Digital India and the learnings from there on

Digital India recognizes that technologies have the potential to transform the journey of a nation. Digital India, a flagship program of the government has been implemented with a vision to transform India into a knowledge economy and digitally empowered society by realizing the full potential of fast paced technological advancement. Developing digital infrastructure and offering digital services that can bridge the digital divide and lead to inclusive growth and empowerment of every citizen is the spirit of Digital India. Focused effort towards developing the world's largest digital infrastructure to connect all the 2.50 lakh Gram Panchayats of India by optical fiber has now connected 1.51 lakh Gram Panchayats. Setting up 3.7 lakh Common Service Centres across India has not only encouraged digital entrepreneurship in rural areas but also improved access to digital services for common man. Digital services like eHospital, BHIM-UPI, online scholarships, DigiLocker, Umangapp, eCourts, Tele Law, eWay Bills etc. have improved ease of living for citizens. The Government eMarketplace (GeM) has not only made government procurement transparent but has also enabled small businesses and even Start-Ups to sell their products and services to government organisations. India is also becoming a major electronics manufacturing hub. The domestic production of electronics items is at INR 5,33,550 Crores as of the year 2020.

JAM Trinity or the Jandhan Aadhar Mobile is a revolutionary formula that has worked wonders for India and has set the stage for further innovation. The National Digital Health Mission is a noble work in progress that shall bring in new energy and transform the way Health is tracked and managed for a citizen in India, similarly India needs to re-organize its sectoral Digital strategies.

India is set to lead the next decade of Digital Transformation with not only automation happening at a very fast pace but also proliferation of Emerging Tech into everyday lives has begun as well. India's experience with Digital India has prepared the Central Government and State Government workforce, made the general citizens aware, the youth upskilled and businesses ready to take up the opportunities and challenges thrown by the Technologies. Further India has taken a lead role in working towards a safe and trustworthy Internet for all the communities.

Start-ups are contributing to the cause of Digital India in many ways including the innovative use of Aadhar, UPI, GeM etc. India's competitiveness in improving every minute.

In the coming times, Emerging Technologies – Internet of Things, Augmented Reality, Virtual Reality, Artificial Intelligence, Cloud, 3D Printing, blockchain etc. will be penetrating the everyday lives through Internet. Digital India shall provide the right platform for the citizens, businesses, etc. to upgrade and perform at a global stage with enhanced competitiveness. We are creating future pathways empowered with technology, while simultaneously working towards making it affordable, scalable and accessible. Now it is for all the stakeholders – Government, Society, Businesses, Net activists, Technical community etc. to work towards another paradigm shift in our growth strategy to create value for everyone.