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Implementation of e-library system

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Will the Minister of *Education* be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has proposed to establish National Digital Library for children and adolescents, if so, the details thereof and the objectives of setting up of such library; and
- (b) whether Government is also proposing to implement e-library System at the State level to raise the level of education in the country, if so, the details thereof and the details of number of States who have started e-Library?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

(SMT ANNPURNA DEVI)

(a) and (b): Union Budget 2023-24 in its para 33 and 34 has mentioned the setting up of National Digital library and promoting reading across the digital and physical mode for children and adolescents. Budget Speech (2023-24) of Hon'ble Finance Minister is available on the link given below: https://www.indiabudget.gov.in/doc/budget_speech.pdf

As per the announcement, physical libraries at panchayat and ward levels with infrastructure for accessing the National Digital Library resources may be provided by States/UTs. The primary objective of the proposed paras 33 and 34 is to generate curiosity and motivation for learning among students at all levels and make available enjoyable and inspirational books for holistic development. The aim of setting up of National Digital Library especially for children and adolescents is to facilitate availability of quality books across geographies, languages, genres and levels, and device agnostic accessibility.

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