

# Two-day National workshop on National e-Vidhan Application (NeVA) concludes

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The second day of the two-days National Workshop commenced with presentations from representatives of top tech companies informing the delegates about the developments in the field of emerging technologies for enabling good governance representing Microsoft, IBM and Google Inc, for making National e- Vidhan Application (NeVA) more accessible, discoverable, insightful by use of Generative Artificial Intelligence models. Shri Gudey Srinivas, IAS, Secretary, Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs urged to those states who are already on-boarded NeVA, to keep pace with the emerging technologies to provide good governance.

This was followed by presentation by technical team about the 17 modules of NeVA which have already been implemented. Thereafter, the House was opened for Question & Answer session to resolve any doubts and issues arising out of implementation of the NeVA project in which delegates participated enthusiastically. Secretary, MoPA and Additional Secretary, MoPA replied to all points raised.

Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Law and Justice; Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs and Culture, Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal presided over the Valedictory Session of the two-day National Workshop on National e-Vidhan Application (NeVA).



Shri Gudey Srinivas, IAS, Secretary, Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs briefed the distinguished gathering about the scope and possibilities of use of emerging technologies in NeVA. Endeavors may be made to convert texts to voice in all recognized Languages for maximum outreach and connect to the public at large.



Shri Rajit Punhani, IAS, Secretary of Rajya Sabha Secretariat and CEO of Sansad TV congratulated the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs and the participating states for this two-day insightful session. It will strengthen the archival and retrieval system of parliamentary proceedings.

Shri Alkesh Kumar Sharma, Secretary, MeitY also addressed the Workshop and informed that NeVA is a visionary project of Government of India and Digital Initiatives of the Government has transformed the society into a Digital one. Today Data is cheaper thereby, India is creating digital minds, and it is third largest ecosystem of Artificial Intelligence. India is the Chairperson of a group of 27 Countries of AI.

Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal, Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Law and Justice and Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs and Culture, in his valedictory speech, said that with Judiciary and Executive has already embraced digital technology, the Legislatures should not be left behind but should embrace it to keep up with the changing times. This digitization would curb corruption and strengthen democracy. He assured full cooperation from the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs to the State Legislatures in this direction.



In the two-days National Workshop on NeVA which concluded today, all the 31 States and Union Territories were represented through 161 delegates. 21 Legislatures have signed MoUs and projects of 17 Legislatures have been sanctioned and funds released. Out of them, 9 Legislatures have already gone LIVE on the NeVA platform. The participating delegates experienced NeVA first hand and some of them promised to initiate steps to onboard the NeVA on priority basis.

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