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CM's innovative portal bags Web Ratna award

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The innovative portal launched by Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan in 2009, *www.ideas-forcm.net*, has been awarded with the 'Web Ratna' award 2009 from the IT Department of the Union Government. Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has congratulated the winning team members on this feat.

Principal Secretary, General Administration Department, Sudesh Kumar, School of Good Governance, Managing Director HP Dixit and Director Akhilesh Argal received the award from Union IT and Communication Minister A Raja in a function at New Delhi on Monday. Union Minister of State for IT

and Communication Sachin Pilot was also present on the occasion.

The NIC wing of the Union IT Ministry initiated 'Web Ratna' award from this year only. According to the information, the awards have been started for recognising the growing trend of e-governance in the country. The valuation committee verified the nominations and the jury selected the CM's website for this award.

The unique website 'Ideas For CM' was launched in 2009. This portal has till date received 2,925 suggestions and ideas to this site. Total 322 ideas were registered and off these ideas, 280 were sorted out and 10 have been selected for implementation. The Chief Minister would felicitate all those persons, whose sugges-

tions have been accepted, at the end of this month.

Principal Secretary to the Chief Minister Iqbal Singh Bains envisaged the innovative idea. The idea was materialised according to the wish of the Chief Minister. Chouhan has always felt the need for participation of public view in the functioning of the State Government. The development envisaged by him was not possible without the mutual participation, so the Chief Minister started inviting the ideas from the public through the portal 'Ideas For CM'.

The ideas and suggestions forwarded through this portal are continuously monitored under the guidance of principal secretary to the Chief Minister IS Bains and Secretary to the Chief Minister Anurag Jain.