ADVANCED TECH Niti Aayog building platform to host data from central ministries & states to aid policymaking

Govt Plans AI Tool to Mine Citizens' Data

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New Delhi: The government is planning to build an advanced technology platform to host and interpret huge amount of data that will integrate and help better understand of citizens' data, spend patterns of the government, consumption trends and the success of various government policies.

The technology tool, which will pool in data from key central ministries and state governments, is aimed to aid better and more informed policy making.
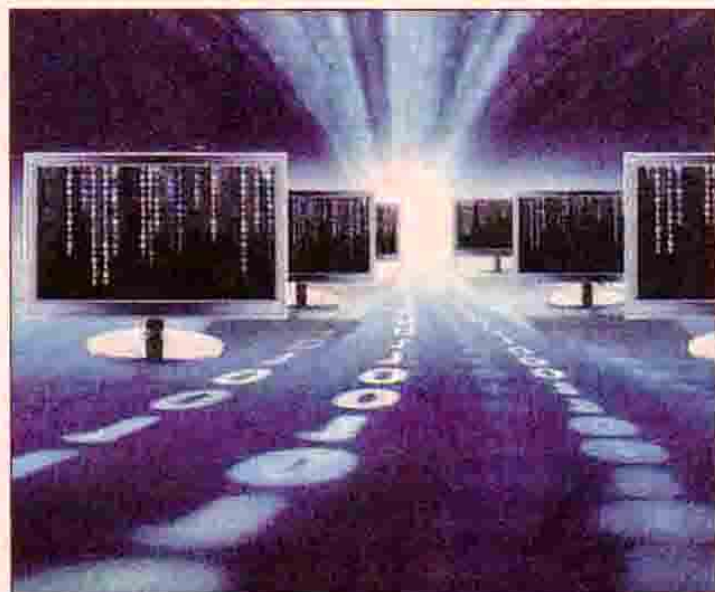
NITI Aayog is working on a plan to develop the National Data & Analytics Platform in collaboration with private players, a top government official told **ET**.

The Aayog is currently scouting for partners to develop and operate this platform which will use artificial intelligence (AI) for in-depth analysis.

The platform will be the single source of sectoral data for citizens, policymakers and researchers.

The ministry of electronics and IT already has the Open Government Data (OGD) platform called data.gov.in, which hosts hundreds of data sets, but the platform doesn't have any analysis capabilities.

NITI Aayog has decided to develop NDAP through public-private-partnership on design, build, operate and transfer (DBOT)

basis, said the official.

"The Aayog will shortly come out with the RFP (request for proposal) document, based on which a consultant would be chosen through a competitive bidding process to develop the platform where AI would be extensively used for data analysis," the official said.

Most big IT companies including firms such as IBM, who have analytics and AI offerings, along with Indian firms such as Wipro, TCS and HP are expected to show interest in the project.

"This will significantly improve government decision making and quality of service delivery," said Neel Ratan, executive director of PwC.