

National e-Governance Division

Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology

Press Note

- **Digital India Talk Show organised at NERIST to promote Digital Literacy and Citizen-Centric Digital Services**
- **Interactive workshop engages academia on Digital Public Infrastructure, data privacy and emerging technologies**

Nirjuli, Arunachal Pradesh: As part of its continued outreach activities, the National e-Governance Division (NeGD), Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY), Government of India, in collaboration with the North Eastern Regional Institute of Science and Technology (NERIST) and the Institution of Engineers (India) (IEI), Arunachal Pradesh State Centre, organised a Digital India Talk Show cum Interactive Workshop at the NERIST Seminar Hall, Department of Computer Science & Engineering, on June 19, 2026.

The workshop aimed at creating awareness about the Government of India's flagship Digital India initiatives, promote digital literacy, and familiarise participants with citizen-centric digital services and emerging technologies that are transforming governance and public service delivery.

The inaugural session was graced by the Chief Guest, Prof. Narendranath S., Director, NERIST, and Prof. Arvind Kumar Singh, Department of Electrical Engineering, NERIST and Chairman, IEI Arunachal Pradesh State Centre, as the Guest of Honour. The programme was also addressed by Dr. MargradKathing, Head, Department of Computer Science & Engineering, NERIST, and Ms. Mini Rani Sharma, Head, State e-Mission Team (SeMT), Government of Arunachal Pradesh, who highlighted the role of Digital India initiatives in strengthening governance, promoting innovation and empowering citizens.

In his address, Prof. Narendranath S. underscored the transformative impact of digital technologies in driving innovation, economic growth and national development. Prof. Arvind Kumar Singh highlighted the growing importance of digital technologies across engineering, education, governance and industry, and encouraged greater adoption of Digital India initiatives to build a technologically empowered and self-reliant nation.

The workshop featured a series of informative sessions delivered by experts from NeGD and associated organisations. Speakers from NeGD included Mr. Prabhnoor Singh who conducted sessions on DigiLocker and Entity Locker, while Mr. Sarwesh Kumar and Ms. Kriti presented on Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI), UMANG and myScheme, demonstrating how these platforms simplify citizens' access to government services. Mr. Soumavo Majumdar delivered an expert session on the Digital Personal Data Protection (DPDP) Act, 2023, highlighting key aspects of data privacy and responsible digital governance.

The workshop witnessed participation from around 40 faculty members, researchers, students and officials from various departments of NERIST. The interactive discussions provided participants with valuable insights into Digital Public Infrastructure, digital governance, cybersecurity and emerging technologies, while encouraging dialogue on the adoption of citizen-centric digital services.

The programme concluded with an interactive feedback session, during which participants appreciated the relevance of the topics covered and the practical insights shared by the experts. The workshop reaffirmed the commitment of MeitY and NeGD to promoting digital awareness and strengthening digital capacity through continued engagement with academic institutions across the country.

