

About the Summit

The Digital Citizen Summit (DCS) is a flagship annual event to bring together civil society, policymakers, researchers, technologists, practitioners, and communities to discuss, deliberate, and co-create ideas around digital rights, internet governance, emerging technologies, and citizen participation in the digital age.

DCS 2026 is centred around the theme JanDPI: Centring People in Digital Public Infrastructure, to reimagine Digital Public Infrastructure as more than a technological backbone. It positions DPI as a people's infrastructure, grounded in equality, dignity, and accountability.

This year, the Digital Citizen Summit will bring five tracks together!

Digital Citizen Summit

JanDPI: Centring People in Digital Public Infrastructure

Moving beyond a technology-first understanding of DPI towards systems that are designed, governed, and delivered around people's diverse needs and lived realities.



Community Networks Xchange (CNX)

Decentralised Community Digital Public Infrastructure

Exploring how community networks are not only 'alternative' but also part of a larger Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) at the local scale. CNX engagements will focus on how existing community internet infrastructure ideas and models will enable more meaningful, affordable and inclusive access to digital public infrastructure.



Just AI Awards

Ensuring Ethical, Inclusive, and Accountable AI in DPI

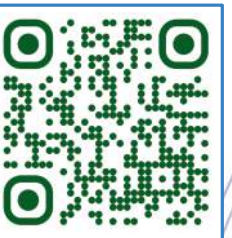
Celebrate ethical, inclusive, and community-driven AI innovations that advance social good, transparency, and accountability.



Digital Artisans of India Awards (DAOI)

Enabling Livelihoods and Local Innovation through DPI

Recognise artisans and organisations that have achieved excellence through digital interventions in presenting art, enhancing entrepreneurial opportunities and profitability, and expanding national and global reach.



Museum of Digital Society (MODS)

Digital Public Infrastructure through the lens of society, education, and culture

Living archive of real-world stories, showing how digital infrastructures and systems can transform lives.



Approach & Format

The Summit will bring together a wide range of voices, from civil society and government to business leaders, legal experts, technologists, and grassroots practitioners, to rethink how digital systems can respond to the diverse realities of people across the country, especially those who are still unconnected or underserved.

What to Expect

Panel Discussions

Lightning talks

Roundtables

Tutorials

Co-creation workshops

Showcases

Awards

Exhibitions



Vishwa Yuvak Kendra

Teen Murti Marg, Diplomatic Enclave,
Chanakypuri, New Delhi, 110011

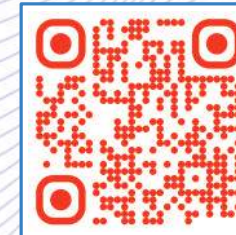
Scan for Location



DCS 2026 is a space that will priorities dialogue, collaboration, and co-creation to ensure that the voices of underserved communities become central to the present and future of DPI

Join us as a partner or participant!

Scan to know more about
Digital Empowerment Foundation



JanDPI

Centring *People* in Digital Public Infrastructure

9-10 December



VYK,
New Delhi,
India



Principal Partners

