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Press Note

- **Digital India Talk Show organised at the University of Calcutta to promote awareness on Digital India initiatives and citizen-centric digital services**
- **Interactive sessions engage students on key Digital India platforms, cybersecurity and data protection**

Kolkata, West Bengal, August 21, 2026: The National e-Governance Division (NeGD), Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), Government of India, organised a **Digital India Talk Show** at the **University of Calcutta** on August 21, 2026.

The workshop aimed at creating awareness among university students about **Digital India initiatives, Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) and citizen-centric digital services**, while helping them understand better about digital platforms and services that are shaping India's digital governance ecosystem.

The programme commenced with an introduction to the workshop by **Prof. Jitendra Nath Bera**, Department of Applied Physics, followed by the welcome address by **Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. Asutosh Ghosh**. The opening remarks were delivered by **Ms. Nidhi Sinha, NeGD**; she highlighted the importance of engaging young citizens with Digital India initiatives and building greater awareness on digital public services.

The workshop featured interactive sessions by experts from NeGD- Ms. Aastha Gupta, Mr. Ayush Tiwari, Mr. Soumavo Majumder and Mr. Ajeet Kumar- covering DigiLocker, Entity Locker, UMANG, API Setu, Meri Pehchaan, myScheme, UX4G, Cybersecurity, and the Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023.

Through these sessions, students gained insights into the functioning and practical relevance of key Digital India platforms, while also understanding the importance of cybersecurity, data privacy and responsible participation in the digital ecosystem.

The programme witnessed enthusiastic participation from approximately **220 students**. The interactive format encouraged students to engage with the speakers, seek clarifications and



better understand how various Digital India initiatives are contributing to citizen-centric digital service delivery. The programme concluded with a Vote of Thanks by Prof. Rajarshi Gupta, Convenor, Institution's Innovation Council, Calcutta University.

The Digital India Talk Show reaffirms the commitment of **MeitY** and **NeGD** in promoting digital awareness among young citizens and strengthening engagement with universities and academic institutions across the country.

