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A Whitepaper on
Facial Recognition for Secure, Seamless,
and Citizen-centric Governance

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



Facial recognition technology is rapidly transforming the way governments manage identity verification, public access, and citizen services. This white paper explores how facial biometrics—powered by artificial intelligence (AI) and advanced analytics—are redefining secure, contactless, and transparent governance.

Amid global digital transformation, public sector agencies are adopting facial recognition to strengthen security, streamline workflows, and improve citizen experiences. The technology's ability to deliver real-time, touchless identification makes it uniquely suited for post-pandemic priorities and smart city ambitions.

The white paper presents a deep dive into the technical workings of facial recognition, including detection, verification, and the

latest advances in AI-powered 2D, 3D, and hybrid models. A highlight is the case study of ePravesh, an AI-driven visitor management system developed by CSM Tech for the Government of Odisha, which demonstrates real-world impact-reducing processing times by over 70%, enhancing security with dual biometric and QR code authentication, and offering mobile-first convenience for both users and security personnel.

Key government use cases, including law enforcement, welfare disbursement, smart cities, and secure public access, are detailed, along with the strategic benefits for agencies: improved efficiency, enhanced security, and transparent operations.

Notably, the paper also addresses ethical considerations, including accuracy across demographics, data privacy, and governance, and outlines best practices for responsible deployment. It concludes with a forward-looking view on the integration of facial recognition with national ID systems, such as Aadhaar, the rise of multimodal biometrics, and AI-powered predictive governance.

As the global facial recognition market surges toward a projected USD 15.33 billion valuation by 2029, this white paper makes a compelling case for governments to adopt facial recognition not just as a security tool, but as a cornerstone of inclusive, data-driven public service delivery.

Introduction

Facial recognition has rapidly evolved from a niche technological concept to a mainstream tool for identity verification and access control across both public and private sectors. Governments around the world are adopting facial biometric solutions to modernize service delivery, enhance citizen experience, and secure public assets. As national digital transformation efforts gain momentum, facial recognition is emerging as a pivotal enabler in driving secure, contactless, and intelligent governance.

In India, this evolution is closely tied to the country's ambitious Digital India mission, which emphasizes transparency, inclusiveness, and efficiency in public services. Facial recognition aligns seamlessly with this vision, offering a fast, accurate, and non-intrusive method to verify identities—particularly important in a post-pandemic world that demands minimal physical contact and maximum security.

Facial recognition is unique among biometric technologies in that it enables touchless identification from a distance, often in real time. Compared to traditional biometric systems, such as fingerprint or iris scans, facial recognition is faster and more scalable. It overcomes human limitations by leveraging artificial intelligence (AI) to process and compare thousands of faces simultaneously, providing automated identification with high precision.

Beyond its role in security, facial recognition is being applied to a wide range of domains, including healthcare, education, law enforcement, and public welfare. Governments are using it not just for access control, but for better targeting of schemes, fraud prevention, and efficient resource allocation.



This growth is primarily driven by the widening adoption of facial recognition in public sector surveillance and national digital identity programs, the rising demand for secure and contactless biometric authentication following the pandemic, and technological advancements in AI-based recognition, low-latency edge processing, and cloud scalability.

What is Facial Recognition and How Does It Work?

Facial recognition is a cutting-edge biometric technology that enables the identification or verification of individuals by analyzing and comparing unique facial features. Unlike other biometric modalities, such as fingerprints or iris scans, which often require physical contact or specialized equipment, facial recognition is a contactless and non-intrusive method, making it highly suitable for public applications, high-traffic areas, and post-pandemic digital governance environments.

At its core, facial recognition technology transforms a human face-captured through an image or video-into a unique mathematical representation, which is then used to confirm identity. This process is facilitated by advanced algorithms, machine learning models, and increasingly, AI-driven analytics. The typical facial recognition workflow follows four key stages:

1. Image Capture

The process begins with the acquisition of a facial image. This can be a still photo, a frame from a video feed, or a live camera stream. The quality and resolution of the image are critical factors-factors such as lighting, facial orientation, and camera angle significantly affect the system's accuracy.

Modern systems often utilize high-definition surveillance cameras, webcams, or smartphone cameras, integrated with real-time image preprocessing tools, to enhance image clarity and focus specifically on the facial region.

Best Practice: Advanced preprocessing techniques such as contrast enhancement, background blur, and angle normalization are applied at this stage to prepare the image for analysis.



2. Feature Mapping

Once the face is detected within the image, the system proceeds to analyze specific landmarks or facial features. These features include measurable and distinguishable attributes such as:

- The distance between the eyes
- The width of the nose
- The shape and height of the cheekbones
- The contour of the jawline
- The depth and curvature of the forehead

Using these landmarks, the system creates a vector map—a set of data points that mathematically describe the facial structure. These maps are consistent across time (even with minor aging or facial hair changes) and can be used to distinguish individuals with

high accuracy. Apple's Face ID, for instance, maps over 30,000 invisible points on a user's face using infrared light to ensure detailed and secure recognition.

3. Template Generation and Matching

The extracted features are then converted into a biometric facial template—a unique encrypted code that acts as the digital identity of the person. This template is stored either temporarily for one-time matching (verification) or permanently in a secure database for future identification purposes.

During verification or identification, this template is compared with existing templates stored in the system's database using pattern recognition algorithms such as:

- Euclidean Distance Matching
- Cosine Similarity Scoring

- Deep Neural Network (DNN) Classifiers
- Verification vs. Identification:
- Verification (1:1 Match): Is this person who they claim to be?
- Identification (1:N Match): Who is this person among a database of many?

4. Authentication/Decision Making

Once the system computes the similarity score between the live capture and stored template(s), it decides whether to grant or deny access based on a predefined threshold. If the match score exceeds the confidence threshold:

- Access is granted, or the transaction is completed.
- If not, the system may prompt for manual ID verification or trigger a fallback method such as OTP.

Example Use Case: In CSM Tech's ePravesh system for the Government of Odisha, a successful face match enables visitors to gain instant access through secure checkpoints without needing to produce a physical ID or paperwork.

The security and privacy layer in facial recognition systems is foundational to building public trust and ensuring the responsible use of these systems. All biometric templates generated during the process are encrypted using robust algorithms such as AES (Advanced Encryption Standard) to prevent unauthorized access. Personally Identifiable Information (PII) is kept to a minimum and managed under stringent access control policies, ensuring that only authorized personnel can view or interact with sensitive data. Additionally, every authentication attempt is logged with time-stamped records, creating an auditable trail that enhances transparency, accountability, and compliance with data protection regulations.

Facial recognition transforms a simple image into a secure, mathematically precise identity marker. It does so through a systematic process of detection, feature extraction, template generation, and match decision-powered by AI and biometric science. Its ability to perform fast, contactless, and accurate authentication at scale makes it an ideal solution for secure public service delivery and digital governance.

Understanding Facial Recognition Technology

Facial recognition has evolved from simple image comparison tools into a sophisticated technology ecosystem powered by artificial intelligence (AI), computer vision, and biometric data science. Today's high-performance systems can detect, analyze, and verify faces in real-time across diverse environments and demographics, making them invaluable for security, governance, and citizen-centric applications.



From Detection to Decision: The Facial Recognition Workflow

Modern facial recognition systems follow a structured, AI-augmented pipeline:

1. Facial Detection

The system locates and isolates human faces in live video feeds or still images using algorithms like Viola-Jones or modern convolutional neural networks (CNNs). Detection must be robust even when multiple faces are present or when users are partially turned or occluded.

2. Feature Extraction

Key facial landmarks-such as the position of eyes, nose, mouth, and jawline-are identified. These points are mathematically encoded into vectors that represent the spatial geometry of a face.

3. Template Generation

The extracted features are converted into a unique biometric template, also known as a facial signature. This is a highly compressed, encrypted digital representation that protects user privacy.

4. Matching and Decision

The template is compared against a secure facial database using similarity scoring techniques, such as cosine distance or Euclidean distance. A confidence score determines whether the match is accepted or flagged for review.



Types of Facial Recognition Technologies

Facial recognition systems can be categorized based on how they capture and analyze facial data:

1. 2D Facial Recognition

- How it works: Uses standard 2D images from RGB cameras to compare facial features.
- Limitations: Prone to errors in poor lighting, side angles, or when expressions change.
- Use case: Entry-level systems in low-security areas or where budget constraints exist.
- Example: Airport boarding gates using 2D scans for quick verification (e.g., JetBlue biometric boarding trials in the US).

2. 3D Facial Recognition

- How it works: Captures depth, contour, and shape using infrared or structured light sensors. It creates a volumetric map of the face.
- Advantages: More resistant to spoofing, better performance in varied lighting and angles.
- Use case: Secure facility access, government ID issuance.
- Example: Apple Face ID uses 3D structured light to map 30,000 invisible dots on the user's face, enhancing security for mobile devices.

3. Hybrid Facial Recognition

- How it works: Merges both 2D and 3D data along with additional verification methods like liveness detection (e.g., checking for blinking or head movements).
- Advantages: High accuracy, resistant to spoofing attacks, adaptable across use cases.
- Use case: High-stakes environments like border control, defense, and government buildings.
- Example: India's DigiYatra system for airport passengers uses hybrid models integrated with Aadhaar and other IDs for seamless, secure processing.

Recent Advances Fueling Facial Recognition

The reliability and scalability of facial recognition have significantly improved due to the following innovations:

1. AI-Driven Feature Learning

- Deep learning models like ResNet or FaceNet automatically learn which facial features offer the most distinguishing power.
- These models are trained on millions of facial images (e.g., MS-Celeb-1M, VGGFace2) to generalize across races, ages, and facial expressions.
- Best Practice: Continuous learning loops should be used to retrain models based on field data and reduce bias.



2. Deep Neural Networks (DNNs)

- Multi-layered DNNs extract hierarchical features from raw image data, improving accuracy in dynamic environments.
- Ensemble models and transfer learning allow adaptation to specific use cases, such as aging detection or mask-wearing recognition.
- Example: The US Department of Homeland Security uses DNN-based systems at border checkpoints to match travelers with passport images, achieving sub-second recognition speeds.

3. Cloud-Native Architecture

- Facial recognition is increasingly offered as a service (FaaS), with cloud platforms handling compute-intensive processing.
- Enables seamless integration with national ID systems like Aadhaar, voter rolls, or e-governance databases.
- Example: The UIDAI's face authentication pilot leverages cloud-backed systems to authenticate pensioners using Aadhaar Face ID.

4. Edge Processing

- Edge AI enables real-time face recognition on local devices without sending data to the cloud, enhancing privacy and speed.
- Devices like Raspberry Pi, Nvidia Jetson, or mobile cameras can execute lightweight models locally.



- Best Practice: Caching facial templates locally ensures uninterrupted performance during network outages—critical in remote or high-security zones.
- Example: CSM Tech's ePravesh system uses Raspberry Pi to perform offline facial verification at government offices, maintaining performance even in low-bandwidth areas.

Best Practices for Deploying Facial Recognition

1. Privacy-First Architecture

- Encrypt all biometric data and limit storage duration.
- Use anonymized facial vectors instead of raw images where possible.
- Mandate informed consent for data collection.

2. Bias Testing Across Demographics

- Train and validate models using diverse datasets to prevent racial, gender, or age-based inaccuracies.
- Employ fairness metrics (e.g., disparate impact ratios) during model evaluation.

3. Liveness and Spoof Detection

- Implement AI modules to detect masks, photos, or deepfakes.
- Use active liveness techniques like eye movement tracking or randomized prompts.

4. Audit Trails and Compliance Logging

- Maintain logs of each facial recognition event for audit, dispute resolution, and regulatory compliance.

5. Multimodal Fusion for Security-Sensitive Scenarios

- Combine facial recognition with voice, fingerprint, or behavioral biometrics for layered verification.

With continuous innovation and responsible implementation, facial recognition is poised to become a foundational pillar in digital governance, innovative infrastructure, and citizen services. The convergence of AI, cloud, and edge computing has made the technology not only accurate and scalable, but also inclusive and privacy-aware when governed with the right frameworks.

ePravesh

AI-Powered Visitor Management System by CSM Tech for the Government of Odisha

Client: Home Department, Government of Odisha

Project Background

The Government of Odisha sought to modernize its visitor management system, especially across high-security zones such as the Odisha Secretariat, Rajiv Bhawan, and Kharavela Bhawan. The traditional process was paper-based, involved long queues, manual identity checks, and lacked real-time monitoring. This resulted in inefficient workflows, delayed verifications, and significant security gaps. The need was to create a secure, digital, and contactless system that ensured smooth visitor access while safeguarding government infrastructure.

Key Challenges

- **Manual Registration:** The legacy process involved filling out physical forms and manually verifying ID documents, resulting in long wait times and scope for errors.

- **Limited Real-Time Oversight:** Security personnel had no digital way to track entries or exits in real time, and data was scattered across manual logs.
- **No Facial Verification:** Identity verification was dependent on visual inspection of ID cards, which could be easily misused or bypassed.
- **Recurring Visitors:** Frequent visitors like journalists, contractors, and government officials had to go through redundant processes every time.
- **Lack of Mobility:** There was no mobile interface for users to pre-register or for security to scan passes conveniently.
- **No Analytics or MIS:** The system lacked a centralized dashboard for analyzing visitor trends or generating audit logs.

Solution Overview

CSM Tech developed and implemented ePravesh, a state-of-the-art AI-powered facial recognition-based e-Pass system. It is designed to provide digital identity verification, contactless access, and real-time visitor tracking through a web platform and a mobile app.

Key Features

- **AI-Based Facial Recognition:** Uses trained machine learning models to verify facial biometrics within 2-3 seconds, ensuring high accuracy and eliminating identity fraud.
- **Multi-Type Pass Support:** Supports daily, weekly, half-yearly, and yearly passes for both individuals and vehicles with dynamic validation rules.
- **QR Code-Based Dual Authentication:** All passes are secured with QR codes, which can be scanned at entry points. Combined with facial recognition, this dual-auth system ensures maximum security.
- **Mobile App:** Allows users to register, apply for passes, receive approvals, and verify pass status. Also supports security personnel in scanning QR codes and performing on-the-spot facial recognition.
- **Role-Based Dashboard and MIS:** Offers comprehensive analytics, status tracking, and report generation for government officers, departments, and security staff.
- **Offline Verification:** Facial data is cached locally on edge devices like Raspberry Pi to support offline verification in low-connectivity zones.

- **Security and Redundancy:** Multi-level user access control, encrypted data transmission, and fallback QR authentication ensure robustness.

Key AI & ML Features

Robust KNN Algorithm

- The system employs a K-Nearest Neighbors (KNN) machine learning algorithm for facial recognition.
- It ensures high accuracy in matching facial features, even in complex real-world conditions such as poor lighting or partial occlusion.

Self-Learning Model

- The facial recognition engine improves continuously through feedback loops, making the system smarter over time.
- New facial inputs enhance model efficiency, supporting future matches with better speed and precision.

Live Stream Detection

- The AI system can process real-time video streams, detecting faces with high reliability.
- It handles variations in posture, lighting, and image quality, improving usability in uncontrolled environments.

On-Device AI

- Edge processing at the camera node (e.g., Raspberry Pi) enables facial matching locally without relying on central servers.
- This reduces latency, enhances real-time authentication, and supports privacy by limiting data transfer.

Offline Capability

- The system has been designed to function seamlessly even during network outages, ensuring uninterrupted access control.
- Stored data can be synced once connectivity is restored, making it ideal for mission-critical environments.

Image Optimization

- Advanced pre-processing techniques such as contrast normalization, noise reduction, and cropping help increase the speed and accuracy of facial recognition.
- These steps ensure that sub-par images are still usable, expanding the system's real-world applicability.

Best Practices Adopted in ePravesh AI Deployment

1. Privacy by Design

- Face data is stored in encrypted formats and processed locally as much as possible.
- Minimal personally identifiable information (PII) is stored, and all access is logged and monitored.

2. Continuous Model Tuning

- System is tuned periodically based on failure rates and user feedback, ensuring continued performance as demographics and lighting conditions change.

3. Failover and Redundancy

- Offline capability ensures business continuity, with local data storage and periodic server synchronization.

4. User-Friendly Interface

- Both web and mobile apps feature intuitive user journeys, supporting guided photo

capture, real-time status updates, and multilingual support.

5. Modular Architecture

- AI modules are decoupled, allowing updates to individual components (like model weights or edge processing scripts) without disrupting the entire system.

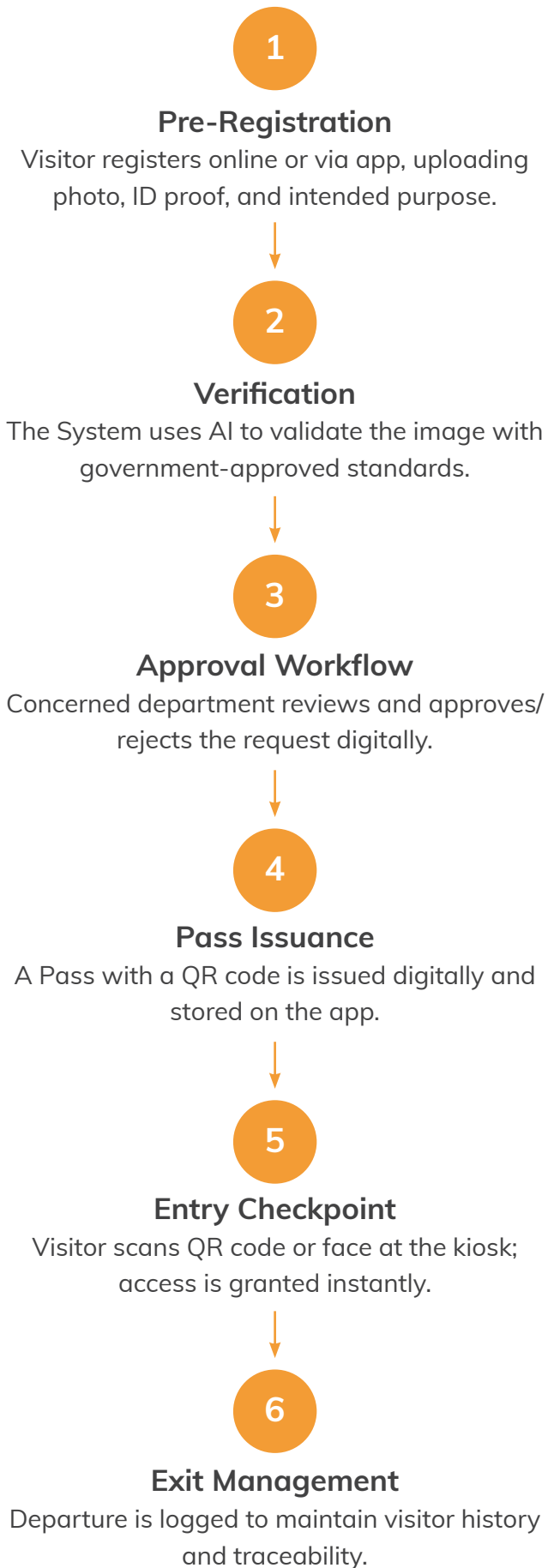
6. Accessibility and Inclusion

- Designed to handle diverse facial features, age groups, and genders, ensuring a non-discriminatory and inclusive access experience.

Modules

- **Visitor Pass Management:** Facilitates user-friendly registration, automated approval flows, and secure access via facial scan and QR code.
- **Vehicle Pass Management:** Enables vehicle registration, RC/DL verification, and issuance of Green or Tunnel passes.
- **Grievance Redressal System:** Citizens can raise and track grievances related to access or system use.
- **Mobile App:** Provides all core functionalities for both visitors and security officers.
- **Dashboard and MIS Reports:** Real-time visualizations of footfall, application trends, and officer-level approvals.
- **User Management:** Admin interface to manage user roles, permissions, and configurations.

Process Flow



Technology Stack

- **AI/ML:** K-Nearest Neighbour (KNN) algorithms for face matching; deep learning for image quality tolerance.
- **IoT Hardware:** Raspberry Pi-enabled edge devices for on-site verification.
- **Cloud Hosting:** Secure infrastructure via NIC cloud with auto-scale capability.
- **Security:** AES encryption, HTTPS protocols, and GDPR-compliant data handling.
- **Mobile Platforms:** Android and iOS compatibility.

Outcomes and Impact

- **Operational Efficiency:** Reduced processing time for passes by over 70%.
- **Scalability:** Thousands of passes generated every month, accommodating increasing footfall.
- **Security Assurance:** Elimination of impersonation through facial recognition.
- **User Experience:** Contactless and paperless workflow enhances satisfaction for both citizens and officials.
- **Transparency:** Live dashboards promote visibility and auditability.
- **Recognition:** ePravesh has been recognized as a digital best practice in secure access by multiple departments.

The ePravesh solution by CSM Tech marks a significant milestone in the public sector's digital transformation. By leveraging AI and facial biometrics, it enhances security, reduces administrative burden, and sets a national benchmark for digital visitor management. The system can be replicated across other government buildings, high-security zones, and even public-private establishments seeking to enable secure, seamless access management.

Government Applications of Facial Recognition

Facial recognition is redefining how governments manage identity verification, security, and service delivery. Key applications include:



Public Access Management:

Facial recognition systems are now deployed in government offices for secure, contactless entry-reducing reliance on manual ID checks. For example, India's Ministry of Home Affairs and various state secretariats have piloted entry systems that auto-verify registered visitors via face scan, improving both security and convenience.



Law Enforcement:

Police departments worldwide use real-time facial recognition to identify suspects in crowds or footage. In India, the Delhi Police's use of facial recognition during major events like Republic Day and protests has helped track missing persons and flag criminals, although with ongoing debates around privacy.



Welfare Disbursement:

Facial authentication is helping prevent fraud in public schemes. The Telangana government, for instance, uses face-based biometric authentication for pension and ration card disbursement, reducing impersonation and ghost beneficiaries.



Smart Cities:

Integration of facial recognition with CCTV infrastructure in cities like Surat and Hyderabad enhances emergency response and proactive policing. These systems enable the automatic tagging of unusual behavior, facial matching against criminal databases, and real-time crowd analysis.

Benefits for Public Sector Agencies

The adoption of facial recognition in government workflows delivers multiple strategic benefits:



Citizen-Centric Experience:

Contactless and non-invasive authentication methods are especially helpful in high-traffic public services, offering speed, hygiene, and ease of access. This proved vital during the COVID-19 pandemic when touch-based systems became risky.



Operational Efficiency:

Facial recognition speeds up verification-reducing queues, minimizing paperwork, and lowering the human resource burden. Government offices using this technology report up to 40% time savings in onboarding processes.



Enhanced Security:

Traditional ID methods can be forged or misused. Biometric verification, particularly facial scans, makes impersonation extremely difficult. Real-time match alerts and background checks help secure premises and data.



Transparency and Accountability:

Each scan generates a digital log with time stamps and user identity, enabling audit trails and real-time monitoring. This aligns with broader e-governance goals of traceability and compliance.

Addressing Challenges and Ethical Considerations

Despite the benefits, deployment must address valid concerns around ethics, accuracy, and privacy:



Accuracy and Bias:

Facial recognition systems can show variable accuracy across different ethnicities, age groups, and lighting conditions. Governments must test systems on local demographics and use diversified datasets. For instance, the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) found significant disparities in false match rates across demographic groups unless datasets were inclusive.



Privacy and Consent:

Data governance is essential. Citizens must be informed of data collection, storage protocols, and retention policies. Consent-based authentication, end-to-end encryption, and anonymization techniques must be mandated.



Misuse Prevention and Governance:

Without apparent oversight, there's a risk of mass surveillance. Countries like the UK and Canada are framing strict regulatory frameworks. In India, the upcoming Digital Personal Data Protection Act (DPDP) lays the groundwork for the lawful and purpose-limited use of facial data.

Future Outlook

Facial recognition technology is poised to play a pivotal role in the next wave of digital governance, with governments around the world—particularly in India—beginning to integrate it into national identity, service delivery, and predictive decision-making frameworks. As adoption accelerates, three major trends define the future trajectory of this technology:

1. National Digital Identity Integration

Facial recognition is increasingly being recognized as a complementary tool to India's Aadhaar ecosystem, especially for scenarios where contactless verification is preferred or required. The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has rolled out Aadhaar Face Authentication as an alternative to fingerprint and iris scans. This feature is currently being piloted for pension disbursement, telecom KYC, and banking services, enabling beneficiaries—especially the elderly or disabled—to authenticate themselves remotely using only their facial image via a

mobile device. This eliminates the need for physical visits or biometric devices, ensuring a seamless and inclusive experience. Going forward, deeper integration with DigiLocker, eSign, and e-Governance portals is expected to drive widespread adoption.

2. Rise of Multimodal Biometrics for Enhanced Security

To improve reliability, reduce error rates, and prevent spoofing, many government agencies are moving toward multimodal biometric authentication. This involves combining facial recognition with other modalities, such as voice, fingerprint, and iris scans. The fusion of multiple biometric indicators significantly increases verification accuracy and reduces vulnerability to single-mode attacks (e.g., photo-based spoofing). States like Telangana and Andhra Pradesh are at the forefront of this evolution, with pilot programs that integrate facial and iris scans for welfare scheme authentication and citizen service centers. Such layered approaches are

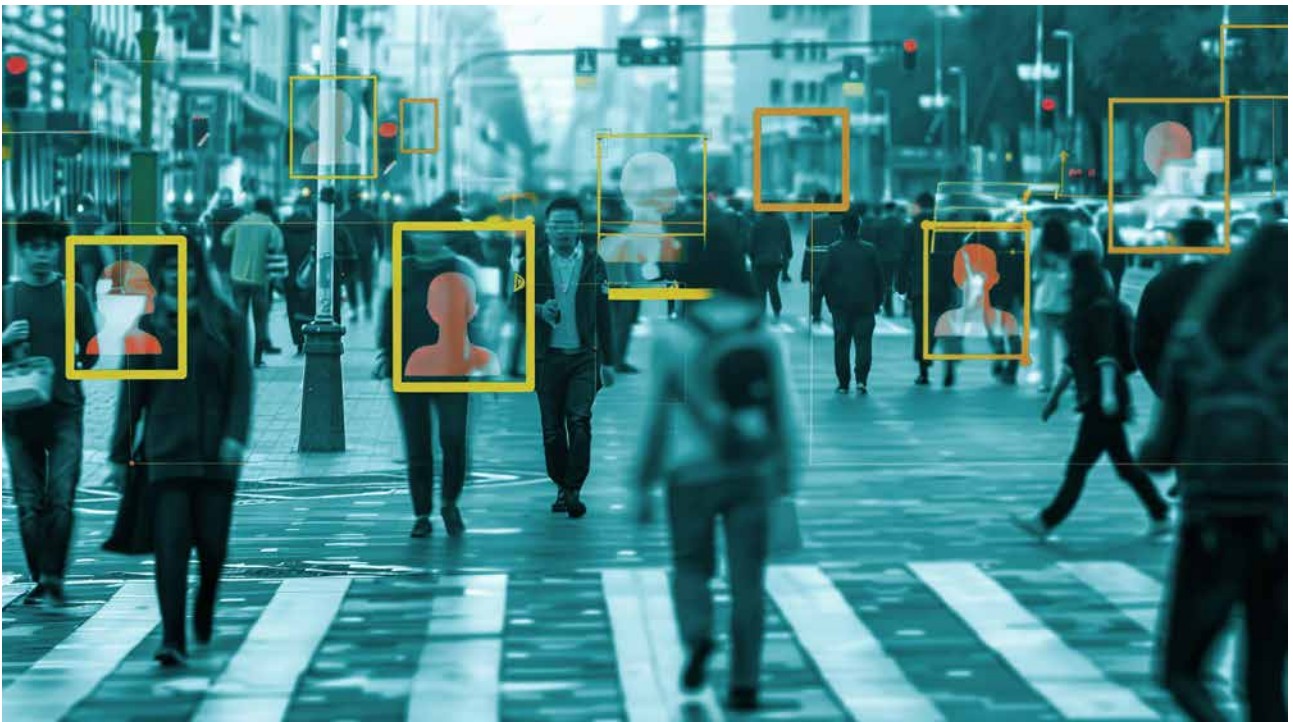
particularly beneficial in diverse geographies and demographics where lighting, physical accessibility, or facial variance may affect performance.

3. Predictive Governance through AI-Powered Analytics

Beyond authentication, facial recognition systems integrated with AI and video analytics are enabling a shift toward predictive governance. By analyzing real-time facial data at scale, governments can detect crowd patterns, identify anomalies, and anticipate risks in public spaces. For example, local administrations can monitor footfall at civic centers, allocate staff based on citizen flow, or detect early signs of agitation during

large gatherings. Facial sentiment analytics can also gauge public sentiment at events, enhancing feedback-driven governance. Such proactive use of facial data can optimize resource deployment, strengthen public safety, and improve citizen satisfaction—especially in Smart City deployments.

Together, these trends indicate that facial recognition will not remain a standalone technology, but will evolve as a foundational component in the future digital infrastructure of governance. As deployment scales, ethical safeguards, transparency protocols, and data protection frameworks must be implemented alongside to ensure that innovation serves the public good.



Conclusion

Facial recognition technology is no longer a futuristic concept—it is a transformative force redefining how governments interact with citizens, secure public spaces, and deliver services. With its ability to provide fast, accurate, and contactless identity verification, facial recognition aligns perfectly with the goals of digital governance: transparency, efficiency, inclusivity, and trust.

As demonstrated through the successful implementation of the ePravesh solution by CSM Tech for the Government of Odisha, facial biometrics can significantly streamline processes, enhance security, and improve the overall citizen experience. By combining artificial intelligence, mobile-first design, and robust data governance, ePravesh showcases how facial recognition can be responsibly deployed at scale—delivering measurable benefits to both administrators and the public.

However, as governments continue to expand

the use of facial recognition, they must strike a balance between innovation and ethics. Data privacy, fairness, and transparency must be embedded into the core of every deployment. Policymakers and technology providers alike must ensure that these systems are inclusive, accountable, and built on well-defined legal frameworks.

Looking ahead, the integration of facial recognition with national digital identity systems, multimodal biometrics, and AI-powered analytics opens new frontiers for proactive and citizen-centric governance. As technology advances, governments have a unique opportunity—and responsibility—to shape the future of digital trust by adopting facial recognition systems that are not only smart but also secure and humane.

The time is now to harness the power of facial recognition for a safer, more innovative, and more responsive public sector.

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