

PRESS NOTE

Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology

- **Digital India Talk Show organised at Sharda University, Greater Noida**
- **Interactive Talk Show engages 300+ students on Digital Public Infrastructure and Emerging Technologies**

Greater Noida, March 25, 2026: As part of the Ministry of Electronics and IT's outreach efforts to strengthen digital awareness among youth, a **Digital India Talk Show and Interactive Session** was organized at the **Sharda University, Greater Noida on March 25, 2026**. The programme witnessed enthusiastic participation from more than 300 students and faculty members, reflecting growing interest in India's rapidly evolving digital ecosystem.

The session began with a welcome address by **Dr. Pallavi Gupta, Dean, Department of Engineering and Science, Sharda University**, who highlighted the importance of equipping students with digital knowledge and skills to contribute meaningfully to India's technology-driven growth.

The event was graced by eminent faculty members including **Dr. Karuna Singh, Professor and Dean, Allied Health Science, Dr. Piyush Mittal, Professor and Dean, School of Pharmacy and Dr. Dhruv Sabharwal, Associate Professor**, whose presence reinforced academic support for capacity building in digital initiatives.

Shri Sarwesh Kumar, Deputy General Manager, National e-Governance Division (NeGD), in his opening remarks, outlined the vision of Digital India as a catalyst for inclusive growth, improved governance and citizen empowerment. He introduced participants to key Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) platforms such as **DigiLocker, API Setu, MeriPehchaan, and UMANG**, highlighting their role in simplifying access to government services. He also encouraged students to explore the technical architecture and integration capabilities of these platforms for developing innovative, citizen-centric digital solutions.

The programme also featured a series of expert-led sessions on major Digital India initiatives:

- **Shri Vivek Manral** delivered a session on DigiLocker and Entity Locker, focusing on secure digital document storage, sharing and verification

- **Shri Rohit Kashyap** discussed Academic Bank of Credits (ABC), National Academic Depository (NAD) and APAAR ID, emphasizing their role in transforming academic data management systems
- **Shri Ajeet Vishen** gave presentation on cybersecurity and the Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023, underlining the need for data protection and responsible digital practices
- **Shri Sarwesh Kumar** also demonstrated the UMANG platform and introduced the myScheme portal, showcasing seamless access to government services and welfare schemes

The sessions were interactive in nature, with students actively participating through questions and discussions. To further engage with students, a **Digital India Quiz** was organised by the A&C Division of NeGD, encouraging students to test their understanding of digital initiatives. The programme concluded with a **Prize Distribution Ceremony**, followed by a **group photograph** and a **Vote of Thanks** delivered by **Dr. Pallavi Gupta**.

The Digital India Talk Shows aim to promote awareness of the Digital India programme, its major initiatives, strengthening digital literacy and encouraging the youth to actively participate in India's digital transformation journey.

The event was planned and coordinated by the **Awareness & Communication (A&C) team of the National e-Governance Division (NeGD)**, including **Ms. Shivani Kapil, Ms. Rituparna Nath, Mr. Sushant Maheshwari, and Mr. Kamal**, ensuring smooth programme execution, stakeholder coordination, branding, and outreach.

