

National IT policy cleared to generate 10m jobs, e-literacy

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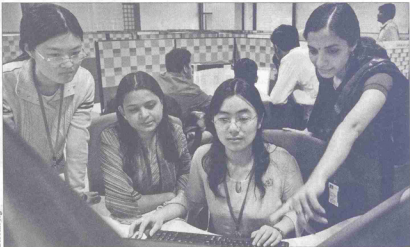
UPA GOVERNMENT has finalised its plan to create 10 million additional jobs in the information and communication technologies (ICT) industry apart from making at least one individual in every household e-literate.

This is expected to take the Indian IT industry to next level and enable it to exploit its full potential.

J Satyanarayana, information technology secretary, said that union cabinet has given its clearance for the proposed policy earlier last week. The National IT Policy is a vision document for development of the ICT industry in India.

The policy seeks to increase IT exports over three times to \$200 billion from \$59 billion in next eight years. It seeks to push up the information technology revenues to \$300 billion by 2020.

The policy will provide fiscal benefits to startups



BRIGHT FUTURE: The National IT Policy is a vision document for the development of the ICT industry in India and it will take the Indian IT industry to the next level

and small and medium enterprises (SMEs). While high on objectives, a framework with specific guidelines and timelines has not been released and is being worked upon.

On the domestic front, the policy seeks to provide benefits to SMEs and startups for IT adoption and consolidate India's po-

sition as a global information technology hub. It is expected to encourage e-governance as a means of delivering transparent and effective government to enhance transparency and accountability.

Mobile based value-added services, language-based technologies and service delivery through e-

governance are other thrust areas. Some of these areas, such as service delivery through e-governance is already underway with several state governments like Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh delivering key services through the internet or on mobile.

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