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Press Note

- **Digital India Talk Shows organised in Goa**
- **Over 200 Faculty, Researchers and Students of Goa Engineering College (GEC) and BITS Pilani, Goa Campus participated**
- **Interactive sessions engaged participants on Digital Public Infrastructure and Emerging Technologies**

Panaji, Goa: Continuing its efforts to strengthen awareness about key Digital India initiatives and digital literacy among young citizens, the National e-Governance Division (NeGD), under the Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY), organised Digital India Talk Shows cum Awareness Workshops at Goa Engineering College (GEC), Goa and BITS Pilani, K K Birla Goa Campus on June 10, 2026.

The workshops brought together students, research scholars and faculty members from both institutions, creating an interactive platform to explore India's expanding digital ecosystem, understand the significance of Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) and discuss the role of emerging technologies in enabling citizen-centric governance and innovation.



The programmes commenced with inaugural sessions including welcome remarks, lighting of the lamp ceremony and addresses by academic and government dignitaries.

At Goa Engineering College, opening remarks were delivered by Dr. Milind Sakharadande, Joint Director, DITE&C and Associate Professor, Mechanical Engineering, followed by an address by Dr. Krupashankara Mysore Sethuram, Principal, Goa Engineering College. They noted that the workshop inspired the students to look beyond technology as just a career option and understand its transformative role in nation-building.

At BITS Pilani, K K Birla Goa Campus, the welcome address and context setting was delivered by Ms. Sharda Katare, Head SeMT, NeGD, while opening remarks were delivered by Prof. Bharat Deshpande, Head, CS&IS and Acting Director, BITS Pilani K K Birla Goa Campus. Prof. Deshpande said that the initiatives under Digital India are opening new opportunities for innovation, entrepreneurship, and public service, and such engagements motivate the students to actively contribute to India's digital future.



The Digital India Talk Shows featured expert-led sessions conducted by subject matter experts from NeGD:

- Shri Sarwesh Kumar conducted sessions on DigiLocker and Entity Locker, highlighting how secure and paperless digital document access is transforming service delivery and improving citizen convenience
- Shri Ramakant Baunthiyal delivered presentations on UMANG and myScheme, showcasing how integrated digital platforms are enabling easier access to government services and opportunities
- Ms. Nitika Dogra presented on API Setu and MeriPehchaan, focusing on seamless digital experiences, interoperability and integrated access across government platforms
- Shri Naman Agrawal conducted sessions on Cybersecurity and the Digital Personal Data Protection (DPDP) Act, 2023, emphasising responsible digital behaviour, online safety and awareness around personal data protection

The sessions generated enthusiastic participation and insightful discussions, with students and faculty actively engaging with experts through questions and exchanges on digital governance, technology adoption and responsible digital practices.

Adding an element of engagement and learning, NeGD organised a Digital India Quiz, enabling participants to strengthen their understanding of key Digital India initiatives and platforms. The programmes concluded with prize distribution ceremonies, group photographs and vote of thanks sessions.

The Digital India Talk Show continues to serve as an important outreach initiative aimed at enhancing digital literacy, promoting awareness of Government digital platforms and encouraging young citizens to actively participate in India's digital transformation journey.

The workshops were conceptualised, coordinated and executed by NeGD to ensure effective engagement with academic institutions and strengthen awareness of citizen-centric digital services.