

Geospatial economy will grow to ₹61,000 cr by 2025: Report

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Union Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekawat on Tuesday said that the country's geospatial economy is expected to cross the ₹61,000-crore mark in the next three years from the present ₹41,600 crore.

Releasing the report on *Geospatial Strategy for National Development* here at the inaugural function of the Geo Smart India 2022 on Tuesday, he said that defence and intelligence, utilities, urban development, infrastructure development, agriculture, utilities and land administration would drive the growth of the geospatial market.

PROGRESSING RAPIDLY

"The country is progressing rapidly in the field of techno-



Gajendra Singh Shekawat,
Union Jal Shakti Minister

logy. There are about 250 geospatial start-ups in the country, which reflects the spirit of innovation, he said. He said various geospatial pilot projects were implemented in agriculture, rural development, forestry, water resources management and urban planning.

"Previously, water was a subject which was dealt by almost nine different ministries. The present government has integrated the work of these various ministries and brought them

under the Ministry of Jal Shakti," he added. Citing the 'National Hydrology Project', he said the efforts are on to establish a sound hydrological database and information system and scientific tools for effective planning and management of water resources are within each implementing agency. The National Remote Sensing Centre (NRSC), one of the implementing agencies, has taken up several activities to use geospatial technologies in the field of water resources.

EASY ACCESS

The increased adoption of geospatial information across diverse sectors raises the need for easy access to geospatial knowledge. "To make it accessible to stakeholders at all levels, there is a need for collaborative development of a geospatial infrastructure," a statement, quoting the minister said.