

New Projects and Programs initiated by **Ministry of Digital Economy**

The Ministry of Digital Economy has developed the Digital Economy Blueprint aims to advance digitalization, foster a digital economy and cultivate new and global hub for digital innovation and entrepreneurship. The Blueprint outlines key areas such as infrastructure development, digital skills enhancement, governance, cyber security, financial inclusion and sectoral innovation aimed at boosting economic competitiveness while promoting social equity and environmental sustainability. One of the key focus areas of the Government's Digital Strategy is the identification of the key gaps in the digital industry, workforce, governance and other enabling factors.

Accordingly, the following five (5) key areas of Digital Economy will be addressed:

- (i) Transparent and Efficient Government
- (ii) Develop the Digital Industry
- (iii) Drive the Digital Economy
- (iv) Digital Transformation of Strategic Industries, and
- (v) Capacity Development of Industry, Government and Citizens.

The key objectives will be making the IT industry a US \$5 billion industry in six years, implementing e – Governance to reduce corruption, increasing cashless transactions from nearly \$ 3.5 billion to \$ 15 billion in six years, and increasing the IT workforce from 85,000 annually to 200,000 in six years Strategic action items associated with these thrust areas focusing on 2030 targets would be driven by the Ministry of Digital Economy (MoDE) and the institutions (present and planned) under its purview and in collaboration with a range of state and non – state stakeholders, and the ICT industry.

To accommodate short- medium and long-term results of digital economy blueprint and key pillars of digitalization, the Ministry of Digital Economy (MoDE) developed the following six (06) high-level proposals on development initiatives to be funded by the Consolidated Fund of the Government as well as the international development partners:

- (i) Digital Economy Authority (DEA) Strengthening and Inter-Ministerial Coordination Platform
- (ii) Digital Government Transformation Program – Phase 1 (DigiGov-SL)
- (iii) Accelerating Sri Lanka's Digital Industry and Innovation Ecosystem (Digi-Industry)
- (iv) Digital Revenue Economy Enablement and Acceleration Initiative – (Digi-Rev-SL)
- (v) Strategic Industries Digital Enablement Initiative (Digi-Strategic Industries)
- (vi) Advancing Digital Skills and Capacity Building in Sri Lanka (Digi-Cap-Build)

The conceptual approval was given by The Department of National Planning (DNP) for these six proposals on 9th May 2025 and the Cabinet approval is being obtained. The detailed project proposals submitted to DNP for approval and the status are as follows:

#	Name	Objective	Total Cost (Rs. Mn)	Duration	Current Status
01.	Government Super App (Phase I)	To develop a comprehensive Super App for citizen centric government services in line with Sri Lanka's Digital Economy Blueprint	500	2025-2026	Department of National Planning (DNP) and Cabinet approvals were obtained. The procurement process has been initiated. To hire consultant for the Super App branding and User Experience. Super App, App development and project procurement initiated.
02.	Digital Economy Sandbox and Experience Center	To establish an Experience Center including mobile units with a secure, inclusive, and collaborative Sandbox Environment that enables testing, validation, and demonstration of Sri Lanka's Digital Public Infrastructure (DPIs) and Digital Public Goods (DPGs) by government, business, and citizens.	93	2025-2026	Department of National Planning (DNP) has been received. Procurement process has been initiated. Six use cases developed for real world experience of Digital Public Infrastructure (DPIs) to enable citizens, government organizations, private sector stakeholders and investors with the real world Digital Service experiences It is planned to set up the Experience Centre in the Lotus Tower. The project proposal is being revised accordingly.

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03.	AI Powered Government Information Center (GIC)	To modernize the GIC and 1919 services to provide timely, accurate, and accessible government information with AI-enabled, multilingual, and multi-platform solution for citizen engagement and to establish a proactive information management system and open-source content infrastructure.	86	2025-2026	Department of National Planning (DNP) approval received. Procurement process has been initiated. Technical Evaluation completed and financial proposal to be opened and evaluated to award the contract.
04.	DPIs & DPI – Based Marketplace Design	To introduce a merit-based system when selecting digital products/services for government organizations where contract awards are based on open competition and transparent criteria, rather than patronage or non-competitive methods, ensuring accountability and traceability.	563	2025-2026	Department of National Planning (DNP) approval received on 21.11.2025 action is being taken to obtain the Cabinet Approval.
05.	Communication & Collaboration Tools Implementation	To implement a secure, unified digital platform for government-wide communication and collaboration, integrating legally recognized digital signatures to modernize official workflows, to drive	626	2025-2026	Department of National Planning (DNP) approval received on 21.11.2025 action is being taken to obtain the Cabinet Approval.

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		efficiency, ensure authenticity and accountability, and build operational resilience, ultimately enhancing governance, transparency, and citizen service delivery across Sri Lanka.			
06.	National Data Exchange (NDX)	To develop an NDX platform that enables secure, authenticated and interoperable data sharing among government agencies and with the private sector (G2G, G2B and G2C). Also to eliminate the data silos and create a unified, real time data ecosystem that supports the development and delivery of citizen centric digital services.	364	2025-2027	Department of National Planning (DNP) approval received on 26.11.2025 action is being taken to obtain the Cabinet Approval.
07.	Public awareness creation on AI	To create public awareness creation on AI among citizens, work forces and the school children aiming to demystify AI for every Sri Lankans. And the project will provide clear, simple explanation addressing common myths and misunderstanding on AI.	45.50	2025-2026	Detail proposal is being prepared.

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08.	Local language project AI project	To establish and AI working group dedicated to the development of Automatic Speech Recognition (ASR), Speech to Text (STT) and Text to Speech (TTS) data sets for the Sinhala and Tamil languages.	85	2025-2026	Detail proposal is being prepared.