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NEXT-GEN GOVERNANCE: INNOVATION, INCLUSION, IMPACT

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PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

19TH MARCH, 2026

HYATT REGENCY, NEW DELHI

9.00 AM - 10.00 AM

Registration

10.00 AM - 11.00 AM

Inaugural Session: Next-Gen Governance: Innovation, Inclusion, Impact

Welcome Address: **Anoop Verma**, Editor - News, ETGovernment, The Economic Times

Keynote Speaker: **Nidhi Khare**, **Secretary**, Department of Consumer Affairs, Government of India

Keynote Speaker: **Dr. Ashish Kumar Bhutani**, Secretary, Ministry of Cooperation, Government of India

Keynote Speaker: **Dr. Rajendra Kumar**, Secretary, Department of Border Management, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India

Keynote Speaker: **S. Krishnan**, Secretary, Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology, Government of India

Keynote Speaker: **Anil Kumar Lahoti**, Chairman, Telecom Regulatory Authority of India

Vote of Thanks: **Adarsh Som**, Special Correspondent, ETGovernment, The Economic Times

11.00 AM - 11.15 AM

Tea Break

11.15 AM - 11.30 AM

Session: From Data to Decisions: How AI/GenAI Can Accelerate Citizen-Centric Urban Governance

Subhash Patil, Partner - Cities and GovTech, PwC India

11.30 AM - 11.45 AM

Session: Redefining Cyber Resilience

Amit Gupta, Sales Engineering, Rubrik

11.45 AM - 12.30 PM

Reinventing Governance: AI, Data and the Future of Public Service Delivery

Panel Discussion

- **Abhishek Singh**, Additional Secretary, MeitY, Director General, National Informatics Centre, CEO, IndiaAI Mission
- **Bhuvnesh Kumar**, Chief Executive Officer, Unique Identification Authority of India
- **D. Thara**, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Government of India
- **Puneet Yadav**, Additional Secretary, DARPG, Government of India
- **Arvind Kumar**, Director General, Software Technology Parks of India
- **Rahul Mithal**, Chairman and Managing Director, RITES Ltd.
- **Ranen Banerjee**, Partner and Leader Economic Advisory, PwC India (Moderator)

12.30 PM - 12.45 PM

Session: Secure Governance Starts With Secure Access Unified ZTNA, MFA & Virtual Workspaces for Government IT

Venkatachari Nc, Vice-President, Sales, Accops

12.45 PM - 01.15 PM

Session: From Bottlenecks to Breakthroughs: Accelerating Government Apps

Vivek Garg, India Public Sector Leader, Redis

01.15 PM - 01.30 PM

Special Address : Technology Innovation in DMRC

Dr. Vikas Kumar, Managing Director, Delhi Metro Rail Corporation Ltd.

01.30 PM - 02.15 PM

Networking Lunch

02.15 PM - 03.00 PM

Intelligent Urban Infrastructure Ecosystems: Data-Driven Efficient Services in Cities

Panel Discussion

- **Dr. Sunil Kumar Barnwal**, Chief Executive Officer, National Health Authority, Government of India
- **Dr. Madan Mohan Tripathi**, Director General, National Institute of Electronics and Information Technology
- **Alok Tiwari**, Managing Director, National Informatics Centre Services Inc.
- **G.V.L. Satya Kumar**, Managing Director, Centre for Railway Information Systems
- **Rajiv Dhankher**, Director (Projects & Planning), Delhi Metro Rail Corporation Ltd.
- **Adarsh Som**, Special Correspondent, ETGovernment, The Economic Times (Moderator)

🕒 03.00 PM - 03.15 PM

Chief Guest Address : Technology Innovations in the Ministry of Jal Shakti
Shri Raj Bhushan Choudhary, Hon'ble Minister of State, Ministry of Jal Shakti

🕒 03.15 PM - 04.00 PM

Next-Gen Connectivity: 5G, 6G and the Future of Public Service Delivery

Panel Discussion

- **Devesh Tyagi**, Chief Executive Officer, National Internet Exchange of India
- **Vinay Thakur**, Special Director General, BISAG-N, Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology
- **Anand Khare**, Director General, Department of Telecommunications, Government of India
- **Dr. Rajkumar Upadhyay**, Chief Executive Officer, Centre for Development of Telematics
- **Bhaskar Choudhuri**, Executive Director - Emerging Business, PwC India (Moderator)

🕒 04.00 PM - 04.15 PM

Networking Tea Break

🕒 04.15 PM - 05.00 PM

AI-Era Threats: Ransomware, Deepfakes and the New Cyber Risk Landscape

Panel Discussion

- **Akhil Kumar**, MD & CEO, Digital India Corporation, MD, CSC eGovernance Service Ltd.
- **Dr. Sanjay Bahl**, Director General, CERT-In, Ministry of Electronics & IT, Government of India
- **Dr. Davendra Kumar Dhodawat**, Member, Warehousing Development and Regulatory Authority, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Government of India
- **Rashmi Singh**, Secretary, Department of Women and Child Development, Government of NCT of Delhi
- **Sushil Pal**, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Electronics & IT, Government of India
- **Joginder Tanikella**, Chief Executive Officer, T-Works, Government of Telangana
- **Dr. Santosh Misra**, Partner, PwC India
- **Adarsh Som**, Special Correspondent, ETGovernment, The Economic Times (Moderator)

🕒 05.00 PM - 05.05 PM

Closing Remarks

Adarsh Som, Special Correspondent, ETGovernment, The Economic Times

🕒 05.05 PM - 06.00 PM

Break for Award Ceremony

GOVTECH AWARDS

🕒 06.00 PM - 06.15 PM

Seating of Guests and Dignitaries

🕒 06.15 PM - 06.25 PM

Introductory Announcement by Emcee and Reception of Dignitaries

🕒 06.25 PM - 06.30 PM

Welcome and Awards Overview

Anoop Verma, Editor - News, ETGovernment, The Economic Times

🕒 06.30 PM - 06.40 PM

Special Address: His Excellency Antonio Enrico Bartoli, Ambassador of Italy to India

🕒 06.40 PM - 06.50 PM

Special Address: Shri Mauvin Godinho, Hon'ble Minister for Transport, Industries, Trade & Commerce, Panchayati Raj, Protocol & Hospitality, & Legislative Affairs, Government of Goa

🕒 06.50 PM - 07.00 PM

Special Address: Smt. Meenakshi Lekhi, Hon'ble Former Minister of State for External Affairs and Culture, Supreme Court Advocate and Member of Parliamentary Committee on Technology and Culture

🕒 07.00 PM Onwards

Award Ceremony

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