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Now 'like' the Bihar govt, or add it in your circle

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Facebook page of the Bihar govt

Want to be friends with the Nitish Kumar government? Just send a friendship invitation from your Facebook and Google Plus accounts.

The government, in turn, will include you on its friends list and keep you posted about its important policies and decisions, including the transfer and posting of its employees. And if you do not like any of its decisions, well, you are free to give your thumbs down to it.

In yet another novel step, the Bihar government has taken to the two popular social networking sites to make people aware of the day-to-day happenings in the corridors of administrative power. The general administration department (GAD) has opened its accounts on Facebook (<http://www.facebook.com/gadbihar>) and Google Plus (Gadbihar or general administration department) for the purpose.

"The GAD has opened its accounts on Facebook and Google Plus for not only the state government officials and staff, but also the mediapersons and the common man," Deepak Kumar, principal secretary of the department, said. "This will make it easier for them to have access to the information."

Kumar added that though all the information, including various circulars and departmental communications, were already available on the department's website, a need was felt to furnish the info on social networking sites as well.

"Until now, if somebody wanted any information about government decisions, he had to log on to the official website of the Bihar government," Kumar said. "But now, they can receive the information directly through their Facebook and Google Plus accounts. We will upload the relevant matter from time to time on the account of these two social networking sites."

Government accounts on both these sites would be handled by designated staff, Kumar informed, adding that it would be particularly useful for state employees working in the interiors of the state as well as the media.

Several Bihar ministers, such as deputy chief minister Sushil Kumar Modi, are already on the Facebook, but not all of them have had a good experience on the social networking sites. Fish and animal resources minister Giriraj Singh, currently in the news for firing salvos on Nitish over the secular Prime Minister issue, had to close his account after one of his "friends" tagged indecent pictures on his account earlier this year.

Nitish himself has been writing blogs off and on to communicate with netizens living in different parts of the world.

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