



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

**Date:** Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2025

**Venue:** Hotel Shangri-La Eros, New Delhi

**Agenda (as on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025)**

Time	Sessions
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 – 10:10 AM	<b>Welcome Address:</b>  <b>Shri Bhuvnesh Kumar</b> , CEO, Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) & CEO, National Institute for Smart Government (NISG)
10:10 AM - 10:20 AM	<b>Keynote Address:</b>  <b>Shri Mahaveer Singhvi</b> , Joint Secretary, NEST [New, Emerging & Strategic Technologies] Division, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India <i>(Invited)</i>
10:20 AM - 10:28 AM	<b>Remarks:</b>  <b>Mr. Pankaj Khurana</b> , Partner, EY
10:28 AM - 10:30 AM	Release of NISG-EY Report
10:30 AM – 10:45 AM	<b>Special Address:</b> <i>“India's Digital Decade - positioning India as a global leader in digital governance”</i>  <b>Guest of Honor: Shri V. Srinivas</b> , Secretary, (DARPG & DPPW), Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions, Government of India
10:45 AM - 11:00 AM	<b>Inaugural Address:</b> <i>“Vision for a digitally empowered India and role of DPI and AI in achieving “Viksit Bharat 2047”</i>  <b>Chief Guest: Shri S. Krishnan</b> , Secretary, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), Government of India
11:00 AM - 11:05 AM	<b>Vote of Thanks:</b>  <b>Shri Srinath Chakravarthy</b> , Senior Vice President, National Institute for Smart Government (NISG)
11:05 AM - 11:08 AM	<b>Memento and Group Photo</b>

<b>11:10 AM – 12:20 PM</b>	<b>Session I – AI and Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI)</b>
11:10 AM – 11:25 AM	<b>Keynote Address:</b> <b>Mr. Shankar Maruwada</b> , Co-founder & CEO, EkStep Foundation
11:25 AM – 12:05 PM	<b>Panel Discussion: Empowering Governance through Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI)</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Overview of DPI ecosystem</li> <li>– Challenges in scaling up India's DPI</li> <li>– Building Trust, Transparency and Inclusion</li> <li>– DPI implementation - Interoperability, and potential use cases for adoption by State Governments, Public Sector and Countries</li> </ul>
	<b>Panelists:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Shankar Maruwada</b>, Co-founder &amp; CEO, EkStep Foundation</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Sanjay Jain</b>, Director, Digital Public Infrastructure, Gates Foundation</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Rohit Lohia</b>, CBO, Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC)</li> </ul>
12:05 PM - 12:15 PM	Q&A
12:00 PM - 12:20 PM	Running Tea / Coffee
<b>12:15 PM – 1:20 PM</b>	<b>Session II - AI and Emerging technologies for Modern Governance</b>
12:15 PM - 12:30 PM	<b>Keynote Address:</b>  <b>Shri Abhishek Singh</b> , Additional Secretary, MeitY, Director General, NIC & CEO, IndiaAI Mission, Government of India
<b>12:30 PM – 1:15 PM</b>	<b>Panel Discussion: “Adopting AI and Emerging Technologies for transforming Governance”</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Potential and opportunities for adoption of AI in Public Services and digital inclusion using DPI</li> <li>– Current landscape and government initiatives supporting AI adoption</li> <li>– Future use cases on DPI with AI on the forefront</li> <li>– Building AI Skills for the Public Sector &amp; Government Services</li> <li>– Exploring futuristic DPI and AI use-cases</li> </ul>
	<b>Moderator:</b>  <b>Panelists:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Shri Abhishek Singh</b>, Additional Secretary, MeitY, Director General, NIC &amp; CEO, IndiaAI Mission, Government of India</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Debjani Ghosh</b>, Distinguished Fellow, NITI Aayog and Chief Architect, NITI Frontier Tech Hub</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Rakesh Kaul Punjabi</b>, AI Leader, EY</li> </ul>
1:15 PM - 1:20 PM	Q&A

<b>1:20 PM – 1:30 PM</b>	<b>Industry Presentation</b>
<b>1:30 PM - 2:15 PM</b>	<b>Networking Lunch</b>
<b>2:20 PM - 2:50 PM</b>	<b>Session III – Fireside Chat with NISG leadership</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Role of NISG in digital transformation of Government sector</li> <li>– NISG as a partner to Government to promote innovation, e-governance and delivery of citizen services</li> <li>– NISG in the design and implementation of mission mode projects (MMP) in India viz. MCA-21, Passport Seva Project, Aadhaar, commercial taxes, immigration, health, and agriculture</li> <li>– Aspirations to go global and assist Foreign Governments for international projects in Digital Transformation, e-governance and National Identity projects viz. Sri Lanka, Myanmar</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Moderator: NISG</b></p> <p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Shri Bhuvnesh Kumar</b>, CEO, Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) &amp; CEO, National Institute for Smart Government (NISG)</li> <li>• <b>Shri Srinath Chakravarthy</b>, Senior Vice President, National Institute for Smart Government (NISG)</li> </ul>
2:50 PM - 2:55 PM	Q&A
<b>2:55 PM – 3:00 PM</b>	<b>Presentation</b>
<b>3:00 PM - 4:05 PM</b>	<b>Session IV – Session with States on DPI &amp; AI</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– State’s vision and achievements in Digital Transformation</li> <li>– Showcase State initiatives, policies, and opportunities using AI in digital governance - Agri-tech, health-tech, skilling etc.</li> <li>– Invite partnerships for scaling up Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) using AI</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Moderator: Mr. Pankaj Khurana</b>, Partner, EY</p> <p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IT Secretary, Government of Tripura</li> <li>• IT Secretary, State 2</li> <li>• Director, MeitY, Government of India</li> </ul>
3:55 PM – 4:05 PM	Q&A
<b>4:00 PM – 4:20 PM</b>	<b>Running Tea / Coffee</b>
<b>4:05 PM - 5:05 PM</b>	<b>Session V – Transforming Governance with DPI &amp; AI – Successful Case Studies in Public Service Delivery</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– How AI can help in improving distribution of Government Services and Inclusion</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– What is required to be done to improve Digital Infrastructure and Scalability</li> <li>– Use Cases – How DPI &amp; AI is enhancing Cybersecurity, improving Agri output and other sectoral use cases</li> <li>– Involving Academia/Public Sector in creating future use cases</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Moderator: Mr. Kushal Bansal</b>, Director, EY</p> <p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dr. Pramod Kumar Meherda</b>, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture &amp; Farmers Welfare, Government of India</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Amitabh Nag</b>, CEO, Digital India BHASHINI Division</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Sujith Nair</b>, Co-Creator, BECKN Protocol, CEO, Beckn Labs, Co-Founder, NFH, CEO and Co-founder, FIDE</li> </ul>
5:05 PM - 5:10 PM	Q&A
<b>5:10 PM - 5:20 PM</b>	<b>Closing Remarks, Way forward &amp; Vote of Thanks</b>
<b>5:20 PM</b>	<b>Conference Ends</b>