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## Governor favours e-governance

Bhubaneswar : The e-governance initiative should be taken up on a larger scale to ensure better coordination among various departments for speedy implementation of development work, said Governor Rameshwar Thakur.

Inaugurating the ninth international conference on information technology hereon Tuesday, he said, introduction of e-governance will also make the Government pro-active and responsible to its citizens. He emphasised taking immediate steps to make bandwidth available for adequate rural networking to facilitate IT penetration in rural India.

He noted that unless the benefits of IT reach the poor, the huge investment in the sector will fail to derive the desired objectives. He also suggested to the IT professionals to make embedded software, networking software and integrated software for the development of bio, info and nano technologies.

The three-day conference is being jointly organised by Orissa Information Technology Society and Institute of Technical Education and Research (ITER) and is being supported by IEEE Computer Society, Satyam Computers and host of other IT firms. Speaking on the occasion, BPUT Vice-Chancellor Prof Omkar Nath Mohanty dismissed the popular notion that IT is pulling professionals from their core discipline. He said that the has, in fact be come the greatest- source of providing information and knowledge.

IT secretary S N Tripathy, deputy chairman of ITER Prof B K Sarap, associate professor of University of North Texas, USA, Prof Chitta Baral, ITER principal Prof R C Kar and others attended the conference.

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