

# Centre notifies standard formulated by C-DAC for digital preservation

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THE STANDARD for preservation of electronic records, which was formulated by the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC), Pune, has been notified by the Centre.

"The digital preservation standard has been formulated based on the study of various e-governance programmes. It also involved the study of various international e-governance digital preservation initiatives in US, Canada and UK besides the ISO standards. In addition, the standard also takes into account several legal provisions drawn from the IT Act 2000/2008, RTI Act, and the Public Records Act," said Dinesh Katre, Chief Investigator, Centre of Excellence for Digital Preservation, C-DAC.



He added, "It took two years of painstaking study and collaborative research to evolve the notified standard. The standard forms foundation for the introduction of Electronic Records Management (ERM) as part of the e-governance in India, and defines the paradigm for creating trusted digital repository-

ries for digital preservation. When implemented, the standard will enable seamless sharing of information, interoperability and future usability of data across systems in the long term. This is a key achievement, which will see people benefiting from the myriad e-governance projects in the future."

Hemant Darbari, Executive Director, C-DAC, Pune said digital preservation is the need of the hour and the C-DAC team has worked hard to bring out a comprehensive document to address the issues of e-governance projects.

"It is indeed a proud moment for us as the Centre has accepted and notified the standard, lending credence to our capabilities and skills," he said.

The standard can be download from <http://egovstandards.gov.in>, said a release.