

# Event Report:

## Open-Source And GovTech Seminar



MSC-MSIT X C4GT-MSIT



**Date:** 14th October, 2024, Monday

**Venue:** 06, Seminar Hall, MSIT Campus

The Microsoft Student Chapter (MSC) in collaboration with CODE 4 GovTech (C4GT) at MSIT conducted their first collaborative event together! The Open-Source and GovTech Seminar held on October 14th, 2024, provided both beginners and experienced developers with equal opportunities to learn and grow. The attendees were made familiar with Code for GovTech or C4GT, which is an ecosystem initiative that aims to catalyze open source communities around Digital Public Goods (DPGs) for sustainable DPI implementations.

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## Event Highlights

### ➤ Dedicated Mentorship Program (DMP):

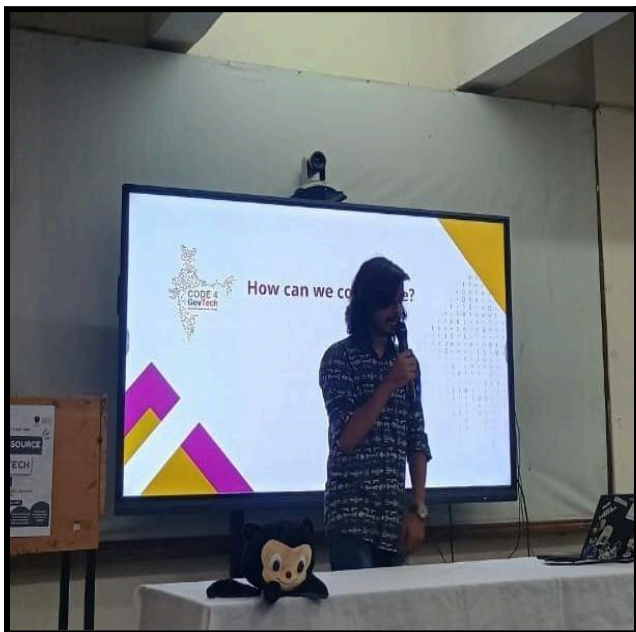
C4GT has conducted two rounds of DMP since 2022 where selected students and working professionals get an opportunity to contribute to critical tech building blocks with the guidance of a dedicated mentor. They work closely with DPG builder and adopter organizations on problem statements that have a population scale social impact and get a stipend of



Rs. 1 Lakh for 3 months. This session provided insights on how one can join this DMP and avail its amazing benefits.

➤ **Introduction to Open-Source (A Hands-On beginner friendly session):**

The organizers and speaker of the seminar ensured



audience engagement and convenience by keeping this session completely beginner friendly. The attendees brought their laptops for the hands-on session, and Numerous students stepped into their open source journey through this seminar by learning how to contribute, and also by creating their own first pull request!

➤ **C4GT-MSIT Orientation**

The audience learned how to impact the world through Digital Public Goods (DPG) and Digital Public Infrastructure

(DPI). Digital public goods are open-source software, open data, open AI models, open standards, and open content that adhere to privacy standards, other applicable laws, tech best practices, do no harm by design, and help attain the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The implementation of DPGs, often in conjunction with other building blocks is called Digital Public Infrastructure.

## Conclusion:

The Open-Source and Gov-Tech seminar, a collaborative initiative of MSC-MSIT X C4GT-MSIT was the perfect blend of creativity, guidance, and tech-driven enthusiasm. As the students left the seminar hall, they carried with them the vision that contributing, growing together and learning are a few things that just should never stop. The warm guiding atmosphere of the seminar hall gave the newbies the needed push to get started, with the guidance giving their dreams a direction to work on.