

## Software industry looking at Lucknow as next IT hub

The software industry's apex lobby group is looking at Lucknow as a future information technology (IT) hub, an industry official said Thursday.

The software lobby - the National Association of Software and Services Companies (Nasscom) - and the Lucknow-based Association of Knowledge Workers (AKW) will jointly organise a national conference here Saturday to discuss how the Uttar Pradesh capital could be developed into an IT hub.

'The conference will focus on strategic planning for making Lucknow the next IT destination in the state after Noida,' Jayant Krishna, chairman of the organising committee, told IANS.

Krishna, who is also the principal consultant with Tata Consultancy Services in Lucknow, said software hotspots in the country such as Hyderabad, Mumbai, [Bangalore](#) and [Kolkata](#) are witnessing saturation.

'As a result, companies are looking at second-tier cities that can be developed as the next IT destinations,' he added.

According to him, Lucknow fitted the bill, and is best suited for the business processing outsourcing industry among the second-tier cities, given its proximity to Delhi.

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