



PROCEEDINGS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

Subject : Constitution of District-Level Digital Economy Committee (DDEC) under the District Administration in each Beyond Bengaluru district - reg.

Read : Proposal of Managing Director, KITS in File No:KITS/IT/GEN/5/2026-IT-KITS.

PREAMBLE:-

The Government of Karnataka, through the Department of Electronics, Information Technology, Biotechnology and Science & Technology and the Karnataka Digital Economy Mission (KDEM), has been aggressively and consistently advancing the 'Beyond Bengaluru' vision and significant groundwork has been laid across various districts through ecosystem development, industry outreach, startup enablement, and the nurturing of district-level IT & BT clusters. As this vision enters a scale-up and execution phase, the focus now shifts from ecosystem creation to driving cluster-level success stories with measurable outcomes. Achieving this requires a more integrated, district-anchored operational framework, where all key stakeholders like district administration, academia, industry, infrastructure providers, institutions, and ecosystem partners come together in a formally structured and coordinated manner.

(2) To further strengthen convergence, accelerate decision-making, and fully leverage district-level institutional capacity, it is timely to establish a formal, administration-led coordination platform. Therefore, it has been proposed that District-Level Digital Economy Committee (DDEC) be set up, which will act as a single, empowered forum to align government departments, streamline facilitation, enable scheme convergence, and support KDEM's cluster heads in effectively advancing the digital economy agenda at the district level. The DDEC will serve as a key enabler in translating the Beyond Bengaluru vision into on-ground impact, sustainable cluster growth, and replicable district success models across Karnataka.

(3) Accordingly, the Managing Director, Karnataka Innovation and Technology Society (KITS), in the proposal read above has proposed to constitute a District-Level Digital Economy Committee (DDEC) under the District Administration in each Beyond Bengaluru district.

(4) The proposed objectives, functions, operating mechanism and expected outcomes are outlined below:-

Objectives of the District Digital Economy Committee (DDEC):

- To institutionalise coordination between KDEM, district administration, and allied departments
- To further the penetration of the digital economy in Beyond Bengaluru districts
- To improve ease of doing business for IT/BT companies, startups, and investors
- To support investment promotion and ecosystem development at the district level
- To enable faster decision-making and on-ground facilitation for digital enterprises

Scope and Functions of the Committee:

1. Investment Promotion and Facilitation

- Assist new IT/BT companies and startups with district-level approvals, clearances, and facilitation
- Coordinate with KIADB, Industries & Commerce, urban local bodies, and utilities for infrastructure readiness
- Support site identification, plug-and-play infrastructure, and industrial park integration

2. Infrastructure and On-Ground Support

- Identify district-specific infrastructure gaps affecting IT/BT growth
- Facilitate solutions related to connectivity, power, workspace availability, and urban services
- Support KDEM cluster initiatives for co-working spaces, incubation centres, and innovation hubs

3. Startup Enablement and Market Access:

- Enable startups to access government, PSU, and enterprise markets within the district
- Promote industry-startup collaboration through local industry bodies
- Facilitate district-level pilots, proof-of-concepts, and procurement opportunities

4. Talent and Employment Development

- Align district employment exchange and academic institutions with digital skill requirements
- Support workforce skilling, internships, apprenticeships, and placement initiatives
- Enable industry-academia collaboration for curriculum alignment and research engagement

5. Policy Inputs and Recommendations

- Identify district-specific policy bottlenecks affecting the digital economy
- Submit structured proposals and recommendations to the Government of Karnataka through KDEM
- Provide feedback on implementation of state and central government digital economy schemes

Operating Mechanism

- The Committee shall meet once every quarter, or more frequently as required
- Meetings shall be convened by the Member Secretary (KDEM Cluster Head) with the approval of the Chairperson
- Action points shall be recorded and followed up through a structured tracking mechanism
- Key outcomes shall be reported to KDEM and the Department of Electronics, IT, Bt and S&T, Govt. of Karnataka

Expected Outcomes

- Strong institutional linkage between KDEM clusters and district administration
- Faster facilitation and improved ease of doing business for IT/BT investments
- Better utilisation of district-level government machinery for digital economy growth
- Increased inflow of IT/BT companies and startups into Beyond Bengaluru districts
- Enhanced employment generation and talent retention at the district level
- Evidence-based policy inputs from districts to the state government

(5) The proposal of MD, KITS has been examined. Hence the Order.

GOVERNMENT ORDER No. ITBT 07 MDA 2026,

BENGALURU, Dated:23.06.2026

In the circumstances as detailed in the preamble, the Government is pleased to accord approval for constitution of District-Level Digital Economy Committee (DDEC) under the Chairpersonship of Deputy Commissioner of respective districts in each Beyond Bengaluru district with the following members to significantly enhance the State's capacity to promote inclusive and regionally balanced digital economic growth across Karnataka:-

Sl. No.	Designation	Role
1.	Deputy Commissioner	Chairperson
2.	Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Panchayat	Member
3.	Commissioner, City Municipal Corporation/Urban Local Body	Member
4.	Joint Director, Department of Industries and Commerce	Member

5.	District Officer, Karnataka Industrial Areas Development Board (KIADB)	Member
6.	District Employment Exchange Officer	Member
7.	Assistant Commissioner, Labour department	Member
8.	Representative, Software Technology Parks of India (STPI)	Member
9.	Head of regional industry groups (like TiE, FKCCI, CII etc)	Member
10.	President, District Chamber of Commerce and Industry	Member
11.	2 Industry representatives (IT/GCC/ESDM/Startups)	Member
12.	Two Academic Representatives (Engineering/Management/Research Institutions)	Member
13.	KDEM Cluster Head of the District.	Member Secretary

2. The representatives from Industry or Industry associations and Academicians in Sl. No.9, 11 & 12 may be done by the Deputy Commissioner of the concerned district in each Beyond Bengaluru district.

3. The DDEC shall act as the nodal institutional mechanism to support, coordinate, and accelerate the objectives of KDEM and the Department of Electronics, IT, Bt and S&T at the district level.

4. The Committee shall meet once in every quarter, or more frequently as required.

5. Key outcomes shall be reported to KDEM and the Department of Electronics, IT, Bt and S&T, Government of Karnataka.

By Order and in the name of
the Governor of Karnataka

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5. The Managing Director, KITS, Sheshadripuram, Bengaluru - 560 020.
6. All Deputy Commissioners of Districts.
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