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Tech Saksham is a flagship nationwide **Digital Excellence Programme**, conceived and implemented by **National Informatics Centre Services Incorporated (NICSI),** under the aegis of the **Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), Government of India**, with the objective of strengthening the technological and administrative capabilities of Government institutions across the country.

The Programme has been designed as a structured capacity-building initiative, bringing together policymakers, senior Government officials, subject-matter experts, and digital practitioners on a common platform to deliberate upon and facilitate the adoption of emerging technologies, namely **Artificial Intelligence, Cloud Computing, and Cyber Security**, in the sphere of public administration and governance. Conducted through a series of State-level editions across the country, **Tech Saksham** aims to promote knowedge dissemination, institutional capability enhancement, and collaborative engagement, with a view to enabling the delivery of citizen-centric, efficient, secure, and responsive public services. In furtherance of the Government of India's vision for Digital India, the Programme seeks to equip public institutions with the requisite skills, exposure, and preparedness necessary to lead technology-enabled governance reforms at the Central, State, and District levels.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Tech Saksham Gujarat 2026

Empowering Digital Governance in the Land of Innovation

Gujarat stands at the forefront of India's digital transformation journey, driven by its progressive policy ecosystem and strong institutional capabilities. To further strengthen this momentum, **National Informatics Centre Services Incorporated (NICSI)**, under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), Government of India, organized **Tech Saksham Gujarat 2026** as part of its nationwide Digital Excellence Programme.

Conceived as a platform for **knowledge exchange, capacity building, and technological empowerment**, Tech Saksham brought together policymakers, government officers, technology experts, and digital practitioners from across the state to explore the transformative potential of emerging technologies in governance.

The workshop focused on key pillars of the digital future — **Artificial Intelligence, Cloud Computing, and Cyber Security** — highlighting their role in building **citizen-centric, efficient, secure, and responsive public services**. Through expert-led sessions, interactive discussions, and collaborative engagement, participants gained valuable insights into leveraging technology for better governance outcomes.

More than a workshop, Tech Saksham represents a commitment to creating a digitally empowered administration capable of addressing evolving challenges and delivering innovative solutions for citizens. The Gujarat edition reaffirmed **NICSI's vision** of fostering technological excellence, strengthening institutional capabilities, and enabling inclusive digital growth across the state.

As India advances towards a digitally resilient future, Tech Saksham continues to serve as a catalyst for knowledge, innovation, and collaborative transformation — empowering government institutions to lead with confidence in the digital age.

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INAUGURAL SESSION

Our Dignitaries

Shri Arjunbhai Modhwadia

Hon'ble Minister
Government of Gujarat

Shri Rajesh Kumar Gupta

Director, UIDAI

Prof. Arunabha Mukhopadhyay

Professor, IIM Lucknow

Shri Brijendra Kumar

Partner, GovTech, KPMG

Shri Pramod Kumar Singh

SIO, NIC Gujarat

Welcome to our Dignitaries

Address by MD, NICSI

Shri Alok Tiwari

Managing Director, NICSI

In his welcome address, **Shri Alok Tiwari, Managing Director, NICSI**, described Tech Saksham as a transformative national initiative to equip government functionaries with future-ready digital skills. Welcoming the dignitaries, experts, and participants from Gujarat, he highlighted the state's growing role in innovation and emphasized **Artificial Intelligence, Cyber Security, and Cloud Computing** as key pillars of modern governance. He expressed confidence that the programme would contribute to more efficient, secure, and citizen-centric public services.

Address by Hon'ble Minister

Shri Arjunbhai Modhwadia

**Hon'ble Minister,
Government of Gujarat**

At the Tech Saksham workshop in Gandhinagar, **Shri Arjunbhai Modhwadia, Minister of State for Science and Technology, Government of Gujarat**, emphasized leveraging digital technology and Artificial Intelligence for transparent, efficient, and accountable governance. He urged officials to embrace continuous innovation and technological upgradation, highlighting Gujarat's i-Khedut portal as an example of technology-enabled service delivery. He expressed confidence that Tech Saksham would strengthen digital capabilities and advance citizen-centric governance.

Address by Director, UIDAI

Shri Rajesh Kumar Gupta

Director, UIDAI

Addressing participants at **Tech Saksham Gujarat 2026, Shri Rajesh Gupta, Director, UIDAI**, highlighted Aadhaar's role as a key enabler of India's digital public infrastructure, supporting transparent service delivery, financial inclusion, and Direct Benefit Transfers. He emphasized the importance of capacity-building initiatives like Tech Saksham in helping officials effectively leverage digital identity infrastructure.

He also highlighted **UIDAI's** efforts to strengthen the security, accessibility, and reliability of Aadhaar services through technological advancements, including AI and advanced authentication, and encouraged greater collaboration with state institutions to advance inclusive digital governance.

Address by SIO, NIC Gujarat

Shri Pramod Kumar Singh

SIO, NIC Gujarat

In his welcome address, **Shri Pramod Kumar, State Informatics Officer (SIO), NIC Gujarat**, welcomed participants, speakers, and officials to the Tech Saksham – Digital Excellence Programme, jointly organized by NIC Gujarat and NICSI. He emphasized the need for government functionaries to remain informed, adaptive, and future-ready as technology transforms governance.

Highlighting the programme's focus on Cyber Security, Cloud and Code Modernization, and Artificial Intelligence, he encouraged active participation and knowledge sharing, and expressed confidence that the programme would be insightful and enriching for all.

NICSI PBD Solution Overview

Shri Jitender Kumar

Chief General Manager, NICSI

Shri Jitender Kumar, Chief General Manager, NICSI, delivered an informative presentation on NICSI's Policy-Based **Digital (PBD) Solutions**, outlining the suite of scalable and trusted technology offerings available to government institutions.

The session provided participants with a clear understanding of how **NICSI's** digital solutions are designed to address the evolving needs of governance across States and Union Territories.

The overview served as a comprehensive guide for stakeholders seeking to adopt robust, government-grade digital infrastructure.

Felicitation of Dignitaries

TECHNICAL SESSION

Session on Cyber Security

Prof. Arunabha Mukhopadhyay

Professor, IIM Lucknow

The Double-Edged Algorithm: AI in the Cybersecurity Landscape

Artificial intelligence has transformed cybersecurity from reactive defence to proactive threat detection. Machine learning analyzes billions of network events in real time, identifying hidden anomalies and reducing response times from days to seconds. However, the same technology empowers attackers through AI-generated phishing, deepfakes, and advanced attacks—creating a continuous arms race between cyber defence and cyber threats.

Cybersecurity requires more than stronger defences—it demands organizations that learn, adapt, and anticipate evolving threats. As **Prof. Arunabha Mukhopadhyay's** research at IIM Lucknow highlights, cybersecurity is not only a technical challenge but also one of risk management and organizational resilience.

TECHNICAL SESSION

Session on Modernization of Code and Cloud

Shri Alok Tiwari

Managing Director, NICSI

The Foundations: Code, Cloud, and the Government of Tomorrow

Modern governance is increasingly built on code and cloud. Legacy systems are giving way to scalable, cloud-native architectures that can serve a billion citizens efficiently. Containerization, microservices, and DevSecOps are enabling governments to build faster, strengthen security, and deliver citizen services with greater agility.

Modernization is not technology adoption for its own sake; it is a step toward a more responsive, resilient, and transparent government. Under **Sh. Alok Tiwari's** stewardship, NICSI's journey reflects this transformation—from streamlined GeM-linked procurement and secure MeghRaj-empanelled cloud services to citizen-centric digital platforms. Ultimately, modernization is measured not by servers migrated, but by trust delivered.

TECHNICAL SESSION

Session on Artificial Intelligence

Shri Brijendra Kumar

Partner, GovTech, KPMG

Artificial Intelligence: Enabling the Next Generation of Governancet

Artificial Intelligence is reshaping government by enabling greater efficiency, predictive decision-making, and smarter service delivery. From predictive analytics to intelligent automation and data-driven governance, AI is becoming central to public administration. Its adoption must remain focused on public good, guided by transparency, inclusion, and trust.

Realizing AI's potential in government requires more than technology—it demands strong policy, institutional readiness, and domain expertise. **Sh. Brijendra Kumar, KPMG** India's GovTech and AI in Government lead, brings over two decades of experience in large-scale government transformation. His work on AI Centres of Excellence and responsible AI adoption reflects a key principle: innovation matters when it delivers tangible improvements in citizen outcomes.

Memento Presentation

Vote of Thanks

Shri Pramod Kumar Singh

SIO, NIC Gujarat

As the Tech Saksham – Digital Excellence Programme draws to a close, we place on record our deep gratitude to **Hon'ble Minister Shri Arjunbhai Modhwadia Ji, Smt. P. Bharathi, IAS, Secretary, Department of Science & Technology, Government of Gujarat** for gracing the inaugural session with their valuable insights.

Our sincere thanks to **Shri Alok Tiwari, Managing Director, NICSI**, for his leadership and insightful session on Code and Cloud Modernization, and to **Prof. Arunabha Mukhopadhyay, IIM Lucknow**, and **Shri Brijendra Kumar, KPMG** in India, for their valuable perspectives on Cyber Security and Artificial Intelligence, enriching our understanding of the digital era's opportunities and challenges.

We are grateful to the officers and participants from across Government of Gujarat departments for their active engagement, and to the teams of **NIC** Gujarat and **NICSI**, whose meticulous efforts ensured the seamless conduct of the day.

The day's discussions reaffirmed our commitment to building a secure, resilient, and future-ready digital governance ecosystem. With gratitude to all speakers, participants, and organizers, we conclude this meaningful learning experience.

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