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## One-day workshop on 'CYBER SAMWAD 2025: Cybersecurity in the Era of AI'

Adani University, Ahmedabad, organized a one-day workshop on "CYBER SAMWAD 2025: Cybersecurity in the Era of AI", bringing together academia, industry, government, and students to share insights, build networks, and strengthen cyber resilience. The event was graced by Padma Shree Prof. Dr. J. M. Vyas (Vice Chancellor, NFSU), Shri Vivek Bheda (Superintendent of Police, Cyber Center of Excellence, Gandhinagar), Shri Ajay Tomar (Retd. IPS, Joint President & Group Head Cadre Excellence and Leadership Development, Adani Group), Mr. Shivkumar Pandey (CISO, Adani Group), Provost Prof. Dr. Dhaval Pujara, Deans, faculty members, IndGenius members, student volunteers, coordinators, and over 250 student participants from Adani University and other institutions. The day concluded with an interactive activity session by the Techdefence Labs team with student participants and a feedback session, allowing participants to share their experiences and key takeaways.



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## Welcome Address

# Highlighted the Evolving Importance of Cybersecurity in 'CYBER SAMWAD 2025'

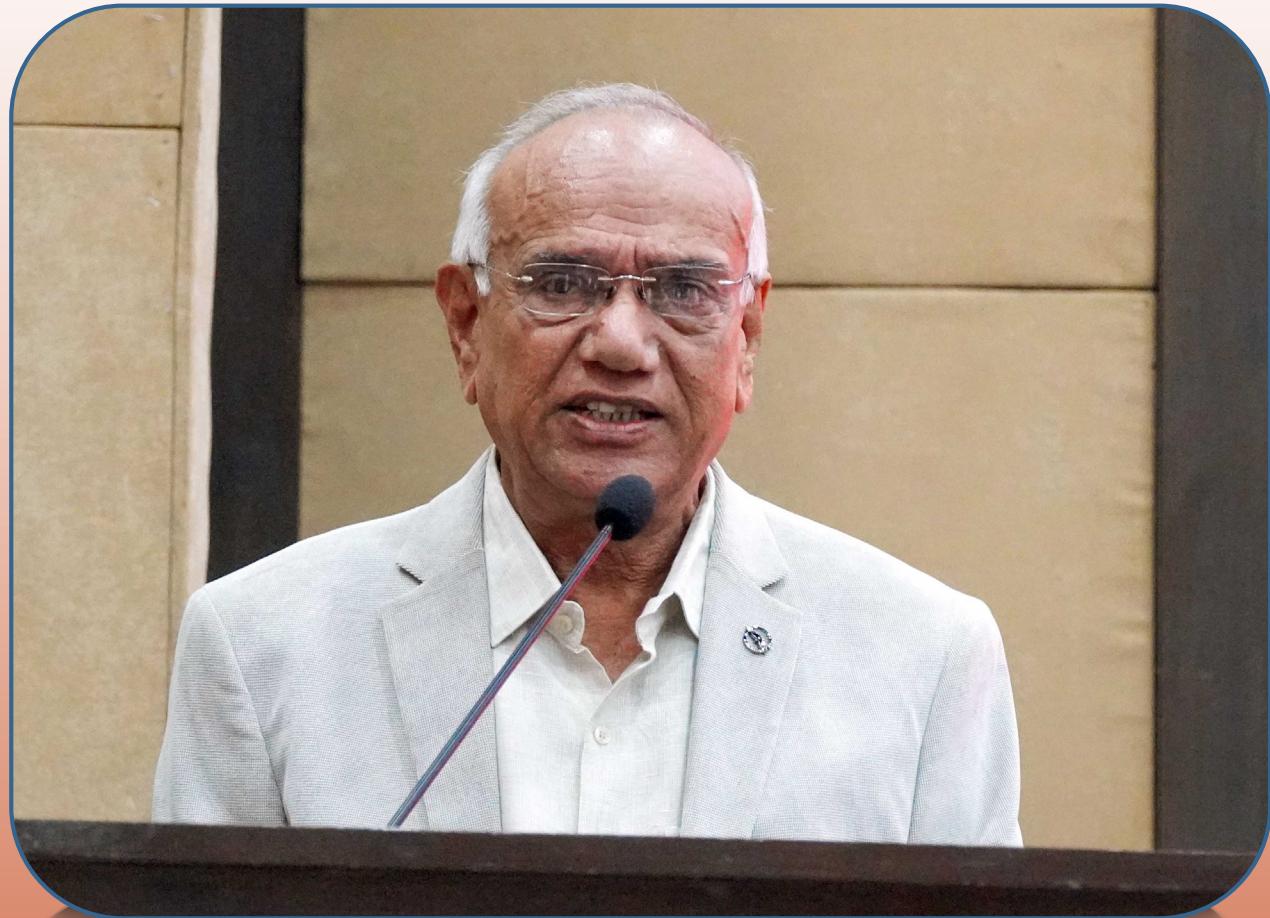
Prof. Dr. Sunil Jha, Dean Faculty of Sciences & Research and convener of CYBER SAMWAD 2025 delivered the welcome address, stressing that cybersecurity is no longer a narrow technical field but a core part of our institutions, society, and economy. He noted that while cyber threats are growing rapidly, there are also vast opportunities for innovation and collaboration. He appreciated how the summit brought together academia, industry, government, and students to share knowledge and build stronger cyber resilience. Prof. Jha concluded by reminding everyone that cybersecurity is not just about technology, it is about people, processes, and trust.



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## Prof. Dhaval Pujara Encourages Students to Lead in Cybersecurity Awareness in 'CYBER SAMWAD 2025'

Prof. Dhaval Pujara, Provost, Adani University, in his address emphasized key commitments expected from all students to strengthen cybersecurity awareness and skills. He encouraged students to complete at least one course on cybersecurity to build foundational knowledge. Additionally, he urged them to act as brand ambassadors, spreading awareness about safe online practices across the campus and community. Prof. Pujara also highlighted the importance of generating innovative ideas to tackle cybersecurity challenges. He expressed a strong desire for Adani University students to actively participate in Cyber Samwad, contributing knowledge, creativity, and enthusiasm to this national-level platform.



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## Padma Shri Dr. J. M. Vyas Inspired Students to Build a Secure and Innovative Cyber Future in 'CYBER SAMWAD 2025'

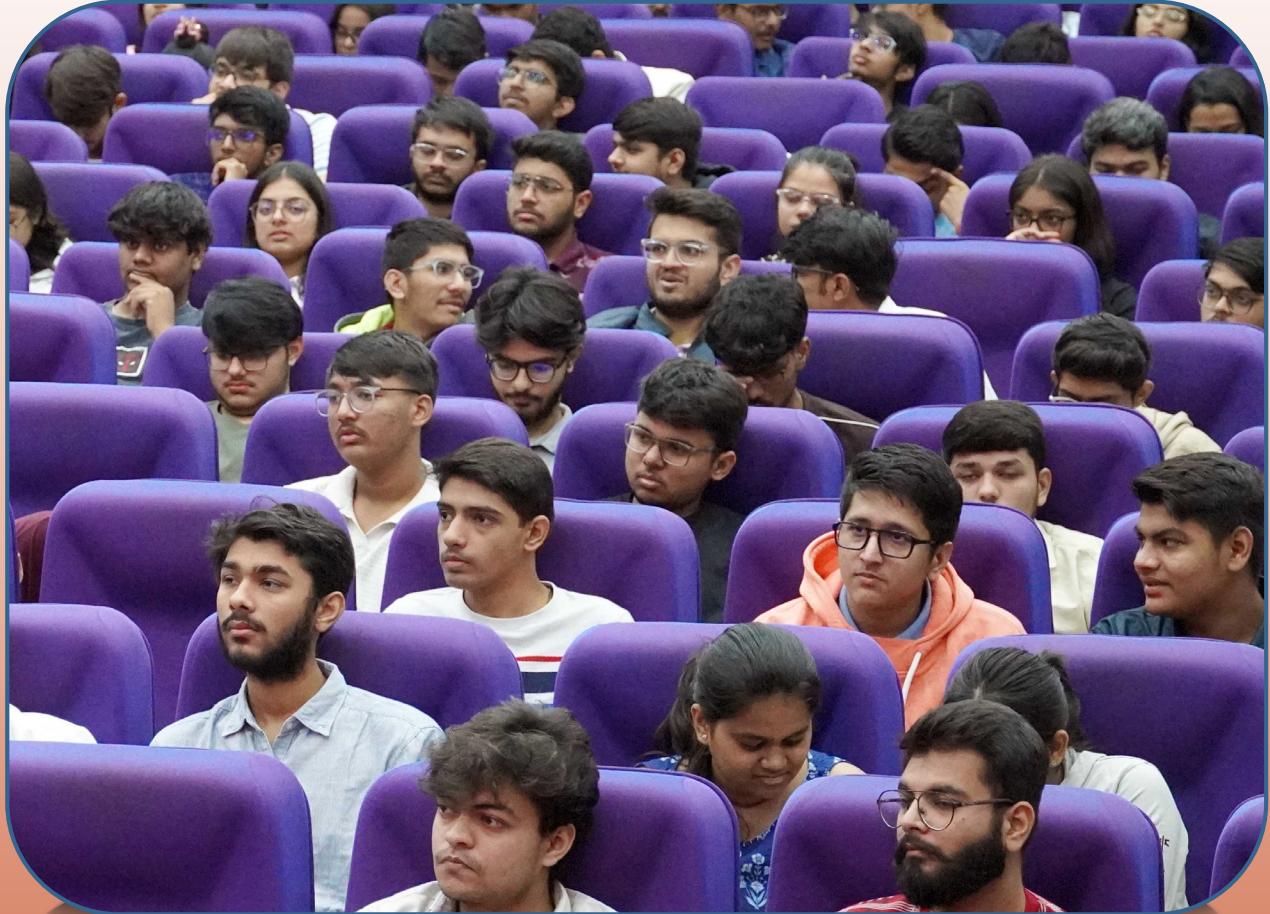
Padma Shri Dr. J. M. Vyas, one of India's most distinguished forensic scientists and the Founder Vice Chancellor of the National Forensic Sciences University (NFSU), delivered an insightful and thought-provoking keynote address on "National Cybersecurity Vision: Safeguarding India's Digital Future" during Cyber Samwad 2025 at Adani University. He said that technology should not only be profitable but also helpful to society. Dr. Vyas encouraged students to move beyond job-seeking and focus on innovation and entrepreneurship. He warned that while technology offers convenience, it is also being misused for cybercrimes. He highlighted the growing need for experts in cybersecurity, investigation, malware analysis, and cyber-attack simulation. He urged young people to take responsibility and contribute to strengthening the nation's cyber safety with skill and dedication.



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## Using AI to Strengthen Cybersecurity and Enterprise Resilience in 'CYBER SAMWAD 2025'

Mr. Shivkumar Pandey, Chief Information Security Officer, Adani Group, delivered an insightful talk on "Securing the Digital Enterprise: Building Cyber Resilience in the AI Era" in Cyber Samwad. He highlighted how AI enables automation and real-time responses, allowing faster threat detection and anomaly identification, particularly in IoT systems. He stressed the importance of cyber resilience—preparing organizations to respond effectively when systems are compromised. Key points included strategies to detect threats early, mitigate risks, and respond within strict time limits, emphasizing that combining AI capabilities with robust response frameworks is essential to protect modern digital enterprises.



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## Law and Enforcement in Cybercrime:

# Insights from Shri Vivek Bheda in 'CYBER SAMWAD 2025'

Shri Vivek Bheda, Superintendent of Police at the Cyber Center of Excellence, Gujarat, delivered an insightful session on "Law and Enforcement in Cybercrime". He explained how the police actively work to prevent and respond to cyber offenses, highlighting the crucial role of the CID in tracing digital evidence, addressing financial frauds, and collaborating with national cyber agencies. He discussed Gujarat's vulnerability, noting that greed, fear, and laziness make the state, a mix of developing and developed regions, a soft target for long-term frauds like investment scams. Emphasizing prevention, awareness, and responsible online behavior, he urged citizens to report incidents via 1930. Drawing from real-life experiences, he gave students a deeper understanding of cybersecurity challenges and responsibilities.



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**Shri Ajay Kumar Tomar Calls for**

## **Vigilant and Ethical Cyber Warriors in 'CYBER SAMWAD 2025'**

Shri Ajay Kumar Tomar (Retd. IPS, Joint President & Group Head Cadre Excellence and Leadership Development, Adani Group) delivered a strong awareness-focused talk drawing from his 35 years of service in anti-terror, border security, and crime investigation. Citing national data, he noted that India faced a cybercrime every four minutes in 2024, calling this threat both alarming and a major opportunity for skilled professionals. He explained offences like deepfakes, identity theft, phishing, and online harassment, stressing how AI has made detection harder. Warning that cyberattacks now target individuals, governments, and critical systems, he urged students to act responsibly and become ethical defenders in the digital world.



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## Mr. Sunny Vaghela Shares Practical Insights on Cybersecurity in 'CYBER SAMWAD 2025'

Mr. Sunny Vaghela (Founder & CEO TechDefence Labs) delivered an expert session on "Core Cybersecurity Insights- Building a Career in India's Digital Defense", drawing extensively from his early career experience. He emphasized that cyber security cannot be learnt from books, instead offered an insider perspective on how hackers operate. Citing several case studies including Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant cyber incident and the Colonial Pipeline attack, he explained the dangerous impacts of poor cyber hygiene. The session concluded with essential do's and don'ts and several pro tips to maintain a safe cyber ecosystem. Encouraging students to stay updated, he urged the students to attend events such as Cyber Samwad to deepen their understanding of the field.



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## **INDGenius-An organisation connecting students who want to connect to the nation: Mr. Vedant Thaker in 'CYBER SAMWAD 2025'**

Mr. Vedant Thaker (State Convener, INDGenius Gujarat) has briefed the participants of Cyber Samwad about the INDGenius Gujarat. He described that INDGenius is a student-led platform shaping future leaders through policy discussions, intellectual engagement, and real-world exposure. With a strong presence across Gujarat's top campuses, it serves as a bridge between national thinking and student action. The initiative nurtures conscious leadership rooted in the idea of Nation First. At Adani University, INDGenius empowers students to explore governance, innovation, and societal impact.



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## Induction of IEEE Signal Processing Society in 'CYBER SAMWAD 2025'

Ms. Manisha Shah (Chair WIE, IEEE Gujarat Section), Executive Committee Member of IEEE Gujarat motivated students to play a key role in spreading awareness and that Cyber Samwad is a continuous learning platform, not just a one-day event. She encouraged active participation, sharing that engaged students may receive certificates, rewards, and chances to attend higher-level IEEE events. She concluded by urging everyone to take small steps toward a safer digital world, highlighting IEEE's mission to advance technology for humanity.



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## Winner of Queen Elizabeth Prize for Engineering 2024 "Create the Trophy" Competition

Adani University proudly announces that Mr. Sunil Thakkar, a first-year student of the 5-Year Integrated B.Tech. in Energy Engineering & MBA in Energy Management, has won the Queen Elizabeth Prize for Engineering (QEPrize) 2024 — Create the Trophy Competition. The award ceremony was held on 5th November 2025 at St James's Palace, London, in the presence of His Majesty King Charles III. Mr. Thakkar's innovative trophy design reflects creativity and engineering excellence. His success brings immense pride to our entire academic community."



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## Workshop on Advancing AU's Strategic Vision & Roadmap

Internal Quality Assurance Cell conducted a workshop on November 18, 2025, to advance the University's Strategic Vision and Roadmap. Led by Provost Prof. (Dr.) Dhaval Pujara and IQAC Coordinator Prof. Rachna Gangwar, the session engaged faculty and staff in shaping the University's future through interactive discussions and activities. Key highlights included insights on effective Vision and Mission statements, comparative analysis of global universities, and group activities that generated valuable keywords and themes. The workshop strengthened stakeholder participation and fostered a collaborative culture.