

Integration of Central Public Procurement portal with GeM

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To further improve the buying and selling process for ministries, departments and other agencies government is planning to integrate its central public procurement portal (CPPP) with the Government e-Marketplace (GeM)

Key highlights

- The plan is to add over 100 new features in the existing portal to make it more transparent as part of GeM 4.0.
- **The other features include**
 1. Timely payments to sellers
 2. Demand aggregation
 3. Allowing buyers to place a single order for quantities to be delivered over a period with a defined schedule
 4. Advanced search engine
 5. Crowdsourcing of sellers
 6. Use of blockchain technology for bulk procurement of pharma
 7. Improving catalog by adding parameters and price variance on the platform, and
 8. Introduction of seller rating.
 9. Incident management policy overhaul
 10. Buyer-seller collaboration, and
 11. Dedicated corners for public sector units and large buyers
- Buyer and sellers would be incentivized on the portal in the form of non-monetary credits by completing key tasks like timely payments, and catalog correction.

About Central Public Procurement Portal (CPPP)

- Central Public Procurement Portal (CPPP) of the Government of India is operational since 2012.
- It hosts the Government eProcurement System (GePNIC) developed by the National Informatics Centre in close coordination with the Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance.
- CPPP provides single-point access to all the tendering information on various procurements made across the country.
- **It facilitates :**
 1. **ePublishing** – Publishing of tender enquiries, corrigendum & award of contract details.
 2. **XML** – Facilitates publishing of tender comprehensive information of other eProcurement systems
 3. **eProcurement facilitated through** – GePNIC© implemented in 500+ Central Government Ministries/ Departments and Public Sector Units, it is also being rolled out across India