

**IT Policy of Andaman & Nicobar (UT)**  
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**POLICY MISSION:**

**Development with Equity:**

One of the prime policy consideration of a democratic government is the need to ensure that the benefits of its initiatives spread evenly and reach the under privileged population groups as well. While the benefits of citizen services projects reach the rich and the poor equally, IT projects aimed at improving the internal efficiencies benefit the poor indirectly through better planning and targeting of weaker section programs and superior enforcement of law. Apart from this, the IT should percolate to the middle class and people below the poverty line. This can be achieved by taking Internet to the villages, promoting IT-enabled education, tele-medicine and socially relevant extension and outreach programmes.

**Economic Development**

The Information Technology should be used as a vehicle for the economic development of the islands and thus the upgradation of the standard of living of the people. It should be used as a tool to enhance the productivity, efficiency and optimum utilization of resources. It could be used for:

- Creation of employment potential Full exploitation of employment potential of the IT sector.
- Creation of IT & ITeS enterprises,
  - Data entry centers,
  - Transcription centers
  - Software development (by attracting companies located on mainland through different incentives).
- Attracting investment from outside the State.
- Improvement of the employment of educated youth in the IT sector through academic & training programme.

**Human Resource Development**

Economic development leads to improved quality of life of citizens and this includes:

Quality education

Access to quality health care

Elevation of academic institutions as centres of excellence in knowledge

**Good Governance:**

Good governance is a sine-qua-non for the orderly functioning of the society. IT is being used as an enabling tool for the delivery of services in the public sector (Government

sector) in many countries. The following facets of the governance can be significantly improved with the use of IT:

- Government - Citizen Interface
- Government - Business Interface
- Government - Government Interface
- Intra - Government - Process

The Objective of achieving Electronic - Governance (e-governance) goes far beyond mere computerization of standalone back office operation. IT should not be merely used to automate process but as a strategic tool to simplify procedures and revamp processes. The e-governance should aim to bring in the following benefits:

- Any - where, any - time services to citizens ;
- One-stop shop for all transactions in the Government - citizen interface ;
- Better accountability, responsiveness and transparency of all systems ;
- Highly efficient government machinery and systems.

#### **IT Education of All:**

The IT Education has remained confined to the urban centers and thus one of the objectives is to take IT education to rural areas as well. This can be done by making the Common Service Center as Study Centers in all islands, which will:

- Serve as backbone for communication;
- Provide internet access to remote areas;
- Internet access at Panchayat level
- Information exchange through e-mail for the effective implementation of the socio-economic development programmes in the region.
- Access to various online services provided by different Government Departments / Ministries
- Training through Distance Learning Technique