

Kalam Favours Comprehensive E-governance Framework

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President APJ Abdul Kalam has said that a comprehensive E-governance framework should be evolved in the country, which would entail setting up an E-governance commission or an empowered board with a view to ensure transparency in citizen-government interface.

"A comprehensive E-governance framework needs to be evolved which should encompass an E-governance commission or empowered board, E-governance grids across centre and states, and setting up of E-governance data centres at both central and state level," Dr Kalam said at an international conference on E-governance organised by IIT Delhi. "It would also entail setting up a multi-purpose, secure,



President APJ Abdul Kalam along with Prof MGK Menon releasing a book at the international conference on e-governance at IIT-Delhi on Thursday
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authentic national citizen ID database as the primary data for all E-governance services, and online issue of citizen ID cards seamlessly," Dr Kalam added.

The President also stressed on the need for language-independent operating systems, databases, application servers and mail servers in Indian languages. "As much as 90 per

cent of the work concerning E-governance should be outsourced and government should only manage the data centre and maintain it for online applications," Dr Kalam said.

"There should be grids at the central, state, panchayat and village levels to ensure E-governance in every sphere of life," Dr Kalam pointed out.

According to Oracle's South Asia regional managing director, Keith Budge, E-governance initiatives in India face the twin challenges of automating government departments and taking online services to the common man. "While there are standard approaches available for the former, the latter needs innovations to suit the needs of developing countries India," Mr Budge told eFE on the sidelines of the conference. ♦