

Skoch Awards

Instituted in 2003, SKOCH Award salutes people, projects and institutions that go the extra mile to make India a better nation. The Department of Excise & Taxation Punjab has been grateful to have received this prestigious award twice i.e. in 2014 & 2016

Skoch Order of Merit in 2014



The Department of Excise & Taxation Punjab received a GOLD Award for its project “Transformation at Excise & Taxation Department”. The jury identified the Departments’ hardwork and quoted as follows:

“The project “Transformation at Excise & Taxation Department” – is a living example, of how working through e-Governance initiatives could revolutionise the functioning of an organisation. This transformation has happened through a system integration, with the support of tax type-wise system integration, by covering the business processes and workflows and Specialised SLAs – internal and external. Online submissions and processing of key applications, which includes registration, amendment, refunds, statutory forms, excise permits and passes – have ensured the desired changes in the Department of Excise and Taxation, Government of Punjab. This has led to better productivity and a constructive organisational culture, helping to contribute in the growth of the state.”

Skoch Order of Merit in 2016



Department of Excise and Taxation Punjab once again won the prestigious Skoch Order of Merit in 2016 for 'Technology led reforms in VAT & Excise service delivery at Excise and Taxation Department, Punjab' for being among the best technology driven departments of the country. The selection for this award was done after a rigorous selection process, wherein more than 2500 top projects in various fields were considered, assessed and rated from all over the country by an eminent jury.

The prize was received by Sri B. Srinivasan, Additional Excise and Taxation Commissioner-cum-CEO ETTSA and team, during the 45th Skoch Summit in Hyderabad.

The technology-led reforms that have been acknowledged by the Skoch Award Evaluation Committee include among others an app for mobile wing officers that not only lets them detain a vehicle but also check the vehicle's travel history in the state, its' current entry route and the details of goods it is carrying – all on his smartphone.