

Rural infrastructure in focus as centre releases GIS data

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The collected rural connectivity GIS data will now be available to the public. On the occasion, National Rural Infrastructure Development (NRIDA), the nodal implementation agency of PMGSY scheme signed MoUs with three renowned GIS Firms and collaborated with Gati Shakti for releasing the rural connectivity GIS data in public domain. Gati Shakti is a national master plan and digital platform to plan and execute infrastructure projects in India to reduce logistics costs and enhance infrastructure.

NRIDA is collaborating with Gati Shakti with an objective to exchange the data for the better planning and implementation of both the schemes.

The launch of GIS data was followed by the technical session where presentations by ESRI India, MapmyIndia, DataMeet, Gati Shakti and CDAC Pune were given.

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