

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

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Bharat DPI Experience Centre

B-DEC

India's Premier Sandbox & Showcase Hub for Digital Public Infrastructure

Invitation for Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) & Philanthropic Partnership

A Not-for-Profit Government Initiative | For India & the Global South

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1. Preamble & National Vision

India's emergence as the global leader in Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) is among the defining governance achievements of the 21st century. Under the visionary stewardship of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, India has demonstrated, at billion-person scale, that well-designed, open, and interoperable digital systems can deliver identity, financial services, healthcare, agricultural support, and welfare to every citizen without exception.

India Stack, comprising Aadhaar, UPI, DigiLocker, ONDC, the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission, and the Account Aggregator framework — has become the most studied and replicated model of Digital Public Infrastructure worldwide. India's G20 Presidency in 2023 elevated DPI from a national achievement to a global development imperative, culminating in the New Delhi G20 Leaders' Declaration, which recognised DPI as a foundational pillar for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and committed member nations to the responsible sharing of DPI frameworks, particularly with Global South countries.

In fulfilment of these G20 commitments, the Alliance for Global Good mandate, and India's South-South cooperation pledges, the Government of India, through the National Institute for Smart Government (NISG), MeitY, and its wholly owned subsidiary, the International Centre for DPI Innovation and Advancement (ICDIA), proposes the establishment of India's Premier Sandbox & Showcase Hub for Digital Public Infrastructure - Bharat DPI Experience Centre (B-DEC).

2. The Institutional Architecture

2.1 National Institute for Smart Government (NISG)

The National Institute for Smart Government (NISG) is a not-for-profit institution under the aegis of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), Government of India, serving as a premier institution for e-Governance transformation, Strategic Advisory, programme management, policy advisory, capacity building, and Digital Public Infrastructure enablement.

Over the last two decades, NISG has played a catalytic role in supporting national and international digital transformation initiatives through:

- Programme management and advisory support for large-scale digital governance initiatives;
- Capacity building and knowledge dissemination in Digital Public Infrastructure;
- International cooperation and DPI engagement with partner countries;
- Facilitation of technology-led governance reforms and interoperable digital ecosystems;
- Collaboration with multilateral agencies, governments, and development institutions.

NISG has also been actively supporting DPI-related engagements and digital identity initiatives with multiple partner nations through technical advisory, programme management consultancy, and knowledge exchange frameworks.

2.2 International Centre for DPI Innovation and Advancement (ICDIA)

The International Centre for DPI Innovation and Advancement (ICDIA) is a wholly owned subsidiary of NISG, incorporated and operational under MeitY's institutional framework. ICDIA has been specifically established to be the dedicated operational and implementing arm for India's international

DPI engagement, taking NISG's strategic mandate to its logical next level through focused institutional capacity for:

- Design, implementation, and operation of DPI experience, demonstration, and sandbox facilities
- International DPI partnership programmes, co-creation engagements, and South-South cooperation
- Incubation, validation, and dissemination of Digital Public Goods (DPGs) for global adoption
- Research, documentation, and thought leadership on DPI policy, architecture, and impact
- Capacity building and training for government officials, practitioners, and policymakers from partner nations

ICDIA is the primary implementing institution for Bharat DPI Experience Centre (B-DEC). NISG provides institutional oversight, facilitation of Government support including space allocation, and strategic direction.

3. Government Mandate & India's International Commitments

B-DEC is not an isolated institutional initiative, it is the tangible, operational fulfilment of India's commitments at the highest levels of global governance. The following governmental mandates and international declarations form the authoritative foundation for B-DEC:

3.1 G20 New Delhi Leaders' Declaration, 2023

Under India's landmark G20 Presidency, the New Delhi Leaders' Declaration explicitly endorsed DPI as a transformative accelerator for inclusive, sustainable development. The Declaration called upon member nations to support the responsible and equitable sharing of DPI frameworks with developing nations. It recognised India's DPI journey as a model for the world and called for creation of institutional mechanisms to facilitate DPI adoption across the Global South. B-DEC is ICDIA's direct operational response to this declaration.

3.2 Global DPI Repository (GDPI-R)

India led the creation of the Global DPI Repository, a multilateral knowledge and open-source code repository for DPI building blocks, established under the G20 umbrella. B-DEC serves as the living, physical counterpart to this digital repository: a permanent facility where governments of partner nations can witness, test, customise, and adapt DPI building blocks in a live sandbox before national adoption.

3.3 Alliance for Global Good — Social Impact through Digital & AI (AGG)

The Alliance for Global Good (AGG), announced during India's G20 Presidency, commits India to leveraging digital infrastructure and artificial intelligence as instruments of equitable social impact at global scale. B-DEC is a flagship institutional embodiment of the AGG spirit — demonstrating how

DPI addresses health, agriculture, education, and financial inclusion for the world's most underserved populations.

3.4 India-Africa Forum Summit & South-South Cooperation

India has made concrete commitments under the India-Africa Forum Summit, ASEAN-India Digital Ministers' meetings, Commonwealth Digital Economy initiatives, and bilateral MoUs with over 50 nations to share its digital governance models. ICDIA's B-DEC will serve as the anchor institution and operational hub for all such South-South and triangular DPI cooperation engagements.

3.5 MeitY's Digital Diplomacy Mandate

The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) has tasked NISG — and through it, ICDIA — as the principal institutional vehicle for India's DPI knowledge diplomacy and international engagement. The establishment of B-DEC fulfils the ministerial directive to create a world-class DPI demonstration, sandbox, and capacity-building facility that reflects India's global digital leadership with appropriate institutional permanence and scale.

3.6 Digital Public Goods Alliance (DPGA) Commitment

India is a founding member of the Digital Public Goods Alliance (DPGA). ICDIA's B-DEC will serve as India's primary national platform for incubating, validating, and showcasing new Digital Public Goods across all critical development domains — directly advancing India's DPGA commitments.

4. Concept & Strategic Purpose of B-DEC

Bharat DPI Experience Centre (B-DEC), implemented by ICDIA, will be India's first dedicated, multi-domain Digital Public Infrastructure Experience and Sandbox Centre. It will be a state-of-the-art, not-for-profit facility, funded through CSR and/or philanthropic funding that consolidates, demonstrates, tests, and incubates DPI solutions across the full spectrum of national and global development priorities — serving simultaneously as a knowledge commons, technology sandbox, diplomatic engagement platform, and innovation incubator.

4.1 Strategic Objectives

- Create a globally accessible, immersive showcase of India's DPI achievements across all critical governance and development domains
- Provide a safe, sovereign, and production-equivalent Sandbox Environment for testing DPI products, integrations, and interoperability prior to large-scale public deployment
- Serve as a permanent capacity-building and orientation hub for government delegations from Global South nations, UN agencies, international development banks, and bilateral partners
- Incubate next-generation Digital Public Goods (DPGs) aligned with global open-source and interoperability standards

- Facilitate co-creation, co-adaptation, and contextualisation of DPI solutions between India and partner nations
- Bridge the global digital divide by translating India's DPI experience into adaptable, deployable models for diverse socio-economic and regulatory contexts
- Provide a neutral, government-backed testing environment for private sector and startup DPI innovations

4.2 The Sandbox Philosophy

A hallmark feature of B-DEC will be its multi-domain Sandbox Environment — a controlled, secure, and production-equivalent testing infrastructure enabling:

- Governments of partner nations to test, customise, and contextualise DPI building blocks for their legal, linguistic, and infrastructure environments
- Technology providers and DPG developers to validate solutions against live DPI stacks before market or government deployment
- Policy practitioners to simulate DPI deployment scenarios and assess governance, privacy, and regulatory implications
- Researchers and development practitioners to conduct evidence-based impact assessments on DPI outcomes

5. Domain Architecture of B-DEC

B-DEC will be structured as a modular, multi-domain hub with dedicated experiential zones and sandbox modules for the following domains. The architecture is designed for continuous expansion, accommodating new DPI verticals as they emerge from India's evolving digital ecosystem and global partner needs:

S.No	Domain	DPI Products & Focus Areas
1	Digital Identity & Trust	Aadhaar-equivalent identity systems, eKYC, verifiable credentials, Digital Locker, biometric authentication, consent management, privacy-by-design frameworks
2	FinTech & Financial Inclusion	UPI ecosystem, payment interoperability, Account Aggregator, Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC), open banking, micro-lending infrastructure, financial data empowerment
3	AgriTech	Agristack / Unified Farmer Service Interface (UFSI), soil health monitoring, crop advisory, mandi price integration, digital crop insurance, farm-to-fork traceability, PM-KISAN delivery
4	HealthTech	Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM), unified health records, telemedicine infrastructure, Fast Healthcare Interoperability Resources (FHIR) interoperability, public health surveillance, drug supply chain

5	Education Technology	DIKSHA, Academic Bank of Credits (ABC), credential verification, National Digital Education Architecture (NDEAR) framework, accessible digital content delivery, lifelong learning systems
6	Additive Manufacturing & Industry 4.0	Digital manufacturing DPI, Open Industry 4.0 standards, IIoT integration, quality certification platforms, supply chain digitalisation
7	Urban & Smart Governance	e-Office, GIS-based land records, urban local body digital systems, smart city infrastructure, property tax and utilities digitalisation
8	Climate & Environment DPI	Environmental data commons, carbon accounting systems, climate risk monitoring, green finance infrastructure, disaster resilience platforms
9	Emerging / Future Domains	AI governance infrastructure, open networks (education / health / commerce), new DPGs as they evolve — modular design enables continuous domain addition

6. Physical Infrastructure & Facilities

The Government of India, through NISG, will facilitate a suitable space at a strategically located, Government-designated premises. ICDIA, in collaboration with the partner agency(s), will develop and operationalise B-DEC within this space, delivering world-class infrastructure befitting India's DPI leadership stature:

- Multi-domain immersive experience zones with live, interactive DPI product demonstrations
- State-of-the-art sandbox computing infrastructure with isolated, secure environments for each domain
- Executive Briefing Centre for high-level government, diplomatic, and corporate delegations
- Immersive learning laboratories with simulation and scenario-based DPI training tools
- International conference and co-creation facilities for workshops, hackathons, and policy dialogues
- Knowledge documentation and media studio for capturing and disseminating India's DPI assets globally
- Dedicated support and facilitation infrastructure for incoming international delegations
- 24x7 Network Operations Centre (NOC) for sandbox monitoring, security, and uptime assurance

7. CSR Eligibility & Compliance Framework

B-DEC is specifically structured as a not-for-profit, public-good initiative implemented by ICDIA — a Wholly Owned subsidiary of NISG, a government not-for-profit institution under MeitY — to ensure broad eligibility for Corporate Social Responsibility contributions under Schedule VII of the

Companies Act, 2013 and the CSR Rules, 2014. Contributions to B-DEC qualify under multiple Schedule VII heads:

CSR Schedule VII Head	Applicability to B-DEC
Clause (ix) — Technology Incubators	B-DEC is a DPI technology incubation, sandbox, and demonstration centre implemented by ICDIA, a government not-for-profit institution (wholly owned subsidiary of NISG under MeitY)
Clause (ii) — Promoting Education	EdTech domain, digital literacy, capacity-building for government officials and international practitioners from Global South partner nations
Clause (iv) — Environmental Sustainability	Climate DPI zone covering environmental monitoring infrastructure, carbon accounting systems, green finance infrastructure, and climate resilience platforms
Clause (i) — Eradicating Hunger & Poverty	AgriTech and FinTech zones directly addressing rural poverty, farmer empowerment, and financial inclusion for underserved populations
Clause (i)/(xii) — Promoting Healthcare	HealthTech / ABDM domain supporting universal health coverage and accessible healthcare through open digital public goods
Clause (vii) — Reducing Inequalities	Core global mission of bridging the digital divide between nations — enabling Global South countries to access India's proven DPI models

Important Note: ICDIA, as a wholly owned subsidiary of NISG (a not-for-profit institution under MeitY, Government of India), is positioned as an eligible recipient for CSR contributions for social cause on the mandate of Government. Contributing corporations are strongly encouraged to obtain independent confirmation from their CSR legal and compliance advisors. ICDIA / NISG will provide all necessary statutory documentation, utilisation certificates, and independently audited financial statements required for CSR regulatory compliance and reporting.

8. Funding Structure — Phased, Multi-Donor CSR Model

The total estimated cost for establishing and operationalising B-DEC is INR 25 to 30 Crores. ICDIA and NISG welcome a flexible, phased, multi-donor CSR contribution model. Corporate CSR partners may contribute to one or more phases, or sponsor a specific domain experience zone with appropriate institutional recognition, subject to CSR guidelines.

Phase I — Foundation & Core Infrastructure | INR 12–15 Crores

- Government-facilitated space preparation, fit-out, and experience design of the core centre
- Deployment of primary sandbox infrastructure for Digital Identity and FinTech domains
- Executive Briefing Centre, core networking, computing, and AV infrastructure
- Initial DPI content, knowledge assets, demonstration scripts, and experience design

Phase II — Domain Expansion & International Readiness | INR 8–10 Crores

- Operationalisation of AgriTech, HealthTech, EdTech, and Additive Manufacturing domain zones
- International delegation facilitation infrastructure and orientation suite
- Research, documentation, and DPG incubation support infrastructure

Phase III — Global Outreach & Sustaining Capacity | INR 5 Crores

- International capacity-building programmes, policy simulation labs, and DPI workshops
- DPG co-creation and incubation support for Global South partner governments
- Sustaining operations, content refresh, technology upgrades, and knowledge dissemination

9. Beneficiaries & Anticipated Impact

9.1 Primary Beneficiaries

- Government ministries and departments of Global South nations in Asia, Africa, and Latin America seeking to adopt India's DPI models
- International development organisations, UN agencies, World Bank, ADB, AIIB, seeking live DPI reference implementations
- Indian technology enterprises and startups seeking to validate and internationalise DPI-aligned solutions
- Citizens of partner nations who will benefit from improved public service delivery through DPI adoption enabled by B-DEC

9.2 Anticipated 5-Year Outcomes

- Active DPI adoption engagement with 60+ Global South countries across all regions
- 500+ high-level government and diplomatic delegations hosted annually at B-DEC
- 5,000+ international DPI practitioners trained through ICDIA's structured programmes
- 100+ Digital Public Good solutions incubated and supported across all B-DEC domains
- Consolidation of India's positioning as the world's preferred DPI knowledge, technology, and partnership hub

10. Recognition of CSR Partners

ICDIA and NISG deeply value the catalytic role of India's corporate community in co-creating this landmark initiative. All CSR contributors will receive recognition commensurate with their contribution, strictly within applicable CSR and Government guidelines:

- Naming rights for domain experience zones, innovation labs, or facility wings (subject to Government approvals and CSR compliance norms)
- Prominent institutional acknowledgement in all B-DEC and ICDIA communications, publications, digital platforms, and events
- Participation in B-DEC Advisory and Governance structures at appropriate representation levels
- Priority access to B-DEC capacity-building programmes, international knowledge-exchange events, and diplomatic engagements
- Joint communications and recognition at national and international forums including G20 follow-on events, UN platforms, and bilateral summits
- Formal recognition in ICDIA, NISG, and MeitY annual reports and Government of India official communications

11. Invitation to Submit Expression of Interest

ICDIA, supported by NISG and the Government of India, hereby invites Expressions of Interest from corporations, public sector enterprises, foundations, and philanthropic institutions that share India's commitment to global digital equity and the empowerment of the Global South, to partner in establishing Bharat DPI Experience Centre (B-DEC) through CSR or philanthropic contributions.

11.1 Information Requested from Interested Organisations

- Name, registered address, and CIN of the organisation and its CSR-registered entity (if different)
- Nature of organisation: Listed Company / Central / State PSU / Foundation / Trust / Section 8 Company / Others
- Name, designation, and contact details of the designated CSR / Sustainability Officer
- Annual CSR budget range and current primary CSR focus areas and thematic priorities
- Indicative contribution amount or range being considered for B-DEC
- Preferred phase(s) of contribution (Phase I / II / III) or domain zone sponsorship interest
- Any specific conditions, modalities, timelines, co-branding expectations, or due diligence requirements
- Anticipated timeline for internal CSR Board / Committee approval and disbursement

11.2 Submission Details

Implementing Institution	ICDIA — International Centre for DPI Innovation and Advancement (A Wholly Owned Subsidiary of NISG)
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Subject Line	EOI Response – B-DEC CSR Partnership – [Organisation Name]
EOI Reference No.	ICDIA/B-DEC/CSR/2026-27/001
Website	www.nisg.org
Response Acknowledgement	ICDIA will acknowledge all EOIs within 10 working days and initiate structured consultations

11.3 Shortlisting of the Agency

Upon receiving the responses to this expression of interest, along with the information requested in Section 11.1, the committee established by the NISG for evaluation will review the submissions and create a shortlist of agencies. Following this, NISG will send out a Terms of Reference (ToR) document that includes detailed information on the roles and responsibilities, selection criteria, and relevant terms and conditions to the shortlisted agencies. The appropriate agency for setting up the proposed B-DEC will be selected during the ToR process.

12. Governance, Accountability & Transparency

B-DEC will be governed through a transparent, multi-stakeholder architecture ensuring the highest standards of fiduciary accountability to CSR contributors, the Government of India, and global development partners:

- A B-DEC Governing Council with representation from MeitY, NISG, ICDIA leadership, and eminent domain experts
- An Advisory Board comprising representatives of significant CSR contributors, international development partners, and leading academic and research institutions
- Annual independently audited financial statements shared with all contributing organisations
- Quarterly impact reports documenting activities, delegation visits, capacity-building outcomes, and DPG outputs
- Full compliance with all applicable CSR regulatory requirements under the Companies Act, 2013 and CSR Rules, 2014
- Transparent procurement and project execution consistent with Government of India norms and public financial management standards

13. A Call to Co-create India's Digital Legacy

India has shown the world that Digital Public Infrastructure is not merely a technology — it is a philosophy of inclusion, sovereignty, and shared human prosperity.

Bharat DPI Experience Centre is the physical and operational fulfilment of India's G20 pledge — that the digital dividend of the 21st century must reach every nation and every citizen, especially those in the Global South who need it most. ICDIA, under the aegis of NISG and the Government of India, stands ready to build this landmark institution. As India shoulders the historic responsibility of sharing its hard-won DPI wisdom with the world, it invites India's corporate community — the builders of Bharat — to stand alongside this mission.

Your CSR investment in B-DEC is not charity — it is co-authorship of a more equitable digital world, and of India's enduring legacy as a civilisational force for global good.

"Build with India. Share with the World. Transform Lives."

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