NATIONAL CONSULTATIVE WORKSHOP ON "STRENGTHENING CYBERSECURITY FRAMEWORKS FOR STATE DATA"

The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) convened the National Consultative Workshop on "Strengthening Cybersecurity Frameworks for State Data". The workshop constituted stage II of a four-stage departmental summit on "Strengthening Cyber Security Frameworks for State Data," initiated by MeitY pursuant to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's directions at the 5th National Conference of Chief Secretaries. The Workshop, conducted in partnership with NeGD, aims to produce a comprehensive national cybersecurity policy framework for State governments through structured consultations with all 36 States and Union Territories of India.

The workshop deliberated upon six national thematic areas identified through the consultative process:

i. Risk-based assessments and continuous security monitoring of State IT assets

ii. Securing State Data Centres (SDCs) and State Wide Area Networks (SWAN) with modern perimeter, endpoint and cloud security controls

iii. Strengthening incident detection, response and recovery through dedicated SOCs and State Computer Security Incident Response Teams (CSIRTs), under the technical umbrella of CERT-In

iv. Legacy application modernisation, Secure-by-Design principles and Zero Trust Architecture

v. Data classification, compliance with the Digital Personal Data Protection (DPDP) Act, 2023, and alignment with MHA's National Information Security Policy and Guidelines (NISPG)

vi. Appointment of CISOs across State departments, capacity building, skilling and citizen cyber awareness programmes

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GOVERNMENT PUSHES INDIA POST TOWARD CORPORATE-STYLE EFFICIENCY

Minister of State for Communications and Rural Development Dr. Chandra Sekhar Pemmasani, conducted a detailed review of APT 2.0, India Post's next-generation digital platform, underscoring its role in transforming India Post into a modern logistics and services hub.

The Minister of State highlighted how APT 2.0 is empowering branch offices with real-time intelligence, enabling them to analyse local demand, monitor performance, and take faster, data-driven decisions at the field level. The integration of AI is helping India Post process large volumes of operational data, predict outcomes, automate routine functions, and significantly enhance service delivery across the postal network.

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FIVE STATES FELICITATED FOR EXCEPTIONAL DIGILOCKER INTEGRATION INITIATIVES

The National e-Governance Division (NeGD) has been consistently working towards integrating DigiLocker with citizen services across the country to enable seamless and efficient delivery of public services. As a part of its sustained efforts to strengthen digital governance, NeGD has focused on facilitating the integration of DigiLocker with various State digital service platforms. In recognition of exemplary initiatives in this domain, five States were felicitated for their outstanding contribution towards DigiLocker integration. The felicitation took place during the National Consultative Workshop on Strengthening Cybersecurity Frameworks for State Data, held on May 11, 2026.

During the event, officials and State e-Governance Mission Team (SeMT) teams from five States viz. Gujarat, Karnataka, Keralam, Nagaland and Rajasthan were felicitated for their exceptional contribution towards large-scale DigiLocker integration and adoption across State government services.

The recognised States demonstrated exemplary performance in integrating DigiLocker with multiple departmental services, thereby simplifying document access, reducing physical verification requirements and significantly improving ease of living for citizens through Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) as mentioned below:-

1. **Gujarat** - The state has on-boarded 65% of the services and diversified the digital ecosystem to over 1.92 Crore citizens. Gujarat has been also awarded for their innovation for Bus transport, wherein they have enabled Digital Disability certificates which can be showcased for availing free transport.

2. **Karnataka** - The state has been instrumental in on-boarding 73% of the government e-services marking their way towards Digital Karnataka and registered with the highest number of DigiLocker accounts with over 2.7 Crore citizens using its services. Karnataka was able to on-board all the 5 Discoms in a quick time, thereby reaching digitization of 3 Crore electricity bill records.

3. **Keralam** - The state in coordination with various departments has completed on-boarding of more than 117 Services in less than 7 Days. Keralam caters to more than 1.15 Crore registered users.

4. **Nagaland** - Nominated for 'Digital Rising State', Nagaland has been able to integrate more than 32 services in a span of 1 month. Nagaland has done all integrations both in issuer and requestor models which showcases their excellence in digital transformation.

5. **Rajasthan** – The state rolled out the Family Register Jan Aadhaar with DigiLocker, catering to more than 7.5+ Crore citizens. The state has been instrumental in on-boarding Electricity Bill and many more services at a fast pace.

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INDIAAI AND ICMR SIGN MOU TO ACCELERATE RESPONSIBLE AI ADOPTION IN HEALTHCARE

IndiaAI, the Government of India's flagship initiative under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), implemented through the Digital India Corporation (DIC), signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), India's apex body for biomedical and health research. The partnership marks a significant step towards advancing healthcare outcomes through the responsible and scalable application of Artificial Intelligence (AI).

Key Pillars of the Collaboration

- **AIKosh Dataset Platform**

  ICMR will contribute anonymised and ethics-approved health research datasets, AI models, and toolkits developed under the MIDAS framework to the AIKosh platform. This will enable broader access to high-quality biomedical datasets for researchers, startups, and innovators across India.

- **Compute Access**

  IndiaAI will provide ICMR with access to GPU-based and high-performance computing infrastructure at subsidised rates, subject to defined service-level agreements. This is expected to address a critical infrastructure gap in scaling advanced AI research in healthcare.

- **Collaborative AI Use Case Development**

  The partnership will support the co-development of AI-powered solutions addressing priority public health challenges in India. These solutions will be informed by ICMR's disease burden data and enabled by IndiaAI's technology stack.

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INDIAAI SIGNS MOU WITH KARYA TO STRENGTHEN INCLUSIVE AI ECOSYSTEM

The IndiaAI Mission, under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Karya, a non-profit organisation that works to increase accessibility of the AI economy. The organizations together will work on strengthening India's inclusive artificial intelligence (AI) ecosystem through collaboration in data, technology, and capacity building.

The MoU is focused on the development, curation, and sharing of high-quality language and multimodal datasets to support inclusive and representative AI systems.

As part of the partnership, both entities will undertake technical cooperation to strengthen AIKosh data infrastructure, model evaluation frameworks, and standards for dataset quality, validation, and interoperability.

The partnership also aims to support capacity building and ecosystem development through training programmes, workshops, technical consultations, and knowledge-sharing initiatives across government and partner institutions.

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LAUNCH OF IP CATALYST AND DIGITAL PLATFORM DURING NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON "FROM PATENT TO PRODUCT: ACCELERATING IP COMMERCIALIZATION IN ELECTRONICS & IT"

The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), Government of India, organized a one-day national conference on **"From Patent to Product: Accelerating IP Commercialization in Electronics & IT"** on 12th May 2026. The conference, brought together policymakers, innovators, industry leaders, startups, MSMEs, academia, researchers, and R&D institutions to deliberate on strengthening India's intellectual property and innovation ecosystem in the Electronics and IT domain.

The IP Catalyst

The IP Catalyst initiative is being implemented by CDAC Pune, supported by MeitY that aims to enable comprehensive digital ecosystem supporting the complete innovation lifecycle from research and IP creation to technology transfer, commercialization, and market deployment. It aims to bridge the gap between publicly funded R&D and industry adoption by enabling stronger collaboration among MeitY organizations, startups, MSMEs, academia, and industry.

Key features and support under IP Catalyst include:

- Financial support for IP filing for MeitY organizations and grantee institutions.
- International patent filing support for startups and MSMEs.
- Unified digital access to technology commercialization and IP support services.
- Prior-art search and IP advisory services.
- Technology readiness and maturity assessment.
- IP valuation and commercialization support.
- Technology transfer and licensing facilitation.
- Industry–academia–startup collaboration opportunities.
- Access to MeitY-supported technologies and indigenous solutions.
- Support for prototype-to-product development and market deployment.

The Platform (cipie.in)

The digital platform **https://cipie.in** will function as a unified online gateway for IP and commercialization support services. It will also serve as a national digital repository of

technologies developed through MeitY-supported R&D initiatives, enabling startups, MSMEs, and industry to identify deployable indigenous technologies and explore collaboration opportunities.

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INDIA ASSUMES CHAIR OF COMMON CRITERIA DEVELOPMENT BOARD (CCDB)

India has been nominated as the Chair of the Common Criteria Development Board (CCDB) from April 2026 to April 2028, a prestigious responsibility reflecting the nations growing role in international IT security standards development. This leadership position was confirmed during the 1st Quarter Meeting of the Common Criteria Recognition Arrangement (CCRA), held from 14th to 16th April 2026 in Tokyo, Japan.

The Common Criteria Recognition Arrangement (CCRA) is the foundational international treaty that enables the mutual recognition of IT security certificates across borders. Beyond the high-level policy committees, the CCRA operates through specific working groups and administrative protocols designed to maintain the integrity of the Common Criteria Portal, which serves as the "single source of truth" for certified secure IT products worldwide.

The CCDB serves as the technical core of the CCRA, managing the international work program for the Common Criteria (CC) and the Common Methodology for Information Technology Security Evaluation (CEM). While other CCRA groups handle policy matters, the CCDB focuses on the technical standards and evaluation criteria that secure global IT products.

India has been an active member of the CCRA since September 16, 2013, as a Certificate Authorizing Nation. The country serves through the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MEITY) and STQC Directorate, which acts as the official Certification Body for IT security evaluations in India.

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DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS ORGANIZED SECOND MEETING OF THE BRICS WORKING GROUP FOR COOPERATION IN ICTS UNDER INDIA'S BRICS PRESIDENCY 2026

Under India's BRICS Presidency 2026, Department of Telecommunications successfully organized and headed the Second Meeting of the BRICS Working Group for Cooperation in Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) held in virtual mode on 21 May 2026. The meeting reflected the shared commitment of BRICS nations towards strengthening cooperation in digital technologies, future networks, innovation ecosystems, Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI), and capacity building for sustainable and inclusive socio-economic growth.

The meeting brought together representatives and senior officials from BRICS member countries to deliberate on strengthening cooperation in the ICT sector. Held under the overarching theme of India's BRICS Presidency — **"Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability"** — and the ICT Track theme — **"Innovate, Cooperate and Transform (ICT) for a Resilient Future"** — the discussions focused on collaborative approaches for bridging the digital divide, promoting innovation-led growth, enhancing digital resilience, and ensuring affordable and meaningful connectivity across emerging economies.

A key highlight of the meeting was India's presentation of the Concept Note on BRICS Capacity Building Centres under the BRICS ICT Track. The initiative aims to establish collaborative institutional mechanisms for skilling, knowledge exchange, technical training, research cooperation, and capacity development in emerging digital and telecom technologies among BRICS member countries.

The meeting also included detailed discussions on proposals relating to Child Online Protection and strengthening BRICS Digital Ecosystem Cooperation. Member countries emphasized the growing importance of secure and trusted connectivity, resilient digital infrastructure, safe digital environments, and enhanced cooperation in emerging digital domains.

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AI FACTS AND TERMINOLOGY

GUARDRAILS

Mechanisms to filter the inputs or outputs of generative AI to ensure the model is used ethically and safely. Because much of the training data for LLMs comes from publicly available web content that can be biased, harmful, or inappropriate, guardrails are essential to prevent unsafe or harmful outputs.

AI AGENT

Autonomous or semi-autonomous AI entities that can make decisions with some amount of independence. An example of an AI agent today is a virtual assistant that can book appointments.

TEMPERATURE

A parameter that controls the randomness of a model's responses where the higher the temperature value, the more random and unpredictable the outputs.

EMBEDDINGS

Representations of words or phrases as vectors in high-dimensional space where the location and distance between words indicates their semantic similarity. This allows AI models to recognize synonyms, analogies, and subtler aspects of language like sentiment or tone.[1]

CONTEXT WINDOW

The amount of text or data an AI model can consider at one time when generating its output.

PROMPT

A prompt is the input given to an AI model to initiate or guide its generation process. This input acts as a directive or a set of instructions that the AI uses to produce its output. Prompts are crucial in defining the nature, scope, and specificity of the output generated by the AI system. For instance, in a text-based Generative AI model like GPT (Generative Pre-trained Transformer), a prompt could be a sentence or a question that the model then completes or answers in a coherent and contextually appropriate manner.[2]

1. *AI Glossary: From Basic to Technical Terms*
2. *Glossary of GenAI Terms | AI In Teaching and Learning*