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The summit's core purpose is to provide a comprehensive roadmap guiding India's transformative journey towards *Viksit Bharat 2047*. With this objective in mind, the event focused on shaping India's future through a series of panel discussions and *Manthans* that explored pressing national priorities, emphasizing collaboration and forward-thinking strategies. From political dignitaries and government officials to senior officers of the armed forces, thought leaders and technology experts across multiple sectors shared their insights during this two-day summit and illuminated the path towards India's position on the global stage.

This book captures insights from visionary panel discussions, fireside talks and specialised workshops (*Manthans*) focused on defining future policies and strategies. Six key developmental pillars serve as the foundation for the vision of *Viksit Bharat 2047*. Each pillar, explored through a series of riveting discussions with some of India's best and brightest minds, helps shape the vision of a nation built on the tenets of inclusivity, sustainability, security and inspiration on a global scale.



Transforming governance: A digital-first mindset

Bringing Viksit Bharat 2047 to life means harnessing technology as a tool for greater and more holistic governance.

The digitisation of governance is the linchpin that holds India's developmental endeavours together. The Honourable Minister, Nitin J Gadkari, a visionary leader and an esteemed minister of the Government of India, captured this best in the keynote address, setting the tone for Government Summit 2.0. His message was straightforward, emphasizing that technology can shape and accelerate the country's development agenda, especially regarding governance.

What followed were several more panels that highlighted this ethos. The Tech4Good initiative was given prominence in a panel discussion showcasing the power of technological initiatives to solve developmental challenges across various sectors, thus fortifying the link between public services and governance. Other vital discussions centred around building a Digital Bharat, i.e., strengthening the digital infrastructure one technological pillar at a time. This was showcased through innovations in public sector digitisation, focusing on efficient citizen services, and discussed in sessions exploring the global potential of a digital Bharat as a leader in technology and innovation, limited only by imagination.

Adding to this, a *Manthan* on Urban Platform for Delivery of Online Governance (UPYOG) fostered spirited discussions on creativity and technological advancements in urban areas, setting a positive precedent for smarter cities. Another *Manthan* brought forth the value of tangible metrics when measuring the success of government initiatives, with several expert speakers stressing the importance of measuring progress to ensure that India stays on track with its 2047 targets.



Developing the digital economy

India's digital economic growth involves scaling technology and ensuring that every business, especially MSMEs, has the tools to succeed.

Another key aspect of India's *Viksit Bharat 2047* initiative is the digital transformation of the economy. To drive this point home, attendees were presented with the success stories of Karnataka and Telangana, two model states that led the charge on rapid digital transformation and served as beacons of development for the rest of the country.

The Make in India initiative also received significant attention, with a special Powerbytes panel discussion highlighting the critical value of Digital Public Goods (DPGs) in today's economy. Other related panels further explored how digital solutions are the new building blocks for physical infrastructure, especially in sectors such as manufacturing and logistics. Therefore, empowering Indian organisations through digital solutions was presented as imperative for future-ready growth.

This was further underscored in an engaging *Manthan*, which emphasized the need to empower MSMEs, the backbone of India's economy, with cutting-edge digital tools and incentives. Experts at another insightful *Manthan* on future-ready policies emphasized the need for regulations that could keep pace with technological innovations to support digital economic growth.



National security and justice: An evolving digital imperative

Without trust, there can be no digital future. Cybersecurity and fairness must go hand in hand with growth.

Trust and security are the foundation of successful digital transformation, whether at a personal or national level. In today's rapidly evolving cyber

landscape, securing India's cyber defence has become an urgent priority, driving crucial discussions on how to protect our digital future. As India continues to advance globally, fortifying the nation's cyber defences is critical for a secure and resilient Bharat. Discussions at the *Manthans* centred on building trust in sovereign cloud-based infrastructure and exploring the innovative defensive capabilities of modern Security Operations Centres (SOCs) to protect India's digital networks.

Another vital takeaway from the overarching theme of India's digital security was the need to ensure fair and timely justice for its citizens, emphasizing technology that can speed up judicial processes and make justice accessible and timely.



Digital pathways to service delivery excellence

Technology is the great equaliser; its use must ensure that no citizen is left behind and every citizen is provided for.

Excellence in service delivery is paramount to realise the vision of *Viksit Bharat 2047*. Several panels focused on how digital technologies can optimise public service delivery, making government services more efficient and accessible. Among many cutting-edge technologies improving services across various sectors, Generative AI (GenAI) was highlighted as a key driver of efficiency, revolutionising and automating tasks from administrative to public service delivery.

Particularly notable was an eye-opening session on digital solutions to bridge the rural divide, which discussed how technology can connect rural India to essential services. A supplementary discussion on the value of digital cooperatives further emphasized this point. Healthcare services also took centre stage at the summit, with the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) and its transformative scope for innovation for both HealthTech users and providers.



Advancing equity through inclusive development

Education is the cornerstone of a developed nation. By making it accessible, the foundation for an inclusive India will remain resolute.

India's unity lies in its diversity, and without inclusivity, which ensures every citizen benefits from the country's progress, there cannot be a *Viksit Bharat*. Thus, discussions on advancing India's equity through inclusive growth strategies were pivotal in the summit's proceedings.

India's cultural and social diversity is a strength that drives transformative change, and accessible education is another key to achieving social inclusion on a grand scale. Special sessions delved into the digital tools used to democratise education, ensuring that quality learning reaches even the most remote parts of the country. The final message made it clear that technology, combined with inclusive policies, can help bridge the education gap and empower future generations nationwide.



Green growth: Sustainable development in energy and farming

Green growth is not merely a policy; it is a way of life India dutifully abides by to nurture its future.

The ongoing climate crisis demands a direct response, making sustainable development the central focus at the summit. Therefore, every meaningful discussion on combating the climate crisis was anchored to the critical role of green technology. As a result, with its commitment to green growth, India is more determined than ever to achieve its Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) promptly and holistically.

Sessions spotlighting initiatives such as Open AgriNet and VISTAAR showcased innovations in AgriTech, demonstrating how technology can transform Indian agriculture by improving efficiency and sustainability. These advancements in farming were further heightened by nature-first conservation initiatives, ensuring that India's economic development will never come at the cost of its precious natural resources.

Discussions on energy efficiency in utilities and infrastructure further emphasized this commitment to preserving the country's natural resources for future generations. Industry experts highlighted how India can promote the use of renewable energy while ensuring energy security for its citizens.

