

Govt readies big push for data analytics, cloud computing

Plans five lakh resources for data analytics/artificial intelligence to be ready by year-end

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New Delhi: The government is in the process of preparing a strategy for making India a hub for data analytics and cloud computing.

A roadmap for data analytics will be prepared by the Ministry of Electronics and IT, which will help in improving decision making in government. This will be formulated and shared with all the ministries on how to implement in their respective functioning, a senior ministry official told **DNA Money**.

A centre of excellence (CoE) for data analytics will be set up to leverage on big databases like GST Network, digital payments, e-gov databases, health records, census. The proposal for the CoE is likely to be approved by the end of this year.

The Ministry of Electronics and IT is working on the this and a meeting in this regard was held by the min-



ister of electronics and IT Ravi Shankar Prasad last month.

Also, a national programme for developing five lakh resources for data analytics/artificial intelligence will also be formulated by end of this year. Subsequently, an approval will be also be taken by December this year.

Besides, the data protection Act will also be ready

by December.

The plan is to also make India a hub for cloud computing by preparing a cloud framework, which will enhance cloud infrastructure and its usage. A committee for security framework on cloud computing is under consideration, the official said.

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frastructure investment in India. The ministry aims to ready this scheme by March next year," the official said.

The ministry is also readying next phase of Digital India 2.0, which will be launched soon as it moves ahead to a target of \$1 trillion digital economy by 2022.

'Digital India 2.0' will usher in a new India, which

will increase the digital economy 3.5 times from currently Rs 20 lakh crore to Rs 70 lakh crore by 2022. This will include digital payments industry worth Rs 35 lakh crore, software products and services industry at Rs 21 lakh crore, electronics industry at Rs 7 lakh crore and telecom at Rs 7 lakh crore, according to a presentation by the Ministry of Electronics and IT.

Over the last two years, Digital India has made significant progress and it's time to move to the next phase. The pillars of Digital India — broadband, e-governance, Make in India, e-Kranti, information for all, public internet programme and others have to be strengthened and scaled up as the government aims to make India fully digitally literate.

Digital India 2.0 will make way for new technologies for better and faster implementation.