

Lokvani reaches Stockholm

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Lucknow: From Sitapur to Stockholm, it has been a haloed journey for 'Lokvani'. The village-level e-governance model developed by the then district magistrate Amod Kumar has been short-listed for the prestigious Stockholm Challenge event 2006, showing world's best ICT (Information Communication Technology) projects. Notably, the awards would be distributed at the same venue where the Nobel prizes are given annually.

The four-day Stockholm challenge event would begin from May 8. Hundred finalists short-listed from all over the world in various categories would participate in the event. The finalists would gather for a closed-door workshop to share their experience with academic and industrial members of Swedish programme for ICT in developing regions.

The state government has nominated principal secretary, information technology, Zohra Chatterjee and Amod Kumar, presently posted as district magistrate, Faizabad, to participate in the event. Amod Kumar is now attending an e-champion training along with district magistrate, Bareilly, Santosh Kumar Yadav at National Institute of Smart Government, Hyderabad.

Zohra Chatterjee, while confirming that 'Lokvani' has qualified for the Stockholm event under the public administration category, said that earlier the software had won the national icon award for e-governance in the innovative category. This indigenously developed e-governance system was initially launched in Sitapur and later the state government decided to adopt the software for using it across the state.