

NeGD's hosts 8th episode of 'Ask Our Experts' on MANAS- National Narcotics Helpline

- *Ask Our Experts- a live program presented by NeGD, MeitY focuses on Digital India initiatives*
- *The weekly show is broadcasted every Friday at 1 PM on Digital India's YouTube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/@DigitalIndiaofficial>)*

The National e-Governance Division (NeGD), Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology hosted the 8th episode of 'Ask Our Experts' on the topic 'MANAS'- a portal of Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB), developed by Digital India Corporation (DIC) on December 27, 2024.

'Ask Our Experts' is a unique weekly program broadcast live on Digital India's YouTube channel. The aim of this talk show is to engage experts in an interactive discussion on various Digital India initiatives and projects. This program gives citizens a chance to ask questions directly to the officials involved in these citizen-centric projects and get all their queries answered.

Viewers with the most unique and relevant questions also get an opportunity to win gift hampers.

Episode 8 highlighted the importance of the MANAS portal (www.ncbmanas.gov.in) and the National Narcotics Helpline (1933). Viewers got to know about the steps to follow to submit an anonymous tip, how to make become an NCB informer and the process to seek help for drug abuse victims through rehabilitation support.

The experts shared information pertaining to the steps being taken to break the drugs nexus in the country and how citizen participation in this mission is highly sought to wage a war against this malpractice plaguing our society. Under the NDPS Act, details of the source are kept confidential and thus, all are encouraged to share as much information they get on illicit drug cultivation and illegal use. The experts underlined the role of youth in eradicating this menace.

Five 'Digital India Question Ninjas' were announced in this episode; these participants will be given gifts for asking insightful and pertinent questions.

The show can be watched again here: <https://www.youtube.com/live/CVkUdzJ2RSQ>.

