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NOTIFICATION

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WHEREAS, internet data consumption in India is increasing at a rapid pace. While more than ninety percent of 624 million internet users in the country use internet on their mobile making India's share in the world data at twenty percent but the data storage capacity stands at two percent globally.

AND, WHEREAS, in 2020, the country had over 300 million rural internet users vis-à-vis over 335 million urban internet users leading to development of India's 375 MW Data Centre capacity which is expected to become more than 1000 MW capacity by the end of 2025. These capacity additions would tentatively draw more than USD 4.9 Billion as investment while impending passage of Personal Data Privacy Bill 2019 in the Parliament will further attract big-ticket investments in Data Centre development in the recent future.

AND, WHEREAS, West Bengal on the other hand has around 20% of internet users while Kolkata stands 3rd in internet usage with more than 62 lakh users access internet on daily basis. As digital inclusiveness in every beneficiary-oriented scheme has become a reality in West Bengal, the capacity of the State Data Centre has grown in strength. From 24 TB storage capacity in 2012 to 720 TB storage capacity in 2021 and presently being upgraded to become 1.5 PB data centre by 2022. It is estimated that by 2025 more than 3000 Government web-applications, responsible for the State's digital governance, will be hosted on the Cloud Infrastructure of the State Data Centre alone.

AND, WHEREAS, the prospective data centre units will benefit from this fast digital transformation including the upcoming Bengal Silicon Valley Tech Hub at New Town, Rajarhat. The new submarine cable landing station being developed at Tajpur will hasten the growth of data centres across the State. The two electronics manufacturing clusters (EMC) at Kalyani and Falta will create ancillary units for the new data centres.

NOW THEREFORE, the Governor is pleased to notify the '**West Bengal Data Centre Policy, 2021**' (attached herewith) with the vision of making West Bengal, the most preferred destination for Data Centre Industry in the country.

This policy shall come into effect from the date of this notification and will remain operative for 5 years or till that time any new policy/amendment is introduced as a replacement, whichever is earlier.

This issues with the concurrence of the Department of Finance, Government of West Bengal, vide their U.O. No Revenue/2021-2022/0006 dated 31.08.2021 alongwith approval of the State Cabinet, obtained on 02.09.2021, vide Cabinet Sectt. U/O No CAB(D)-81 dated 06.9.2021.

By order of the Governor,

Enclo: As stated.

Joint Secretary to the
Government of West Bengal

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- The Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Telecommunications, Sanchar Bhawan, New Delhi.
- The Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology, 6, CGO Complex, New Delhi-110003.
- The ACS / Pr. Secy. / Secretary, _____Department (all).
- The Managing Director, WBEIDC Ltd, Block – EP & GP, Sector-V, Salt Lake, Kolkata-700 091.
- The Managing Director, WBIDC, 23, Abanindranath Thakur Sarani, 'Protiti', Kolkata 700017.
- The Chief Executive Officer, WBIIDC, Block DJ, Plot No 10, Sector-II, Salt Lake, Kolkata 700091.
- The Managing Director, WBSIDCL, 31, Black Burn Lane, 4th Floor, 'Shilpa Bhavan', Kolkata 700012.
- The Managing Director, WBHIDCO, Premises No 35-1111, Biswa Bangla Sarani, 3rd Rotary, New Town, Kolkata-700 156.
- The Chief Executive Officer, Webel Technology Limited, BP-5, Sector-V, Salt Lake, Kolkata-700091.
- The District Magistrate, _____District(all), West Bengal.
- The OSD to the Chief Secretary, Govt. of West Bengal.
- The PS to the Hon'ble MIC, IT&E Department, GoWB.
- The Sr. PS to the Principal Secretary to the Govt. of West Bengal, IT&E Department.

Joint Secretary to the
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- The Director, STPI, Kolkata, Webel STP II Building, 2nd Floor, DN-53, Sector V, Salt Lake, Kolkata 700091.
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- The President, COMPASS, 37, Shakespear Sarani, Kolkata 700017.
- The President, TIE, Infinity Benchmark, Infinity Business Centre,6th Floor, Suite # 607, Plot GP, Sector V, Salt Lake, Kolkata 700091.
- The Associate Vice President, Internet & Mobile Association of India, 232-B, Ground Floor, Okhla Industrial Estate, Phase-III, New Delhi 110020.

- The Director, Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI), Dhanseri House, 4A, Woodburn Park, Kolkata-700 020.
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- The Director (East & North East), ASSOCHAM, 18, Ballygunge Circular Road, Kolkata 700019.
- The Chairman, Electronics and Computer Software Export Promotion Council, Ground Floor, Building No DN-53, STP-II Building, Salt Lake, Kolkata 700091.
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