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Ask Our Experts Episode 30: SEMICON India 2025- Building the Next Semiconductor Powerhouse

- Ask Our Experts - a LIVE programme presented by NeGD focuses on Digital India initiatives
- The show is broadcast weekly on Fridays at 1 PM on Digital India's YouTube channel

The National e-Governance Division (NeGD), Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) conducted the 30th episode of 'Ask Our Experts'- a YouTube LIVE programme- on the topic 'SEMICON India 2025: Building the Next Semiconductor Powerhouse' on August 22, 2025.

The expert panel featured Shri Amitesh Kumar Sinha, Additional Secretary, MeitY and CEO of India Semiconductor Mission (ISM); Shri Vivek Khaneja, Executive Director, Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (CDAC), Noida; and Shri Ashok Chandak, President of SEMI India and India Electronics and Semiconductor Association (IESA). The experts deep dived into India's growing role in the global semiconductor ecosystem and the strategic initiatives supporting this growth, including government policies, design ecosystem, fabrication, packaging, and emerging startup support programmes.

The experts highlighted the pivotal role semiconductors play in modern technology- from smart phones to defense applications and discussed India's ambitious targets under the India Semiconductor Mission. They emphasised the government's Rs. 76,000 crore package supporting fabrication, design, packaging & ecosystem development, and the nurturing of a talent pool through revised curricula & training programs reaching over 85,000 engineers.

The episode also underscored international cooperation as a key enabler for India's semiconductor ambitions and detailed the support available to startups, including financial incentives and access to expensive design tools and intellectual property.

Live questions from viewers sparked engaging interactions and the session concluded with the announcement of Digital India Question Ninjas- participants who asked insightful questions during the program. The episode can be watched again here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yqOU5mpiL1k>

'Ask Our Experts' is a unique program broadcast live on Digital India's YouTube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/@DigitalIndiaofficial>). The aim of this program is to engage experts in interactive discussions on various Digital India initiatives and projects. The program gives

citizens a platform to ask questions directly to government officials involved in these citizen-centric projects and get their queries answered.

About SEMICON India 2025

To accelerate growth and innovation in India's semiconductor and electronics manufacturing ecosystem, the India Semiconductor Mission (ISM), Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), Government of India, in partnership with SEMI and IESA, is organising SEMICON India 2025 from September 2 – 4, 2025 at Yashobhoomi, New Delhi.