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NOTIFICATION

Unicode 5.1.0

No. 2(32)/2009-EG-II: Whereas Department of Information Technology (DIT), Ministry of Communications and Information Technology, Government of India (GOI) is driving the National e-Governance Plan (NeGP) which seeks to create the right Governance and institutional mechanism and implement a number of Mission Mode Projects at the Centre and State Government; and

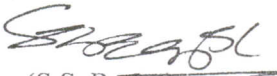
Whereas under NeGP, GOI is promoting the usage of Open Standards to avoid any technology lock-ins; and

Whereas Standards in e-Governance are a high priority activity, which will help ensure sharing of information and seamless interoperability of data across e-Governance applications. DIT, GOI has set up an Institutional Mechanism under NeGP to evolve/ adopt Standards for e-Governance; and

Whereas because of the lack of availability of information in local language there has been a slow progress in the Information and Communication Technology (ICT) sector and the benefits of ICT have not percolated down to the common man. Hence, "Localization and Language Technology" is an important area which is being addressed under Standardization; and

Whereas the Competent Authority on Standards has approved **Unicode 5.1.0** as Character Encoding Standard which is widely recognized all over the world for representation of multilingual text and also supports Indian languages as well as will ease Localization of applications for all the constitutionally recognized Indian languages; and

Therefore, Department of Information Technology, Government of India hereby notifies **Unicode 5.1.0** and its future versions as the Standard for e-Governance Applications w.e.f the date of notification.


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