

Seven new projects to make GB Nagar data centre hub

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Lucknow: Gautam Buddh Nagar district in UP is set to become one of India's biggest data centre hubs with at least seven data centre projects coming up in Noida and Greater Noida. This was indicated during the third groundbreaking ceremony held here on Friday.

"World's top companies are looking to store their data in Uttar Pradesh. About 25% of the total investment received on the occasion were for data centres alone," an official statement from the UP government said, adding that the total worth of investment for data centres is Rs 19,928 crore.

Industry department officials pointed out that investors in the area include NIDP Private Limited (a part of Hiranandani Group of Companies) with Rs 9,100 crore. Co-founder and managing director, Hiranandani Group, Niranjan Hiranandani was a key speaker during the third groundbreaking event.

"Our sophisticated project has translated from an idea into a reality in a matter of two years. In fact, by August, our first data centre is going live," he said, adding that his company would be making an investment of Rs 1,000 crore per year in the business over the next five years.

Industry department officials said the Adani Group would be starting two projects worth Rs 6,000 crore. The group's first project has proposed to build a 50MW data centre in two phases in Sector 80, Noida. Their second data centre (coming up in Sector 62, Noida) is expected to get commissioned in June 2024.

In addition to this, Sify Technologies, NTT Global (formerly known as Netmagic IT Services Private Limited), STT Global Data Centre India Private Limited (subsidiary of ST Telemedia Global Data Centre, Singapore) are due to start their projects worth Rs 2,692 crore, Rs 1,687 crore, and Rs 1,130 crore respectively.

Officials said that Sify Technologies has proposed to establish their data centre in three phases. They would be building one of the largest hyperscale data centres spread over an area of 9.21 lakh square feet. Expected to get commissioned by September 2023, it will generate employment for 3,900 persons. The project of NTT Global Data Centres & Cloud Infrastructure India Private Limited (formerly known as Netmagic IT Services Private Limited) is to build and operate a data centre facility consisting of two buildings with 90 MW, 8,000 racks on full expansion in Greater Noida. It entails an investment of Rs 1,687 crore. The expected date of commissioning is April 2023 and it will generate employment for 300 persons.