

Ask Our Experts' Episode 18- All about Innovation in Drone Tech

- Ask Our Experts- a live program presented by NeGD, MeitY focuses on Digital India initiatives
- *The weekly show is broadcast on Friday at 1 PM on Digital India's YouTube channel*

The National e-Governance Division (NeGD), Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) produced the 18th episode of 'Ask Our Experts'- a You Tube LIVE program, on '**National Innovation Challenge for Drone Application' and Research (NIDAR) by the Drone Federation India (DFI)** on April 4, 2025.

The expert panel included Mr. Smith Shah, President, Drone Federation of India; Dr. Suresh Sundaram, Professor, Department of Aerospace Engineering; IISC Bangalore; and Mr. Ramakrishna, CEO, EndureAir Systems

The discussion helped emphasise on the need for more innovation in emerging technologies and drone tech as India looks to maximize its potential in the AI/ML, IoT, and deep-tech space.

Experts talked about the specific use cases of drone technology for disaster management and its extensive viability in the agriculture sector. SwaYaan, a MeitY initiative for 'Capacity Building for Human Resource Development in Unmanned Aircraft Systems/Drone & related technology' was also introduced. Under 'SwaYaan', various open online courses are being designed and developed to cater the need of learning community in UAS/Drone & related technology areas.

Many questions were received from live viewers regarding the innovation challenge and a healthy participation is expected in this exciting competition which will help India gain innovative insights and advancement in drone technology.

Digital India Question Ninjas were announced during the live programme for asking relevant questions to the experts and they will be rewarded by NeGD for their participation.

The show can be watched again here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6RAJPmS_4RE

'Ask Our Experts' is a unique weekly program broadcast live on Digital India's You Tube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/@DigitalIndiaofficial>). The aim of this programme is to engage experts in an interactive discussion on various Digital India initiatives and projects. The program gives citizens a chance to ask questions directly to the officials involved in these citizen-centric projects and get all their queries answered.

