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NIIT Tech to work on Rs 228 cr BSF project

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NIIT Technologies has bagged a Rs 228 crore 'Intranet Prahari' project from the Border Security Force (BSF). According to Arvind Thakur, CEO, NIIT Technologies, the project involves setting up of the complete infrastructure, network and applications to facilitate operations management, integrated financial activities and human resource management for BSF.

"We will implement the project in the coming financial year and will support it

for the next five years," Thakur said, while announcing the deal on the sidelines of the Nasscom India Leadership Forum-2010. According to him, the project cost of Rs 228 crore includes both execution and support for five years.

The project execution includes establishment of a central data centre, 10 mini data centres, a disaster recovery centre and infrastructure in 230 sector headquarters and battalions. BSF has over 157 battalions with another 27 in nine sectors and three more frontiers to be raised

in a phased manner. The programme will connect all frontiers and battalions across the country.

Thakur said, "Working with the government has never been easy and is never going to be easy. It is tough going through the bidding process." He added that his company has been looking at the domestic market more "significantly" after the financial crisis. "The size of the government engagement in IT is significant and we intend to bid aggressively," he said.

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