**PRESS NOTE**

**Digital India Ask Our Experts**

- **Episode 60 explores Digi Yatra and the Future of Seamless Air Travel**
- **DigiLocker Integration Simplifies Passenger Registration on Digi Yatra**
- **Leverages Facial Recognition Technology for a Secure, Paperless Verification of Identity Documents and Passenger-Friendly air travel**

**New Delhi:** The 60th episode of the Digital India 'Ask Our Experts' series features an engaging conversation with Shri Suresh Khadakbhavi, Chief Executive Officer, Digi Yatra Foundation, on how technology is transforming the air travel experience in India through Digi Yatra.

The episode explores how Digi Yatra is making airport journeys more seamless, paperless and efficient by using Facial Recognition Technology (FRT) to enable contactless passenger movement across airport checkpoints. Designed to reduce the stress, congestion and long queues traditionally associated with air travel, the initiative aims to make the airport experience simpler and more convenient for passengers.

Watch the episode on https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-dpTpm0EfuA&list=PLHdRh1lHRECkYclg1W6E3Q7UMlQimjTUj&index=1&t=2130s



Sharing the vision behind the initiative, Shri Khadakbhavi said, “What we have tried to achieve is to reduce tension.” He explained how Digi Yatra seeks to address everyday passenger concerns by simplifying airport processes and reducing the need for repeated physical identity checks.

An important aspect of the discussion was the growing scope of Digi Yatra, including trials for international passengers. Currently being tested at departure touchpoints, the initiative has the potential to expand further, with the long-term vision of integrating immigration processes to make international travel more efficient.

The episode also addresses one of the most important questions surrounding digital identity platforms: data privacy and security. Shri Khadakbhavi explained that Digi Yatra is built on the principle of Self-Sovereign Identity (SSI), which puts passengers in control of their personal identity information. Unlike conventional systems that rely on centralised databases, Digi Yatra enables passengers to store their verified identity credentials in a secure, encrypted wallet on their own mobile devices. He said, “We wanted to mitigate the risk of data loss, theft, leakage, pilferage, and how do we do that? By letting people keep their identity data with themselves.”

**Integration with DigiLocker**

The discussion also highlights the integration of Digi Yatra with DigiLocker, which simplifies passenger registration by enabling the secure retrieval and verification of documents such as Aadhaar and Driving Licence. Through this integration, users can access verified credentials without having to manually upload documents. The platform also follows the principle of data minimisation, processing only the information necessary for identity verification rather than collecting or retaining excessive personal details.

The integration with DigiLocker is a significant step towards creating a seamless digital travel experience by bringing together two citizen-centric digital platforms. By allowing passengers to access verified identity documents directly through DigiLocker, the integration eliminates the need for manual document uploads and simplifies the onboarding process on the Digi Yatra app. The secure exchange of information through APIs ensures the authenticity of documents while reducing repetitive verification. The approach also reinforces the principle of data minimisation, ensuring that only essential information required for passenger identity verification is accessed. This integration demonstrates how different Digital India platforms can work together to make everyday services more convenient, secure and accessible to citizens.

The episode further explores the future possibilities of Digi Yatra, including its potential integration with other modes of transport, such as airport metro services, to facilitate a more connected travel experience. The Foundation is also exploring solutions, including QR-code-based options, to make the service more accessible to passengers who may not have smartphones.

Highlighting the value of the passenger experience, Shri Khadakbhavi observed, “The convenience that we offer is irresistible.” The episode offers viewers a closer understanding of the technology, privacy safeguards and future possibilities shaping Digi Yatra, while addressing common questions that passengers may have about using the platform.

The Digital India ‘Ask Our Experts’ series is an initiative of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), anchored by the National e-Governance Division (NeGD). The series brings experts and key stakeholders directly to citizens, helping them understand digital initiatives, emerging technologies and the services that are transforming everyday life through accessible and informative conversations. It is streamed on Digital India’s YouTube channel. For more information on upcoming episodes and Digital India initiatives, visit www.digitalindia.gov.inand www.negd.gov.in.