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National Digital Library of India (NDLI)

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the current implementation status of the National Digital Library of India (NDLI) scheme across rural areas, particularly in Aspirational Districts;
- (b) the reasons for the significant gap between the number of registered users and active users of the platform;
- (c) the steps taken to address the digital divide affecting access to NDLI resources, particularly in tribal and remote regions; and
- (d) whether Government plans to integrate NDLI with formal school curricula to increase utilization and enhance learning outcomes, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
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(a) to (d) The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 envisions a transformative approach to education through extensive use of technology in education, including establishment of digital libraries to expand access to educational resources.

The National Mission for Education through ICT (NMEICT), a flagship scheme of the government, aims to leverage the potential of Information, Communication, and Technology in all educational processes. Phase-III (2021-2026) of the scheme is being implemented in line with the vision and recommendations of the NEP.

Under the NMEICT umbrella, the National Digital Library of India (NDLI) was launched in collaboration with Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur (IIT-KGP). NDLI provides free access to a vast online repository of educational resources, including textbooks, research papers, journals, archived newspapers and multimedia content, etc to all learners across the nation.

To raise awareness and expand the use of these digital resources, more than 6000 NDLI Clubs have been established in the higher education institutions. Further, to cater to diverse linguistic needs of the learners various e-content on the platform is available in all major Indian languages.

To increase its outreach, a new version of the NDLI portal (NDLI 3.0) and mobile app were released in April 2024, featuring improved functionalities, enhanced user experience, and better content relevancy. Furthermore, the NDLI portal now offers search facilities in English and 14 Indian languages.
