

**Conference on
“Harnessing AI and Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) for Viksit Bharat”**

Date: Friday, 5th December, 2025

Venue: Hotel Shangri-La Eros, New Delhi

Agenda (as on 4th December 2025)

8:45 AM - 9:45 AM	Registration and Networking Tea
9:55 AM – 11:10 AM	Inaugural Session
9:55 AM – 10:00 AM	Opening Remarks and Lamp Lighting Ceremony
10:00 AM – 10:09 AM	Welcome Address: Shri Bhuvnesh Kumar , CEO, Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) & CEO, National Institute for Smart Government (NISG)
10:09 AM - 10:19 AM	Keynote Address: Shri Mahaveer Singhvi , Joint Secretary, NEST [New, Emerging & Strategic Technologies] Division, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India
10:19 AM – 10:34 AM	Special Address: <i>“India's Digital Decade - positioning India as a global leader in digital governance”</i> Guest of Honor: Shri M. Nagaraju , Secretary, Department of Financial Services (DFS), Ministry of Finance, Government of India
10:34 AM - 10:36 AM	Release of NISG-EY Report
10:36 AM - 10:42 AM	Industry Remarks: Major Ranjeet Goswami (Retd.) , Global Head, Corporate Affairs, TCS
10:42 AM - 10:49 AM	Remarks: Mr. Rahul Rishi , GPS Consulting Leader, EY LLP
10:49 AM - 11:04 AM	Inaugural Address: <i>“Vision for a digitally empowered India and role of DPI and AI in achieving “Viksit Bharat 2047”</i> Chief Guest: Shri S. Krishnan , Secretary, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), Government of India
11:04 AM - 11:06 AM	Memento and Group Photo
11:06 AM - 11:08 AM	Vote of Thanks: Shri Srinath Chakravarthy , Senior Advisor, National Institute for Smart Government (NISG)

11:10 AM – 12:15 PM	Session I – AI and Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI)
11:10 AM – 11:25 AM	Keynote Address: Mr. Shankar Maruwada , Co-founder & CEO, EkStep Foundation
11:25 AM – 12:05 PM	Panel Discussion: Empowering Governance through Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Overview of DPI ecosystem – Challenges in scaling up India's DPI – Building Trust, Transparency and Inclusion – DPI implementation - Interoperability, and potential use cases for adoption by State Governments, Public Sector and Countries
	Moderator: Mr. Sivakumar Moorthy , Partner, Technology Consulting, EY LLP Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Shankar Maruwada, Co-founder & CEO, EkStep Foundation • Mr. Sanjay Jain, Director, Digital Public Infrastructure, Gates Foundation • Mr. K. Balachandran, Whole-time Director, CEO & Co-founder, IRIS Business Services Limited • Mr. Rohit Lohia, CBO, Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) • Mr. Chandra Mohan Malladi, Global Head - Enterprise Digital Products - Digital Public Infrastructure, Inclusion & Head – India AI COEs, TCS
12:05 PM - 12:15 PM	Q&A
12:00 PM - 12:15 PM	Running Tea / Coffee
12:15 PM – 1:30 PM	Session II - AI and Emerging technologies for Modern Governance
12:15 PM - 12:25 PM	Special Address: "Cyber Security Threats and AI" Shri Alok Tiwari , Managing Director, National Informatics Centre Services Incorporated (NICS)
12:25 PM to 12:35 PM	Special Address: Smt. Kavita Bhatia , Scientist G & COO, IndiaAI Mission, MeitY, Government of India
12:35 PM - 12:41 PM	Industry Keynote Address: Mr. Gautam Aggarwal , Division President, South Asia & Country Corporate Officer, Mastercard India
12:41 PM – 1:20 PM	Panel Discussion: "Adopting AI and Emerging Technologies for transforming Governance"
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Potential and opportunities for adoption of AI in Public Services and digital inclusion using DPI – Current landscape and government initiatives supporting AI adoption

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Future use cases on DPI with AI on the forefront – Building AI Skills for the Public Sector & Government Services – Exploring futuristic DPI and AI use-cases
	<p>Moderator: Mr. Anurag Dua, Partner, Technology Consulting, EY LLP</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smt. Kavita Bhatia, Scientist G & COO, IndiaAI Mission, MeitY, Government of India • Shri Neeraj Huddar, Resident Fellow and Lead Architect, NITI Frontier Tech Hub • Mr. Gautam Aggarwal, Division President, South Asia & Country Corporate Officer, Mastercard India • Mr. Vishal Dixit, India Country Head, Wipro Ltd.
1:20 PM - 1:30 PM	Q&A
1:30 PM - 2:30 PM	Networking Lunch
2:30 PM - 3:00 PM	Session III – NISG Client Perspectives
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Role of NISG in digital transformation of Government sector – NISG as a partner to Government to promote innovation, e-governance and delivery of citizen services
	<p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shri Jeya Ragul Geshan B, Director, IT & Head, Startup Tripura, Govt. of Tripura • Shri Alok Shankar Pandey, Group General Manager – IT & Chief Information Security Officer, Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India Limited (DFCCIL)
3:00 PM - 4:05 PM	Session IV – Session with States on DPI & AI
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – State's vision and achievements in Digital Transformation – Showcase State initiatives, policies, and opportunities using AI in digital governance - Agri-tech, health-tech, skilling etc. – Invite partnerships for scaling up Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) using AI
	<p>Moderator: Mr. Vipul Kaushik, Partner, Technology Consulting, EY LLP</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shri Saurabh K. Tiwari, Additional Secretary, Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) Mission, Cabinet Secretariat, Government of India • Dr. Vageesh Tiwari, Director – Digital Governance Division, MeitY, Government of India • Shri Kiran Gitte, Secretary, IT, Government of Tripura

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shri Yasin M. Choudhary, Secretary, IT, Government of Puducherry
3:55 PM – 4:05 PM	Q&A
4:00 PM – 4:10 PM	Running Tea / Coffee
4:05 PM - 5:05 PM	Session V – Transforming Governance with DPI & AI – Successful Case Studies in Public Service Delivery
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – How AI can help in improving distribution of Government Services and Inclusion – What is required to be done to improve Digital Infrastructure and Scalability – Use Cases – How DPI & AI is enhancing Cybersecurity, improving Agri output and other sectoral use cases – Involving Academia/Public Sector in creating future use cases
	<p>Moderator: Mr. Prakash Jayaram, Partner, Technology Consulting, EY LLP</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Pramod Kumar Meherda, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Government of India • Mr. Amitabh Nag, CEO, Digital India BHASHINI Division • Shri Jeya Ragul Geshan B, Director, IT & Head, Startup Tripura, Govt. of Tripura • Mr. Sujith Nair, Co-Creator, BECKN Protocol, CEO, Beckn Labs, Co-Founder, NFH, CEO and Co-founder, FIDE
5:05 PM - 5:15 PM	Q&A
5:15 PM - 5:20 PM	<p>Closing Remarks & Vote of Thanks</p> <p>Mr. Santosh Mathew, Deputy General Manager (DGM), National Institute for Smart Government (NISG)</p>
5:20 PM	Conference Ends