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**Patna. September 04**. We live in a data-driven world and data is the new oil which is a key for government to formulate policies nowadays. Data on key performing indicators can be accessed through interactive dashboards. Dr. Mayank Agarwal of IIT, Patna expressed this view in a talk titled "Advantages of Data Dashboard in Policy Making". This talk was organized by the Asian Development Research Institute (ADRI) today.

Emphasizing on the relevance of dashboards, Dr. Agarwal said dashboards allow users to monitor and analyze information in a centralized and easily understandable format.

Dr. Agarwal pointed out that one can understand complex information easily on a real-time basis through dashboards which can allow one to quickly glance through data in a visual format using charts, graphs, tables and other visual representations. This is really critical in following trends and developing deep insights on any issue, which is a critical factor in policymaking. Data dashboards consolidate information from multiple sources at a single centralized location. He discussed different formats of data dashboards and key aspects for which one needs to be careful about to secure data.

Dr. Ashmita Gupta, Member-Secretary, ADRI chaired the session. Participants attended the talk in-person as well online.

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