Informatics Officer, NIC.
5. Private Secretary to Commissioner/Secretary to Government, General Administration Department for the information of Commissioner/Secretary to Government.
6. In-charge Website, IT Department.



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Ministry of Electronics &  
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Government of India

D.O No. L-13014/9/2019-IGD Division  
Dated: 13.8.2021

Dear Sir/Ma'am,

**Subject: Adoption of .IN domains for all websites and web related services owned/operated/managed by the Government and its associated organizations**

The increasing use of the internet has led to a significant increase in websites and web related services that are owned/operated/managed by the Government (both at Central as well as State level) and its associated organizations/Groups and constituents. However, it has been observed that not all such websites and web related services are implemented on the .IN domain, a domain name space that signifies the Indian identity for these websites/web services.

2. In this regard, I am enclosing a summary of .IN Policy on Domain Names that are available for Registration at Annexure-I. Further, the eligibility criteria for registering a GOV.IN domain is laid out in the "Guidelines for allocation of registration at the third level under .GOV.IN domain zone" which can be accessed at <https://registry.gov.in/>.

3. In order to bring all websites and web related services owned/operated/managed by the Government (Central as well as State) and its associated organizations/Groups and constituents under the .IN umbrella to ensure coherency and legitimacy, I hereby request you to ensure that all websites and web related services owned/operated/managed that come under your purview follow the guidelines provided at Annexure-II.

4. I request you to kindly issue appropriate directions to the concerned in this regard to achieve the above mentioned objective at the earliest, preferably by September, 2021. For any support in this regard, the concerned officers can reach out to NIXI, as under:-

Mr. Shubham Saran, General Manager, NIXI  
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With regards,

Yours sincerely,

  
(Ajay Sawhney)

Chief Secretaries of all the States/UTs

## Annexure 1: Summary of .IN Policy on Domain Names Available for Registration

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Regarding names available for registration, the .IN Policy states that unlimited registrations are available freely to all parties worldwide with no nexus or other qualifications, in the following zones:-

- i. .in
- ii. co.in
- iii. net.in
- iv. org.in
- v. firm.in
- vi. gen.in (general)
- vii. ind.in (individuals)

Further, the Policy states that some zones are reserved for use by qualified organizations in India. They are as follows:

- i. ac.in (Academic, with ERNET as the registrar)
- ii. res.in (Indian research institutes, with ERNET as the registrar)
- iii. edu.in (Indian colleges and universities, with ERNET as the registrar)
- iv. gov.in (Indian government, with NIC as the registrar)
- v. mil.in (Indian military, with the Ministry of Defence as the registrar)

Note: The policy can be accessed in full at <https://www.registry.in/policies>

## Annexure 2: Details of .IN Domains Regarding Websites and Web Related Services Owned/Operated/Managed by the Government and its Associated Organizations

To ensure that Indian websites and web related services represent the Indian identity, I hereby request:-

- i. The concerned Ministries/Departments of Government of India and concerned State Governments to ensure that all the websites and web related services owned/operated/managed by them are;
  - a. Running on the '.GOV.IN' domain, if they fulfil the eligibility criteria laid out in the GOV.IN guidelines.
  - b. Running on the ".IN" domain, if they do not fulfil the eligibility criteria laid out in the GOV.IN guidelines.
- ii. Educational, research and academic institutions to ensure that all websites and web related services owned/operated/managed by them are running on the '.EDU.IN', '.RES.IN' and '.AC.IN' domains respectively.
- iii. Organisations such as financial institutions, banks, PSUs, Autonomous Societies/Bodies/Projects/Schemes/Committees etc. of the Government of India/State Governments/UTs to ensure that all websites and web related services owned/operated/managed by them are running on the '.IN' domain.